

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU
TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL AS COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 31, 1980

Discussion and review of the proposed business license ordinance.

Visitors in attendance:

Steve Chew - Playground Daily News

Dick Bixby - Captain's Table Restaurant

W. A. Douglas - Poodle Parlor

Howard Kelley - Kelley's IGA

Jack Tate - Inez's Ceramics

Inez Tate - Inez's Ceramics

Abbie Tyner

Cinco Bayou To Draft Business Measure

Cinco Bayou Mayor Irene Balsley named a committee Thursday to draft a new occupational business license ordinance for the town — instead of a proposed registration fee based on a business' gross receipts.

Balsley, at a council workshop, appointed Town Councilman Harold Peek, Town Clerk Al Borchik and Town Attorney Rick Powell to a committee to draft the measure, which Borchik said is expected to have its first reading at an Aug. 11 meeting.

The proposed ordinance to levy registration fees on a percentage of a business' gross receipts came under heavy fire Monday from many of the

town's business people, who called it unfair.

Under that proposal, a business with annual gross receipts of up to \$50,000 would pay \$50; at the other end of the scale, businesses with gross receipts of more than \$15 million could have expected to pay a \$7,000 fee.

Under the new plan, the maximum fee is expected to be only \$200 and the minimum about \$25. The committee appointed Thursday is expected to categorize the businesses between the two extremes.

Town businesses currently pay a fee of only \$1 a year.

Councilman Phil Johnston proposed Thursday an across-

the-board \$25 occupational fee for all businesses, but other council members disagreed that smaller businesses should pay the same fee as larger ones.

"A guy selling hot dogs shouldn't pay the same as K-Mart," Peek said.

Johnston, who said the fee should not be used to make money for the town, asked how much money the town expected to be raised and how it would be used.

Balsley said those matters would not be decided until the new measure was approved.

"We better not plan on much," Balsley added. "I expect to make sidewalks, and now I won't have enough (money)."

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