August 14, 1963

THE TOWN OF BEVIL OAKS

O. C. Hall — Mayor
W. J. Watts — Marshall

Aldermen

Billy H. Kirbow
W. M. Stapleton
H. S. Watson
F. L. Vanover
E. H. McCain

The first meeting of The Town of Bevil Oaks was called to order by Mayor O. C. Hall. W. M. Stapleton gave a financial report. Balance of cash on hand $365.00 with two checks to deposit, one for $10.00 and one for $15.00. He stated that we should have a refund from the $150.00 election fee as Mr. Lewis and others helping with election would not accpet pay. They donated their wages to the Town of Bevil Oaks.

Mayor Hall appointed W. M. Stapleton as Tax Assessor & Collector and Eddie H. McCain as Secretary & Treasurer.

It was decided that for a $10.00 donation, no taxes would be levied for the first year.

Mayor Hall had a call from the Mosquito Control Board asking permission to fly over the Town of Bevil Oaks. It was decided to let Mr. Freeland look into this matter.

Mr. F. L. Vanover was elected Mayor Pro Tin.

Collection of donations was split up between W. M. Stapleton and H. S. Watson in River Oaks and Bill Kirbow in Bevil Acres.

The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to order a check book for the Town of Bevil Oaks with minimum amount of checks, also to change signature on checks from L. W. Amy to two names, O. C. Hall, Mayor, and Eddie H. McCain, Secretary-Treasurer. He was also instructed to order "For Deposit Only" rubber stamp.

Building permits were brought up but was decided to discuss this with the lawyer.

W. M. Stapleton estimated a $1000.00 budget for the first year.

Bob Gellatly office in River Oaks will be meeting house. No time was set for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 P.M.

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Meeting was called to order and opening prayer was given by Mayor Hall.

Officers were sworn in by attorney Hugh Freeland.

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Financial report was given by Treasurer Eddie H. McCain. The minutes of last meeting held August 14, 1963, were read by secretary and were amended to read that there would be three names for checks of which any two would be honored. These three names are: Mayor O. C. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer Eddie H. McCain and Mayor Pro Tin F. L. Vanover. The minutes of last meeting were approved.

Mayor Hall ask Mr. Freeland what was next in order. Mr. Freeland stated he had drafted a charter for the Town of Bevil Oaks. He explained that the law under which we were incorporated was a rather large law and contained many things that could be done. He also explained that it covered area population from 200 to 10,000 and our needs were at the minimum and he had drafted the charter to fit our needs. As our needs increase, we could and should amend the charter.

Mr. Freeland said the Charter Provision that stated male over 21 could be required to do road work or pay the fee was a part of the law and not necessary to enforce it. He had put it in the charter to show the extent of the law.

Mr. Hall asked if the marshall's name should have been on the charter. Mr. Freeland answered no.

Mr. Freeland explained Article 6, Part 1 as being an occupation tax.

The charter was unanimously voted in and signed by the mayor and the five aldermen. Mr. Freeland notarized the charter.

An ordinance authorizing the county commissioners to have access to streets, roads and highways within the town for the purpose of maintaining, supervising, repairing and improving said street, roads and highways within the town.

Alderman Stapleton asked if this ordinance would release C. W. Crenshaw of his responbility to top the roads in River Oaks. Mr. Freeland answered no, that the county would not accept the roads until they were complete.

The ordinance was unanimously voted in and approved by Mayor O. C. Hall, Town Attorney Hugh G. Freeland and Town Clerk Eddie H. McCain.

An ordinance delaring the accumulation of garbage, trash, inoperative motor vehicles and debris a nuisance: providing penalties: and declaring an emergency was presented.

Mayor Hall asked if we should not study this for awhile. Alderman Stapleton asked if the accumulation of garbage would mean the people would have to stop dumping on the bayou. It was brought out that this was a nuisance and should be stopped. He also asked about a person having an inoperative motor vehicle in their yard. Mr. Freeland asked if it was a nuisance? Alderman Stapleton answered no. Mr. Freeland again stated that these were to be used only after consideration was given to the situation.

It was brought out that one person was dumping cans and bottles in an old ditch on his property to fill it in. This is not a nuisance and should not be affected by the ordinance.

