

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BEVIL OAKS CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 15, 2002

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Erin Galloway, Mayor.

**Council Members Present:** Erin Galloway, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, Jane Hebert, Kenny Kidd, Tommy La Rouse, Anna Beth Leger

Mayor Galloway called Executive Session Pursuant To Article 551.074 Of The Local Government Code.

An audit of financial records by an accredited independent accountant and Pete Friloux was appointed Council Treasurer effective after the audit.

Building Permits -- John Milam  
**M/M/2/C:** To accept application.  
**Cooley/Leger** Motion Carries

Drainage And Roads – Mayor Galloway met with Doug Cannant of Drainage District Six. Mr. Cannant proposed a revision of the drainage plan on Sweetgum. This will involve receiving permission of four households to change their easements. This plan will help the drainage on Sweetgum. After the work is completed Sweetgum will be paved. Mr. Cannant also has a plan for the drainage in the Niagra and River Bend area. This will not involve culverts but will involve digging a trench out to Highway 105. This plan will be less expensive.

Improvements on Davida and Niagra will be continued when the weather becomes more warm and dry. Marshal Carrico spoke with Paul Truax of Precinct One. Mr. Truax stated more material would be needed to stabilize Davida and Niagra at an extra expense to the city. Mayor Galloway stated she would talk with Mr. Truax as she was not aware of additional expenses for these roads. Mr. La Rouse reported that Nathan Hanson requested a white stripe be painted down the middle of Sweetgum. The marshal asked if DD6 had mentioned to erosion problem near the Gundolf home. The mayor will talk with Mr. Cannant about this issue.

Ms. Hebert asked if the light on Inwood had been moved to its correct location. The marshal and Mr. Cooley reported the light moved to the correct location.

**M/M/2/C:** Pay Entergy for light installation  
**Leger/Cooley** Motion Carries

Tom Cooley asked Gary Stevenson of BOMUD if the pipe has been moved for the Sweetgum project. Mr. Stevenson stated the pipes would be moved when DD6 moves the culverts.

Bids For Garbage Removal – Mayor Galloway stated this would come under Mr. Friloux’s authority. Ads should be placed in the paper in March to begin taking bids. The contract with Waste Management ends in September. A new contract should be ready by July. The marshal suggested giving citizens an option to use the company’s containers. The mayor will contact Waste Management for a reimbursement as Bevil Oaks did not receive garbage pick up on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Dog Ordinance 125 – Paul Ford wrote a letter the council, which was read by the mayor. This letter regards dogs scattering garbage. He asked that the council to enforce this ordinance. Mayor Galloway stated any dog without a collar is considered a stray will be picked by the Jefferson County animal control officer. Ms. Hebert stated that all dogs are required to have rabies shot. She suggested the city notify citizens of this in a future newsletter. Leigh Carrico reported the Jefferson County Sheriff Department is considering a new ordinance. If a dog bites, there will be a mandatory quarantine at a veterinarian’s office or at the Beaumont Animal Control Department at the owner’s expense.

Several animals have been shot in Bevil Oaks. This is considered cruelty to animals. Valerie Cooley stated it is the owner’s responsibility when dogs get into trash cans. She suggested citizens be educated about neutering/spaying animals, collars, shots and confining animals in estrus. Mr. Cooley read an article regarding cruelty to animal’s leads to more serious crimes such as homicide, sexual assault, and battery of women. Chelsey Kidd, suggested a city-wide registration of animals.

**M/M/2/C:** To study dog (pet) ordinance to revise in the future.

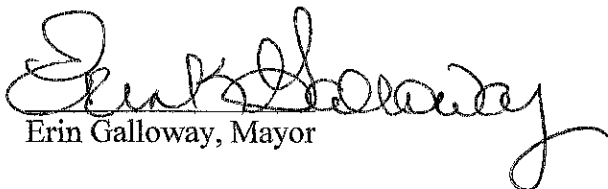
**Kidd/Friloux** Motion Carries

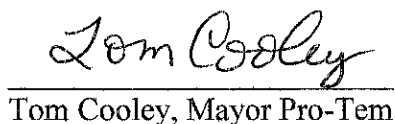
City Hall Improvements - Ms. Leger received information on office safes. Mr. Friloux suggested a new office chair for the computer. Portable buildings are out of the city budget. Mr. Gundolf suggested storing records, equipment, etc, upstairs. Shelves would need to be built.

Tom Cooley stated with the beginning of the new year, he hoped the council, city, and BOMUD would work together for the betterment of everyone

**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn.

**La Rousse/Cooley** Motion Carries.

  
Erin Galloway, Mayor

  
Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem

**CITY OF BEVIL OAKS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CERTIFIED AGENDA – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**DATE OF MEETING:** JANUARY 15, 2002

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erin Galloway, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux,  
Kenny Kidd, Anna Beth Leger, Tommy La Rousse,  
Jane Hebert

**A. ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER:**

“The City Council of the City of Bevil Oaks began its Executive Session on January 15, 2002, at 7:15 PM”

1. Personnel Evaluations/Wages
2. Employees Job Descriptions

**RECORD OF FURTHER ACTION TAKEN:** None

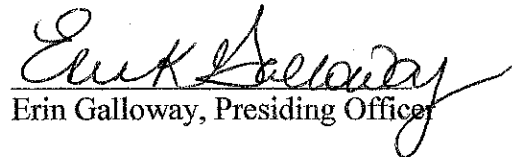
**B. ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER:**

“The City Council of the City of Bevil Oaks completed its Executive Session on January 15, 2002, at 8 PM.”

