

CINCO BAYOU TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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1. Mayor Smith, Councilmembers Booher, Hodges, Johnston and Peek were present. In addition, Attorneys Estergren and Powell; Mr. Burt, Polyengineering; Mr. Crowder, Crowder & Son; Mrs. Usrey and Mrs. Hodges.
2. Therefore a quorum being present, Mayor Smith call the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. with silent prayer.
3. Mayor Smith indicated that minutes from the last Council meeting were not available to be read as the Town Clerk was out of town and that they would be read at the next meeting.
4. Financial report for July was presented to Council. Mrs. Booher requested clarification on the water bill for the Town Hall. It was explained that considerable watering of grass around Town Hall had been done during the period covered by the billing. Motion by Peek, seconded by Hodges, to accept report as rendered, carried.
5. Mr. Crowder presented his fourth draw request, through Mr. Burt, for the current sewer project, in the amount of \$13,587.84. The Mayor informed him that a check could not be issued until the Town Clerk returned.
6. Mr. Burt discussed with Council various aspects of the current sewer project and suggested that bids be let for some additional paving, over and beyond that called for in the contract. Streets involved are Kelly, Garnett and Irwin. (See attached map) Mr. Burt indicated a ball-park figure of approximately \$1,700. A motion by Peek, seconded by Hodges that Mr. Burt advertise for Bids and attempt to have them available by next Council meeting, carried.
7. Mr. Estergren explained new Florida law pertaining to increasing millage taxes. He had prepared a letter, for Mayor Smith's signature, to the County Tax Assessor requesting estimated tax roll for Cinco Bayou. Mayor Smith directed the Deputy Clerk to try and get the millage rate from Ft Walton that we would be charged for our fire protection with them.
8. Mr. Estergren requested the Deputy Clerk get with his secretary in regards to procedures pertaining to the Town elections October 8.
9. Mr. Powell had the first reading of the proposed ordinance pertaining to eliminating the elective positions of Town Clerk and Town Marshal and to provide for their appointment by the Council. He further explained that eliminating the elective position of Marshal would entail payment of an appointed officer in accordance with the minimum salary set by the State. After discussion a motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Hodges to strike all references from ordinance pertaining to the Marshal, carried. Second reading of the ordinance will be at next regular Council meeting.
10. Mr. Powell informed the Council that numerous discrepancies were in the proposed ordinance from Warner Cable. Mayor Smith requested he write a letter to Warner Cable explaining all the discrepancies contained in their ordinance.

11. Mrs. Usrey appeared before Council to discuss the drainage ditch next to her property and her intentions of building a house and apartments on her property. Mayor Smith requested that she write him a letter in regards to the ditch. Mr. Johnston informed her that finalized plans for both her home and apartments would have to be submitted to Council for approval and issuance of a building permit.
12. Mr. Peek discussed with Council a sewer problem he had recently outside his property line. It was determined that Mr. Crowder was still responsible within the first year requirement of his contract. Mayor Smith indicated he would discuss this with Mr. Crowder.
13. Council was informed that checks could not be issued due to absence of Town Clerk.
14. A motion by Johnston, seconded by Booher to join the Panhandle League of Cities and West Florida Regional Planning Council, carried.
15. The Mayor read a list of poll workers, prepared by Mrs. Crawford, consisting of the following persons: Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. May, Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Tyner, Mrs. Booher, Mrs. Elliot, Mr. Cramer Jr. and Mr. Godwin. On a motion by Peek, seconded by Johnston, Council approved this list.
16. Mayor Smith appointed Mr. Johnston and Mr. Peek as a committee to look into the possibilities of getting outside professional assistance in regards to building and sewer inspections. Also, to check on possibilities of retaining someone on a contract basis for future sewer maintenance.
17. Mr. Hodges regrettably tendered his resignation as Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem due to his recent move outside the town limits.
18. Mayor Smith appointed Mrs. Booher to fill the Mayor Pro-tem position.
19. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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