

AGENDA \* CINCO BAYOU TOWN COUNCIL MEETING \* <sup>John</sup> APRIL 14, 1974

1. TOPICS- Study Report for the FWB Area-Cities Participating Shalimar, FWB, Cinco Bayou, Mary Esther---(Ken we need to sign that resolution you have)
2. MASS TRANSIT - Report from Ed Hodges.
3. EASEMENT- PHil Johnston's Property- Committe report from Ed Hodges and Harold Peek (Ken- Ed has all the paperwork on this and also the committee recommendation already typed.)
4. MEMO FOR RECORD: Phil Johnston will represent CB at Memorial day svcs at Eglin 27 May 74 10:00AM. Wreath will be placed. (Ken I ordered Sat).
5. FIRE PROTECTION PAYMENT: Ltr, 3 May City FWB in regards to payment for may-jun 74 at 3 mills, \$2,702.07.....(Ken, I think a motion needs to be entertained for this)
6. SEWER-FOOD FAIR: (Ken, I will explain this if you like--just got a call from Jack Evans, Accounting Dept in reference to amount of interest owed as of 15 Jun)
7. SEWER-CURRENT PROJECT: (what ever needs to be discussed-Phil Johnston came by at noon and said crowder wanted somewhere to put some of the Dirt???)
- ~~8. FED REVENUE SHARING: Received forms for filing for entitlement Period 5. (July 1-74-june 30 75)---must be published in local newspapers and returned before 12 June 74....(I can fill this out if you want me to)~~  
*Ken & I can take care of this*
9. BUDGET COMMITTE APPOINTMENT: (Ken I suggest maybe phil and Irene to work with me)
10. OUTSIDE STORAGE SHED: Ed Hodges to have some information on this.
11. ELECTIVE OFFICES ABOLISHMENT: Fred to have this information and inform Council pertaining to Clerk and Marshal)

12. CENSUS & VOTER REGISTRATION:

✓ 13. PAY FOR EMPLOYEES: Must raise to be in compliance with 1 May law.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOWN HALL OPENING: Hall will be open every wednesday 3-6 PM...Need to get this in Newspaper Ken if they are here.

15. Any other items as necessary

16. Adjournment

17. Refreshments.....

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Present: Mayor Smith  
-Balsley  
-Booher  
-Hodges  
-Johnston  
-Peek  
Attorney Fred Estergren  
Johnny Ferguson

Meeting called to order:

Minutes April 9  
motion  
2nd  
Special Meeting April 30  
Finance report  
motion  
2nd

Lack of a press representative -  
Meeting was not held ~~to~~  
all Council present.  
postponed until May 21, 1974.

Lead  
Newspaper

# Cinco Adopts Fire Contract

By BILL TENNIS

Journal Staff Writer

**CINCO BAYOU** — The Town Council approved its fire protection agreement with the City of Fort Walton Beach Tuesday night but delayed hiking taxes until an exact assessment is set.

The Council agreed to pay \$2,712 to the City of Fort Walton Beach for fire protection for May and June based on a charge of 3 mills.

Deputy Town Clerk J. O. Godwin Sr. estimated that the assessment for fire protection may be 3.4 mills for the coming year based on conversations with Fort Walton Beach officials.

Walter Smith pointed out that the fire protection costs would be expected to vary each year

depending on what fire protection was costing the citizens of Fort Walton Beach.

Eighteen months ago protection cost 2.98 mills, but with inflation, Smith said he expected it to rise and perhaps fall later. He asked that council delay action on increasing the town's ad valorem taxes until an exact figure could be obtained.

The cost of fire protection is expected to double the ad valorem taxes to be paid by city residents. Town Atty. Fred Estergren advised Council they needed to move quickly to set the millage in time to be assessed and collected in the current year.

Estergren said the last time the town passed an ad valorem tax ordinance was in May 1972 when Council established a three-mill levy.

Godwin advised Council that the City of Fort

Walton Beach would allow Cinco Bayou to take a four per cent discount if the assessment is paid in November and three per cent if paid in December.

Smith instructed Estergren to work out the final details of the fire protection agreement with Walter Smith, city attorney for Fort Walton Beach.

Acting on a suggestion from Councilman Ed Hodges, Smith asked Godwin to begin working with Fort Walton Beach Fire Chief Billy Lee to obtain a lower rating for fire insurance purposes for the town.

He estimated it could take six months to a year to actually obtain a lower rating and for the town residents to obtain lower fire insurance rates.

## Cinco Hikes Tax Millage

Cinco Bayou town councilmen Tuesday unanimously approved the payment of \$2,712 to the city of Fort Walton Beach for the service of fire protection for the months of May and June.

The two month billing cost was based on a tax assessment of three mills.

Councilmen also approved a motion to increase the city millage from three to six mills, effective immediately to cover the cost of fire protection.

Under the agreement between the two municipalities, Cinco will receive a four per cent reduction of their fire protection bill if it is paid by November of the year and a three per cent reduction if paid by December.

In other action, the council directed the deputy town clerk to initiate action to have state authorities reevaluate the town insurance rates in view of the new fire protection service. The reevaluation, which is expected to take six months to a year to complete, is expected to produce a reduction of insurance rates.