**C. CERTIFICATION:**

“I hereby certify that this Agenda of an Executive Session of the City Council of the City of Bevil Oaks is a true and correct record of the proceedings pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.”

EXECUTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002.

  
Erin Galloway, Presiding Officer

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BEVIL OAKS CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 19, 2002

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Erin Galloway, Mayor.

**Council Members Present:** Erin Galloway, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, Jane Hebert, Kenny Kidd, Tommy La Rousse, Anna Beth Leger

Council reviewed minutes of January 15, 2002.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept report.

**La Rousse/Cooley**

Council reviewed the Marshal report of January 2002.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept report.

**Leger/La Rousse**

Council reviewed building permit request for Miriam Etheridge.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept request.

**La Rousse/Leger**

Council reviewed building permit request for Alan Wisnoski.

**M/M/2/C:** To table request.

**Cooley/La Rousse**

A committee was formed to study standards of utility poles and their structures. The committee includes Marshal James "Crow" Carrico, Kenny Kidd and Tom Cooley.

Marshal Carrico asked for barricades for the City of Bevil Oaks.

Mayor Galloway stated street signs needed to be replaced.

Deborah Richey-Galler, City Secretary, asked for conformation of early voting hours for the City election. Hours are 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

John Gundolph asked for the erosion near Shipley and Thousand Oaks to be corrected. Drainage District Six has been contacted.

The council discussed and recommended taking bids for building repairs.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept bids.

**Kidd/Hebert**

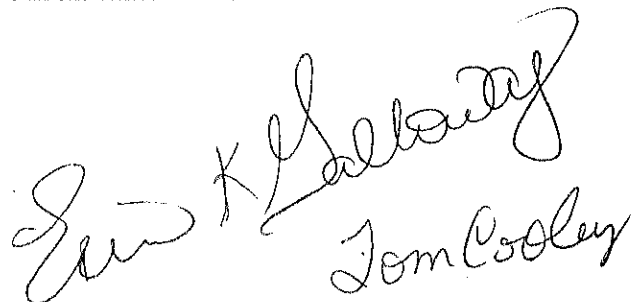
An internal audit of financial records is recognized and approved by TML. Council discussed calling a workshop and asking citizens to participate in the audit. Council will review their schedules and will set workshop date through the City Secretary.

**M/M/2/C:** To call workshop for internal audit.

**La Rousse/Friloux**

**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn

**La Rousse/Leger**



Erin Galloway  
Tom Cooley

## APPLICATION FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

**WHEREAS**, The City of Bevil Oaks finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Bevil Oaks, that the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant be operated for the 2001-2002; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Bevil Oaks has considered the proposed application for the State and Federal Assistance for said project, in the amount of \$1526.00 to be submitted to the office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division; and

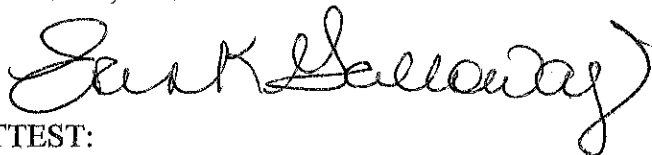
**WHEREAS**, The City of Bevil Oaks has agreed to provide matching moneys for the said project in the amount of \$170.00, or an amount equal to one tenth of the total project cost, as required by the grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Bevil Oaks has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, The City of Bevil Oaks assures that the funds will be returned to the criminal Justice Division in full.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Bevil Oaks approves submission of the grant application for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program in the amount of \$1696.00.

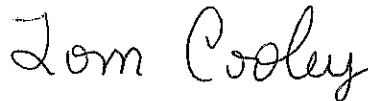
Passed and Approved this 19 day of February, 2002.

Erin K. Galloway, Mayor  
Bevil Oaks, Texas



ATTEST:

Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Bevil Oaks, Texas



# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BEVIL OAKS CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 16, 2002

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Erin Galloway, Mayor.

**Council Members Present:** Erin Galloway, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, Jane Hebert, Kenny Kidd, Tommy La Rousse

**Council Member Absent:** Anna Beth Leger

Council reviewed minutes of February 2002, and Marshal's Report.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept reports.

**La Rousse/Friloux**

Council reviewed building permit request for Ray Crader.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept request.

**Cooley/Friloux**

Council reviewed building permit for Alan Wisnoski.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept request.

**Cooley/ La Rousse**

Mr. Wisnoski stated he would be only hauling dirt to level and slope property. He spoke with DD6 for culvert size. He spoke with Robbie Griffin, of Jefferson County Percent One who said the road (Craig Lane) had no base. Mr. Wisnoski proposed to pay for the limestone base. The cost will be just under \$1,000.00.

To accept Mr. Wisnoski's proposal to pay for limestone base. The city will pave the street after heavy construction has been completed.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept proposal.

**Cooley/Kidd**

Council discussed drainage and roads. Mayor Galloway gave an update of the Sweetgum project. Doug Canant, of DD6 is on vacation and has not provided the mayor with a written recommendation. Mrs. Cammack and Ms. Steward agreed to the plan. The plan is to move the easement that runs through the front of Ms. Toups' yard - rerouting the easement to run between the Toups and Holton yards. Ms. Toups and Mr. Holton do not want an open ditch. They want culverts and a closed ditch. The cost would be approximately \$23,000.00 to the city. This will be three - fourths of one year's road use account. Residents are not required to give up easements. The city can leave the easements where they are and there might be a drainage problem. Another option will be to leave the easements where they are and add larger culverts and clean outs, which would cost the city approximately \$16,000.00.

