



**CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2020
5:15 P.M. - 955 PINEY POINT ROAD**

MINUTES

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order dated March 16, 2020 and continued by Executive Orders dated April 12, 2020, May 12, 2020, June 11, 2020, July 10, 2020, August 8, 2020, September 17, 2020, October 7, 2020 and November 6, 2020 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to minimize face-to-face contact, the City of Hedwig Village held the November 19, 2020 Special meeting in person with several participants joining the meeting via Zoom, as noted below.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muecke called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brian T. Muecke

Councilmember Harry J. Folloder
(via phone - left at 5:37 p.m.)
Councilmember Dane Johnson
Councilmember Susan Mathews
Councilmember Shirley Rouse
(via phone)
Councilmember Matt Woodruff

Kelly Johnson, City Admin./Secr.-
Treas.
David Gott, Police Chief
Lisa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary

Absent: None

2. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION on the City of Hedwig Village's Paving and Drainage Report.

Mayor Muecke stated the proposed Paving and Drainage Project will cover the west side of the City, specifically the Magdalene Drive corridor and the various streets that branch off of Magdalene Drive, Denise Drive, Joan of Arc Street, Constance Drive, North and South Lou Al Court, Merridel Road, and Memorial Village Estates. He stated LJA Engineering, Inc. has been working with the City for approximately one year to envision a way to relive the flooding that occurs in that area of the City.

Mark Harvan, LJA Engineering, Inc. stated the presentation this evening would give City Council an overview of what the streets could look like after the proposed project is completed. A vast majority of the target streets currently have ditches and that aspect will change. Storm water drainage pipes will be installed and the streets will be replaced with concrete. A majority of the streets will be widened from approximately twenty feet to approximately twenty-four to twenty-eight feet. The proposed plan will have sidewalks on Denise Drive, Joan of Arc Street, Constance Drive, Magdalene Drive, Merridel Road, and North and South Lou Al Court. The proposed sidewalks will be widened to eight feet.

Spriggs Way, Duart Drive, Cawdor Way, and Skene Way will not have sidewalks due to lack of enough space in the right-of-way. All the proposed streets will be lowered to facilitate water flow. The portion of the driveways in the right-of-way will be replaced with concrete in order to install the drainage pipes.

Mayor and Councilmembers discussed various topics such as road width, sidewalk placement, sidewalk width, tree protection, traffic flow during construction, driveway replacement (right-of-way portion), mailbox replacement, sprinkler heads replacement (in the right-of-way), and drainage pipe installation in Memorial Village Estates. A resident can, at their expense, replace the portion of the driveway and/or mailbox with a design of their choosing.

Several residents expressed concern regarding drainage of water given the increase in impervious surfaces, the use of concrete to replace custom driveways, and the use of standard mailboxes to replace custom mailboxes.

A recorded presentation of the proposed project will be uploaded to the City's website for residents to view. The residents can then submit their questions, comments, or concerns to the City via email. The residents will be notified of the online presentation through an email notification and possibly a postcard mailing. The feedback from the residents should be taken into consideration before the final plans are completed and approximate cost is determined. A public hearing may be scheduled for the residents to express their questions, comments, and/or concerns in person.

Councilmember Rouse asked for, and received, clarification regarding the drainage pipes to be installed in the Memorial Village Estates area. She asked what the new proposed elevation on Denise Drive would be in relation to Bunker Hill Road. She expressed a concern regarding the widening of the roads around St. Cecilia Catholic Church. The widening of the road will move the pavement and the vehicles closer to the residents' homes. She wondered if the extra roadway could be on the St. Cecilia Catholic Church side of the road and the widened sidewalk could be on the residents' side of the road. She expressed concern that the proposed eight-foot sidewalk will not be used.

Mark Havran stated the current drainage culverts in Memorial Village Estates will be upgraded to larger culverts and inlets to allow for faster drainage of water. The open ditches on Woodsage will be tied into the proposed drainage pipes on Magdalene Drive. He stated Denise Drive will tie into Bunker Hill Road so the elevation of the two roads would be similar. He stated the widened sidewalk is on the St. Cecilia Catholic Church side of the road because the sidewalk is currently on that side of the road.

Mayor Muecke suggested enlisting the opinion of a traffic engineer and the residents who live around St. Cecilia Catholic Church regarding the placement of the sidewalk and the width of the roadway.

Councilmember Woodruff agreed with Councilmember Rouse regarding the potential lack of use of the proposed sidewalk around St. Cecilia Catholic Church. He agreed with