The last option would be to do nothing. Ms. Toups would not attend the council meeting to voice her opinion. This is area holds water and keeps residents from leaving Bevil Oaks. During tropical storm, Allison, flooding in this area caused the volunteer evacuation. A heavy rain will also cause problem in this area. The elevation plan would be approximately eight inches.

Blackgum will be dug for drainage and property behind the Whitmeyer's will be dug and cleaned out and will send water down Highway 105.

Council will consider this issue.

**M/M/2/C:** To table item.

**Kidd/Cooley**

The Thousand Oaks and Shipley project is complete.

Jane Hebert received a letter from concerned citizens of Bevil Oaks. Mayor Galloway read the letter. The letter asked the council to enforce ordinances of unkempt property. The marshal will talk with residences and then can send notices. The marshal expressed his concern to receive a RI number. He has sent information by registered mail. He then began calling Austin for this information. He has received no response. Kenny Kidd stated the city does now have a RI number.

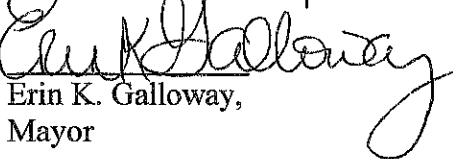
Buddy Hebert suggested sending registered letters with return receipt to violators. The marshal presented a triplicate copy notice. The municipal court can back up the complaints.

Council discussed reviewing all ordinances and making appropriate changes. The marshal stated all ordinances should have punishment clauses.


The mayor received two letters from Nick Lampson, regarding funding. The conference will be held in Washington D.C. No grants or scholarships are available for small cities to attend. Council will consider this.

**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn

**La Rousse/Cooley**

  
Erin K. Galloway,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tom Cooley,  
Mayor Pro-Tem

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF BEVIL OAKS  
April 16, 2002**

The meeting was called to order and Erin Galloway gave the invocation.

**Members Present:** Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, Erin Galloway, Jane Hebert, Kenny Kidd, Tommy La Rouse, Anna Beth Leger

To accept Marshal's Report.

**M/M/2/C:**

**La Rouse/Friloux**

**Building Permits:** Council reviewed application for Alan Wisnoski.

**M/M/2/C:**

**Cooley/La Rouse**

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Council will consider this issue.

**M/M/2/C:**

**Kidd/Cooley**



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**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn meeting.

**La Rousse/Cooley**

Erin K. Galloway, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem

## PROCLAMATION FOR THE CITY OF BEVIL OAKS

**WHEREAS,** Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 3-9, <sup>2002</sup> ~~2000~~2 and

**WHEREAS,** We all have memories of the wide variety of disasters that struck Texas in 2001, from wildfires to flooding,

**WHEREAS,** Each year brings the potential for violent weather to our area; and annually large portions of our State, including the City of Bevil Oaks, can be devastated by flooding and tornadoes, and

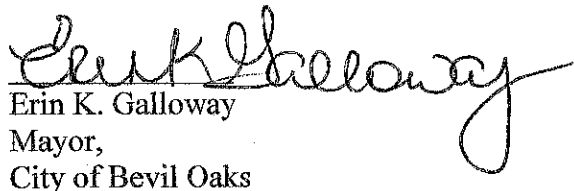
**WHEREAS,** There is no part of Texas that is not susceptible to the impact of severe weather, and

**WHEREAS,** The Governor of the State of Texas, The Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety, the National Weather Service, and the Texas Department of Insurance each and together urge all citizens and visitors in the City of Bevil Oaks, to plan and prepare for severe weather, and

**WHEREAS,** Governor Rick Perry has declared the week of March 3 – 9, 2002, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas, **Now Therefore;**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Bevil Oaks Mayor and City Council urges everyone in our community to learn and to participate in severe weather preparedness activities available through the State of Texas, and,

**THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I,** the undersigned do hereby affix my signature this the nineteenth day of March, 2002.

  
Erin K. Galloway  
Mayor,  
City of Bevil Oaks

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

BE IT RESOLVED by The City Council of the City of Bevil Oaks,

That an election for the purpose of electing three Council Members for the following positions:

Ward I

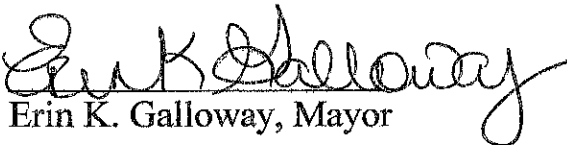
Ward II

Ward III

That the election shall be held on Saturday, May 4, 2002 at the Bevil Oaks Civic Center.

On the day of the election, the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Paper ballots shall be used for said election. The place for early voting shall be at the Bevil Oaks Civic Center, 7390 Sweetgum, Bevil Oaks, Texas. Early voting hours will held from 2 to 6 commencing April 17, 2002 and continuing through April 30, 2002 on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official State holiday.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the nineteenth day of February, 2002.

  
Erin K. Galloway, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem

# CITY OF BEVIL OAKS

The City of Bevil Oaks hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 4, 2002 in accordance with Section 2.053 (a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Ward Number	Candidate Name
Ward I	Pete Friloux
Ward II	Tommy La Rousse
Ward III	Thomas Cooley

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.



Erin K. Galloway,  
Mayor



Thomas Cooley,  
Mayor Pro-Tem

April 16, 2002

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL AIRPORT SMALL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE  
DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County, and The City of Bevil Oaks are committed to providing their constituents and neighbors with the best air service possible; and

**WHEREAS**, The undersigned understand that improving air service to the Southeast Texas Regional Airport will provide increased industrial and trade development, creating further job opportunities and improving the economic vitality of the areas in and around the Southeast Texas Regional Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, The Southeast Texas Regional Airport is located at the hub of several multi-modal transportation byways including highway, rail, and water; and

**WHEREAS**, Many of the undersigned understand that their friend, neighbors, customers, and constituents are forced through the lack of air service to hub facilities and high ticket prices to utilize airports as far as two hours away from their homes and work places; and

**WHEREAS**, The current air service dilemma facing the Southeast Texas Regional Airport will give area businesses and residents significantly reduced service at increased prices; and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County, the City of Bevil Oaks, and local, state, and federal elected officials have met and discussed the particulars of the public-private partnership necessary to make the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program successful; and

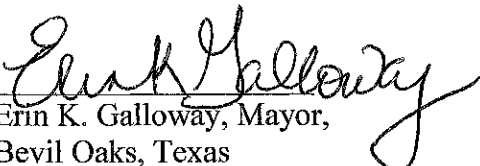
**WHEREAS**; The Southeast Texas Regional Airport has the ability to serve a regional population base of 500,000, and already has recorded a yearly passenger enplanement figure of 100,000 passengers; and

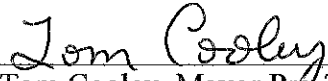
**WHEREAS**, The Southeast Texas Regional Airport boast the ability to service up to six carriers immediately at its 45,000 square foot commercial terminal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the undersigned individual support Jefferson County and the Southeast Texas Regional Airport's "Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program" to attempt to attract and maintain air service to the surrounding communities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The City Of Bevil Oaks approves submission of the grant application for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program in the amount of \$10,000.

Passed and Approved this 16 day of April, 2002.

  
Erin K. Galloway, Mayor,  
Bevil Oaks, Texas

  
Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem,  
Bevil Oaks, Texas

# CITY OF BEVIL OAKS

STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED STATUS

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

To: Erin K. Galloway, Mayor, City of Bevil Oaks

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election scheduled to be held on May 4, 2002.

Ward Number

Candidate Name

Ward I

Pete Friloux

Ward II

Tommy La Rousse

Ward III

Thomas Cooley

Thomas Cooley  
Thomas Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem

Thomas Cooley  
Thomas Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem

April 16, 2002

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BEVIL OAKS CITY COUNCIL

**May 21, 2002**

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Erin Galloway, Mayor.

**Council Members Present:** Erin Galloway, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, Tommy La Rouse, Anna Beth Leger

**Council Member Absent:** Jane Hebert

Mayor Galloway swore in Council Members for the new term, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, and Tommy La Rouse.

Danny and Sheila McFarland spoke for residents in attendance regarding the swimming pool.

**M/M/2/C:** To assist the Civic Club for 60 days.

**Cooley/Friloux**

Council adjourned to Executive Session.

Awarding the new contract for solid waste removal was discussed.

**M/M/2/C:** Award the contract to Waste Tech

**Leger/Friloux**

**Monthly Reports-** Treasurer and Marshal reports were reviewed.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept reports.

**Leger/Cooley**

Council reviewed Miriam Etheridge's building permit that was previously passed. Concerns regarding additional mobile homes brought into Bevil Oaks were discussed.

**M/M/2/C:** To revise the mobile home ordinance.

**Friloux/Cooley**

Council reviewed the fire Code and the two (2) days for no burning.

**M/M/2/C:** To continue with the two (2) days for no burning.

**Cooley/Leger**

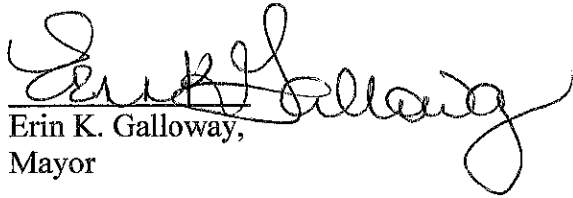
**Roads And Drainage:** Mayor Galloway gave an update of the Sweetgum project. Per Doug Canant of DD6 a modification has been recommended.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept recommendation.

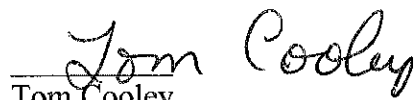
**Cooley/La Rouse**

Jim Cearly, a Bevil Oaks resident, introduced himself and asked to be considered for the vacant Ward II position.

**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn  
**La Rousse/Leger**

  
Erin K. Galloway,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tom Cooley,  
Mayor Pro-Tem



## NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

### CITY OF BEVIL OAKS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **CITY OF BEVIL OAKS, TEXAS** will meet in a **WORKSHOP** on **Tuesday, August 13, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.** at the City Hall located at 7390 Sweetgum Road, Bevil Oaks, Texas to consider the following matters for discussion and/or action:

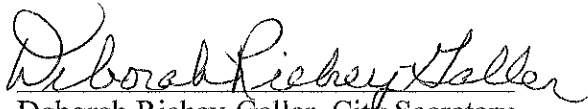
- I. Call To Order
- II. For The Good Of The Order
- III. Review Previous Budget
- IV. Recommendations/Suggestions For 2002-2003 Budget
- V. Comments From Council And Staff
- VI. Adjourn

  
Deborah Richey-Galler, City Secretary

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above **NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING** of the Governing Body of the **City of Bevil Oaks, Texas** is a true and correct copy of said **NOTICE** and that I posted a true and correct copy of said **NOTICE** in the following places:

- \*City of Bevil Oaks Bulletin Board at the City Hall, 7390 Sweetgum, Bevil Oaks, Texas
- \*Community Bulletin Board, Sweetgum at Highway 105

These places being convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said, **NOTICE WAS POSTED ON August 9, 2002 BEFORE 7:00 P.M.**, remaining so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

  
Deborah Richey-Galler, City Secretary

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF BEVIL OAKS  
August 20, 2002**

The meeting was called to order and, Mayor Erin Galloway gave the invocation.

**Members Present:** Jim Cearley, Tom Cooley, Erin Galloway, Pete Friloux,  
Jane Hebert, Tommy La Rousse, Anna Beth Leger

**Monthly Reports:**

**Marshal's Report:** Given by James Carrico.

**M/M/Z/C:** To accept report.

**Leger/Cooley**

**Minutes:** Not available.

**M/M/Z/C:** To table minutes.

**La Rousse/Friloux**

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Mayor Galloway.

**M/M/Z/C:** To accept report.

**Cooley/Leger**

Ralph Massy of Wastech discussed garbage collection for Bevil Oaks. The average home disposes of 90 gallons,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cubic yard by volume weekly. Two 30 gallon containers, twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. If any customer has a special need or concern regarding this they should contact Wastech. Collection will begin after the school buses have left Bevil Oaks.

Mayor Galloway thanked Wastech for prompt letter informing residents of their contract with the City. Many citizens were very confused after receiving a notice from Waste Management stating they would no longer collect trash in Bevil Oaks.

The mayor and Tommy La Rousse signed the official contract with Wastech.

Mr. Riley and Mr. McMullen addressed the council regarding too many dogs and the smell as being a nuisance.

Ms. Cooley asked Mr. Riley what he proposed to do with the animals. She stated there is nothing in the ordinance regarding a limit of numbers.

The Marshal confirmed the ordinance notes barking is could be considered disturbing the peace. (Ordinance 125, section 5.2)

The Mayor read the section of the ordinance. She asked if a fair and equitable solution between parties has been attempted.

The citizens stated they had tried to reach a solution.

Anna Beth Leger asked the council to inquire about health issues and to table the issue.

**M/M/2/C:** To table dog ordinance amendment.

**Leger/La Rousse**

The Mayor asked Council to research this important issue by calling TML, by Internet, etc, and to come to the next council meeting with practical solutions.

Leigh Carrico suggested contacting Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Deputy "Stretch" be contacted. He is informed of all laws concerning animals.

State Regulation for Ordinance Compliance – the reading of the Fireworks Ordinance.

Kim Roberts asked what the City's plans were for Founder's Day. The Mayor suggested the activities be free. Jim Cearley is working on a run and children's games. Kim has Trooper Vasser coming to check child safety seats. She is also talking with the Sheriff's Department. Kim has also contacted Alan Myer for rental equipment. Jim Whitmeyer will print the flyers at no cost. Vendors will not be charged.

Tommy La Rousse asked for O.C. Hall, Howard Watson, and Ed Holton be asked to ride on the truck. The Marshal reminded Council to present Ms. Chute with an award for her work on the streets. Ralph and Lisa Massey said they would help with waste facilities. Everyone is asked to wear red, white, and blue. The Mayor suggested selling t-shirts "Proud To Be An American".

Anna Beth Leger stated the City taking over the pool is an asset to the community. This year's membership was greater than in the past.

**M/M/2/C:** For the City to take over the swimming pools.

**La Rousse/Cearley**

Pete Friloux spoke Ms. Rylander's office (Texas Comptroller) and explained FMR. It is not an audit. The department will review our books at no cost. They will make recommendation for the future. A resolution must be passed by the Council to proceed.

**M/M/2/C:** To pass resolution for FMR.

**Friloux/Cooley**

State Regulation for Ordinance Compliance – the reading of the Trailer Ordinance.

The Mayor read the Ordinance for Fireworks.

The Council discussed investment firm changes. Pete Friloux will check with Community for information.

**M/M/2/C:** To table the issue.

**Friloux/Cooley**

**Building Permits:**

**M/M/2/C:** To accept application for trailer in Vautrot's Park.

**Cooley/Leger**

**Drainage And Roads:**

Mayor Galloway spoke with Paul Truax of Pct. 1. James Crane has been approved by the Pct. For 15 inch pipe.

**M/M/2/C:** Accept 15 inch pipe for James Crane.

**Leger/La Rousse**

Anna Beth Leger asked to sign at 105 at River Bend "Road" be changed to "Drive".  
The Mayor stated it would be looked into.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept bids for door with security window and locks for double doors.

**Cooley/Leger**

**M/M/2/C:** To accept increase light voltage, 105 at Sweetgum, and 105 and River Bend to 250 high pressure cellular.


**Cooley/Hebert**

George Bryant discussed a dog incident on Yellowstone. The Marshal stated it is a state law for insurance on a dog after the 2<sup>nd</sup> recorded biting incident.

Executive Session: Pursuant to Article 51.074 of the Local Government Code.

**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn meeting.

**La Rousse/**

  
Erin Galloway, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF BEVIL OAKS  
September 17, 2002**

The meeting was called to order and, Mayor Erin Galloway gave the invocation.

**Members Present:** Tom Cooley, Erin Galloway, Pete Friloux,  
Jane Hebert, Tommy La Rousse, Anna Beth Leger

**Monthly Reports:**

**Marshal's Report:** Given by James Carrico.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept report.

**Leger/Hebert**

**Minutes:** August 20, 2002.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept minutes.

**La Rousse/Cooley**

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Mayor Galloway.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept report.

**Leger/Cooley**

**Building Permits:** There were no new applications. Tom Cooley explained the necessity of permits. FEMA has specified the elevation of 31.0 feet for Bevil Oaks. We must comply to insure flood insurance.

Marshal Carrico stated the temporary mobile home on Sweetgum (Mrs. Etheridge's property) has been moved. Anna Beth Leger added the family is progressing on the home repair.

Mayor Galloway recently attended a workshop on Hazard Mitigation. FEMA now requires a full time administrator that encompasses much more than emergency management. A committee must be formed including the administrator, a council member, a resident, a business member, and coordinators from the region, state, and federal levels. This program must be in place and implemented by the end of the year, at the city's cost. Penalties will include loss of all insurance, supplements, and grants. Precise and exact rules must be enforced. This will be costly, but the city has no choice in the matter. The mayor spoke with South East Texas Regional Planning Commission for more information. A possible solution is to work with China, Nome, and maybe one other city to implement and pool the cost. FEMA did state this was for a full time person. We will pay the individual, we add it on to someone else's duties with the city paying the cost, or add the duties without extra pay. We must discuss this issue with the community, and find the best solution.

**Roads And Drainage:** The mayor stated DD6 needed clean out ditches.

The marshal noted he had called DD6 regarding the east drainage ditch. Four wheelers have been creating ruts. The point of entry is Davida and Village Lane. Posts and cable were installed the next day, in the rain. Pot holes on Sweetgum.

**Parks And Recreation:** Jane Hebert asked when the pools would close and when bids would be taken for repair.

Mayor Galloway said the pools close September 28, and bids would begin after the closing. The plan is to ask for a grant. We would not match with money, but with labor, time, and effort. This is a grant in kind. The bids will determine how much to ask for.

The Fireworks Ordinance reading was read by Deborah Richey-Galler. This was the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reading.

Council Members reviewed the Dog Ordinance. Tom Cooley stated he had spoken with neighbors regarding this issue. Johnny Johnson asked Mr. Cooley, "Why are neighbors complaining after thirteen (13) years?" Tom gave some personal remarks. At the Bruce residence, he walked through the gate; he did pick up an odor. He did not find an odor in the back yard. He advised Ms. Bruce of this. Ms. Bruce is in a divorce process. She believes with her husband not available to protect her, she is being harassed. Ms. Bruce plans to move and the animals will be relocated before Christmas.

He stated the community has used Ms. Bruce's services for spaying/neutering, as well as the low cost vaccination clinic. Her animals are all vaccinated and have not bitten anyone. He suggested the city not get involved in how many animals should be allowed per household. It would be very complicated and may not be enforceable. He stated that after talking with Ms. Bruce, he is confident the situation would be resolved soon.

Jane Hebert shared personal statements. She was very concerned after the last council meeting and visited with the Reillys. Ms. Bruce's dogs were barking. It had been raining. As she walked halfway through the yard, the odor was bad. She noticed Ms. Bruce had been sprinkling lime throughout her yard, but with the amount of dogs, the urine would not all be absorbed. She appreciates what Ms. Bruce has done for the community, but believes the neighbors should come before the animals. Ms. Hebert also acknowledged the work Tom and Valerie Cooley have done for Bevil Oaks.

Ms. Hebert read a letter written by Council Member Jim Cearley. Mr. Cearley was not available to attend the council meeting, due to a family emergency. The letter states Mr. Cearley was very concerned about the dog situation. He acknowledged the work Ms. Bruce has done for the community and for animals. He said he was the recipient of one animal. He feels neighbors must be considered first, and that Ms. Bruce is in violation of the city ordinance. He feels she should be instructed to comply with this ordinance. He recommends that Ms. Bruce be sent a certified letter advising her of the violation and to comply by reducing the number of animals within ninety (90) days. If in the end of ninety (90) days, and she has not complied, she should be issued a fine.

Joan Howard stated the city should limit the number of animals. This situation could occur again and residents will be up in arms.

The marshal asked how many animals are allowed in the City of Beaumont. Ms. Hebert answered with three (3) are allowed with the exception of a mother with puppies.

Ms. Burns asked about fleas. The marshal responded that Ms. Bruce takes care of her animals and treats for fleas.

A male resident asked if Jim Cearley letter could be read into the minutes. He also expressed concern for real estate uncertainty. Mr. Cooley responded that the dogs will leave before the sale of the house.

Another male resident asked if the time limit could be retro active to the August council meeting. Ms. Galloway stated the time limit would begin after the receipt of the certified letter.

Mr. Friloux stated this is an ordinance violation, and the council has an obligation to the residents to settle this matter.

Ms. Galloway did research of other small towns. Another city outside of Texas gave a time limit of 48 hours. This is a big range and is up to the council. Ms. Hebert stated 48 hours was not enough time. Our ordinance does not have a time frame.

A male resident asked to act on the existing ordinance and then amend it? Mayor Galloway stated a time limit must be included.

Joan Howard asked to give Ms. Bruce sixty (60) days.

**To give Ms. Bruce thirty (30) days to reduce the number of dogs.**

Mr. Cooley asked Mr. Friloux how many dogs Ms. Bruce is allowed to have.

Mr. Friloux answered

The marshal stated the number of dogs does not matter with the issue of compliance.

Mr. Cooley has who will determine the number of dogs create a nuisance.

Ms. Hebert agreed that the issue was compliance.

**M/M/2/C: Friloux/Hebert**

**Ms. Galloway explained the activities for Founders' Day.**

WesternGeo gave a presentation.

**M/M/2/C: To adjourn meeting.**

**La Rousse/**

ErinGalloway, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BEVIL OAKS CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 16, 2002

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Erin Galloway, Mayor.

**Council Members Present:** Jim Cearley, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, Erin Galloway, Jane Hebert, Tommy La Rousse, Anna Beth Leger

**Monthly Reports-** Marshal report was reviewed.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept report.

**Leger/Friloux**

Ralph and Lisa Massey of Wastech spoke on the garbage collection. They have completed two (2) audits of customers in Bevil Oaks.

Pat Barrett of White Acre, addressed the council and residents regarding seismic testing. The company offered to pay the city \$25,000 for the use of cables to run along city streets. Maps were available to show roads that would be affected. Consultants will be accessible, with permission, to take photographs and readings inside and outside of homes. After testing, any damage will be addressed by additional photographs and readings to determine any harm. White Acre proposes to use five (5) pound shots to be used past 500 feet. The cables would lie by the streets for approximately 3 weeks. Work would begin in January at the earliest.

Mr. Cooley stated any vibration; blast will cause a shift in slabs. The shift may not occur immediately, but it would occur. Water wells are another concern for damage.

Mr. Williams, of WesternGeco spoke of shooting in the Baytown area with five and one half pounds (5.5) within 400 (four hundred) feet of homes without any damage.

Mr. Cooley asked for proof of no problems in Baytown. Mr. Williams answered, with the client's permission; he could provide articles and a city permit.

Marshal Carrico asked if any production would cause sinking of any of the surface. No clear answer was given.

Council continued with the meeting. The seismograph representatives waited in the city office.

Ms. Valerie Cooley spoke on behalf of the recent council decision regarding Kathy Bruce's dogs.

Ms. Tracy Gilbert also spoke on behalf of Ms. Bruce.

Building Permits – Layne Walker, new home. Corey Romero, work shop/fence.

**M/M/2/C:** To accept applications.

**La Rousse/Leger**



Mayor Galloway gave information to council regarding pesticides used in ditches for vegetation control. A possible ordinance prohibiting chemicals by DD6 will be on next month's agenda.

**Roads And Drainage:** Mayor Galloway has spoken with DD6 and scheduling the next project.

Founders' Day is now rescheduled for March 22, 2003. Mr. Cooley thanked Kim Roberts and Jim Cearley for their efforts.

**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn  
**La Rouse/Friloux**

Erin K. Galloway,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Cooley,  
Mayor Pro-Tem

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF BEVIL OAKS  
November 19, 2002**

The meeting was called to order and Jim Cearley gave the invocation.

**Members Present:** Jim Cearley, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, Erin Galloway, Jane Hebert, Tommy La Rousse,

**Members Absent:** Anna Beth Leger

Pat Barrett of WesternGeo spoke of seismograph testing. Copies of permits for seismograph testing were passed out. Council and Marshal Carrico questioned the amount of shot to be used, and the proximity to landowners and the City of Bevil Oaks. Tom Cooley, stated, regardless of landowners approval, no shots would be allowed without approval of the City Council. He also said, after the last testing, he had property damage. He immediately called the representative he had spoken with. The man had checked out of the hotel, and could not be reached. The marshal stated after the last testing, two damage cases were presented to the opposing attorneys and were denied. Tom Cooley informed Mr. Barrett, he was the building inspector. No action may be taken without his written approval, and also that he would not approve any action without a council vote.

To table action.

**M/M/2/C:**

**Cooley/La Rousse**

**Drainage And Roads:** Tom Cooley informed council that the work being done off of Highway 105, near the LNVA canal, was for eight (8) homes. It was very costly and time consuming. (Jefferson County Tax Dollars.)

Pete Friloux complimented DD6 on the cleaning of the large ditches.

Mr. Cooley also stated, after living in Bevil Oaks, the water is not flowing. It is the worst he has seen it. Mr. Cooley urged council to use all avenues to find a long-term solution. The media is showing Bevil Oaks in a more negative light, we have flooded less in the last two years than the City of Beaumont and property values are decreasing.

Jane Hebert spoke of the need to enact the Bayou Committee. Mayor Galloway, stated Representative Ritter and the land commissioner will be working with Bevil Oaks before the end of the year. She also said, Mr. Ritter told her, the Salt Water Barrier when completed, will help Bevil Oaks.

Mr. Friloux suggested a presentation with extensive footage of the water and drainage within the city. He would like to promote this with flyers. Mrs. Hebert stated it is very important to let all citizens know the Council is working on the drainage issue. She mentioned several residents have put their homes on the market.

The Marshal discussed the street lights within the city during his report.

To accept Marshal's Report.

**M/M/2/C:**

**Friloux/Cearley**

The Marshal asked Council to provide the materials, and MUD will construct a gate at the sewer plant.

Council voiced their concerns for seismograph testing.

Council and Citizens discussed Waste Management's delay in reimbursement

**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn meeting.

**La Rouse/Cearley**

~~Erin K. Galloway, Mayor~~

*Tom Cooley Mayor Pro Tem*

ATTEST:

~~Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro Tem~~

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*Ann Beth Sage - Councilman*

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF BEVIL OAKS  
December 17, 2002**

The meeting was called to order and Tom Cooley gave the invocation.

**Members Present:** Jim Cearley, Tom Cooley, Pete Friloux, Jane Hebert, Tommy La Rousse, Anna Beth Leger

**Members Absent:** Erin Galloway

Tom Cooley stated a Hardin County resident told him the City of Bevil Oaks books were not in order. Mr. Cooley directed the city secretary to copy all bank statements for all council members, and that all books are to be kept at the city office. All information is to be readily available to the public.

Tommy La Rousse stated all purchases should be approved before checks are issued, with the exception of regular bills.

Jane Hebert asked why the Hardin County resident believes the books were not in order. Mr. Cooley stated the gentleman heard this from his parents who live in Bevil Oaks. The Mayor Pro-Tem also stated he wanted all city information to be available, as it is public record, and for the rumors to stop.

To accept Marshal's Report and Minutes from the November meeting.

**M/M/2/C:**

**Friloux/La Rousse**

The financial report was not available.

**Building Permits:** Mr. and Mrs. Watson on Moss Hill are remodeling one room.

Alice Cammack moved a mobile home in at 7075 Sweetgum. Mrs. Leger said this was an emergency situation, and that she did not have a problem with this application, nor did the mayor. Pete Friloux asked if this would be a permanent mobile home residence. Mr. Cooley said to be as fair as possible, one must look at the situation one on one, to make the right decision. He feels this is a temporary situation. Mr. Cearley stated his sympathy for this family, but by approving this mobile home without a time limit, Council has acted against the ordinance. He asked that this situation be reviewed in six months. Mr. Cooley said Council should review the mobile home ordinance at the January meeting.

To accept building permits.

**M/M/2/C:**

**Leger/La Rousse**

**Drainage And Roads:** Tom Cooley and Jane Hebert stated residents must clean their ditches and culverts. Mr. Cearley had spoken with Mr. Nunez. Water drains to his yard, and comes very close to his house. The correct procedure to have ditches cleaned out is to complete a work order from the city. It is his belief that many residents do not want their ditches cleaned out. Mrs. Hebert mentioned the problem area near the Shower's home has not been corrected. Mr. Cooley asked Council and Citizens to locate these areas and to turn in work orders.

Bud Meridino asked about the 1994 ruling calling for a minimum 18 inch culvert. He recently added 18 inch culverts to his ditch. He stated Council approved 15 inch culverts for his neighbor. He met with Commissioner Cokinos, and was shown a letter from the city allowing for the 15 inch culverts for Mr. James Crane. He said Mr. La Rousse had signed this letter. Mr. Meridino was informed all work orders are signed by the Mayor, and not by a Council Member. Jim Cearley asked if an engineer came to the site. Mr. Meridino said the Commissioner stated he, nor anyone from his office had anything to do with this issue, that it was completely a City ruling. He did state the county had brought 15 inch culverts to the Crane residence. Mr. Meridno was informed work orders are not presented before Council. Building Permits are presented during meetings.

Jim Cealrey questioned what the city should do about the 15 inch culvert. Mr. Cooley said all culverts must be 18 inch minimum to prevent bottlenecks. He also suggested to Mr. Merindino "when you see water rising and not draining properly, call the commissioner's office immediately. Show them the problem(s) you are experienceing, while it is occuring."

Mrs. Hebert gave an acknowledgment to Lee Langston, who lives on Davida and continuously cleans ditches and culverts. She also said the city must find a solution to clean out ditches and culverts.

Kay Neichoy voiced her concern of water backing up near her home. She said an employee from Precint One had come to see her, and stated the county could not do anything for her drainage. Mrs. Niechoy thanked Precint One and Mayor Galloway for their concern and the follow up on her property. She also stated she was not happy when Doug Cannat, DD6 engineer, had large culverts placed by his home at River Oaks Blvd. and Yellowstone Drive.

Mrs. Milam discussed the curve on Sweetgum near Capital. She asked if signs could be erected. Pete Friloux stated the recent automobile accident occurred on his property. He further stated he hoped irresponsible drivers will stop driving 60 miles per hour. He has property damage from this wreck and is concerned for his family's safety and future damage. He doubts signs will stop these drivers. Tommy La Rousse told Mrs. Milam he had spoken with the County about painting a white stripe in the center of Sweetgum.

Mr. Friloux stated the problem in this area on Sweetgum, is primarily teenagers and young adults. He believes education and speeding tickets will help this situation. Mrs. Hebert said reflectors should help, along with a new white stripe. Mr. Cooley spoke of a neighbor who ran a stop sign while speeding, while he was trying to stop the driver. Mrs. Leger said the city needed to create the municiple court to access fines and community service. Mrs. Leger stated the Marshal had hesitated in giving tickets because many drivers have them dismissed. Mr. Cooley suggested that the Marshal give all information (name, address, violation, etc...) in monthly reports. Let the residents know who is breaking the law. Mrs. Leger spoke of speeding problems on Blackgum, and Mr. Friloux spoke of drivers trying to pass on Sweetgum in a dangerous manner. Jane Hebert remarked on 4-wheelers being ridden and the calls she recieves. She stated she had told residents to call the Marshal.

Mrs. Hebert asked if Council had made contact with Rep. Ritter regarding the Pine Island Bayou. Mr. Cooley said the only meeting had been scheduled during his wife's hospitalization in Houston. The meeting was canceled. If he had known the meeting was to be canceled, he would have driven from Houston to attend.

John Gundolf announced he was recently voted Fire Chief. Tom Cooley thanked him for all of his years of service to the community.

Citizens and Council voiced concerns about the seismograph testing. Mr. Cooley's concern is the seismograph company may use stronger shots along the perimeter, if denied access within the City limits. Jane Hebert suggested a town meeting to inform residents. Council chose January 7<sup>th</sup> for the town meeting.

Building maintenance was discussed. There is a leak in the closet, in the office (by the door), and also near the library. Jane Hebert asked why the door had not been replaced. This has fallen through the cracks. Tom Cooley said these issues should be discussed at the town meeting.

Jim Cearley asked if the City would be interested in a neighborhood association. Mrs. Hebert stated this would be positive move. This will be brought up at the town meeting.

The Council agreed the quarterly newsletter must resume to inform residents of upcoming events and concerns.

Jane Hebert asked if bids had been received on repairing the pool. Three companies were called, two responded. Mr. Cooley said there are back taxes on the pool property, and it was supposed to have been researched. He volunteered to do this.

**M/M/2/C:** To adjourn meeting.

**La Rousse/Cearley**

Erin K. Galloway, Mayor



ATTEST:

Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro-Tem