The aldermen decided this was a good and necessary ordinance and would need no further study. The ordinance was unaimously voted in and approved by Mayor O. C. Hall, Town Attorney Hugh G. Freeland and Town Clerk Eddie H. McCain.

The ordinances will be posted in three public places,the park in River Oaks, Beasley's Grocery and Lowery's Grocery.

Mayor Hall said that Alderman Stapleton would need help on the tax assessing. Aldermen Watson and McCain said they would help.

Mr. Freeland stated that the law required that we have a budget 30 days prior to a tax statute which we have complied with. He will draft a tax ordinance for us.

Mr. Cowart, who owns the water system in River Oaks addition, asked for a franchise. He is to draft one and submit it to the town for study.

Mr. Freeland has spoken with Gulf States Utilities Co. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. He is to arrange a meeting with them and town council to study their franchise. He will also contact United Gas Co.

The subject of speed limits was brought up. We have speed signs of 30 M.P.H. on Sweet Gum to the inter-section of Black Gum. These are in bad repair. Marshall Watts is to make a study of traffic and give report and recommendations to the town council. Mr. Scurlock, the County Commissioner, is to be contacted for more signs.

Alderman Kirbow was appointed to Health committee and is to select three people to assist him, one from each district.

Mr. Vanover was asked to look into building permits.

Mr. Freeland is to draft an ordinance to divide Bevil Oaks into three divisions for election of aldermen, two from Bevil Acres, two from River Oaks and one from Highway 105 section.

Mayor Hall and Mr. Freeland are to talk with Jefferson County Mosquito Control Board on the subject of spraying over town from airplane.

Mr. Hall stated that Mrs. Hall, who has experience in taking sensus, would take our sensus for us if we would get necessary forms.

The aldermen approved payment of $ 250.00 to Mr. Freeland, Town Attorney, one half of his total fee, $19.10 to Fred G. Hill, County Clerk of Jefferson County, balance of election fee and $5.87 to Eddie H. McCain for office supplies.

Mr. Freeland cautioned that we use our ordinance with care and to keep public informed at all times and use as much help outside of the town council as we could get as this would keep it more democratic.

Meeting was adjourned 10:20 P.M.

O C Hall

October 2, 1963

THE TOWN OF BEVIL OAKS

O. C. Hall — Mayor
W. J. Watts — Marshall

Aldermen

Billy H. Kirbow
W. M. Stapleton
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor O. C. Hall. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

There was a discussion on the tax structor, speed limit, drainage, and building permits.

A report on the health situation was given.

Mayor O. C. Hall recommended H. S. Watson as chaplain for the town council. A motion was made and seconded to this effect and Mr. Watson was unanimously elected as chaplain.

Mr. Watson brought up the United Appeals for the town. This was discussed and he is to get more information on the subject.

The next meeting was called for October 7, 1963, to be held at the River Oaks sales office at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Hall made the motion that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

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The secretary is to ask Mr. Joe Greenwood to look over the franchise from Mr. J.G. Cowart and the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Also to let anyone else read them.

Mr. Freeland is to set a meeting with Gulf States Utilities Company for the aldermen on October 15, 1963, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Hall talked with County Commissioner Dick Scurlock. He is to get new speed signs up.

Mayor Hall asked Alderman Vanover if he would have a chance to see Mr. Freeland soon on building permits. Aldermen Kirbow and McCain stated that there was opposition to building permits. When need arises for building permits then we could set it up. Building permits are to be discussed further.

Alderman Vanover stated that Mr. Crenshaw is having "No Dumping" signs put in three places on his property where dumping has been done.

Mayor Hall asked for motion on adjournment . Mr. Stapleton made the motion, Mr. Vanover seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

P C Hall

October 12, 1963

THE TOWN OF BEVIL OAKS

O. C. Hall — Mayor
W. J. Watts — Marshall

Aldermen

Billy H. Kirbow
W. M. Stapleton
H. S. Watson
E. H. McCain

The first general meeting of the Town of Bevil Oaks was held Saturday, October 12, 1963 at 5:00 P. M. with 25 citizens present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor O. C. Hall. Mr. Watson gave the invocation. Mayor Hall introduced himself, the marshall, and the aldermen. Mr. Watson read the charter.

Mayor Hall told of the two ordinances that the board of aldermen had passed and asked if there were any questions on them. No one had any questions.

Alderman Stapleton read the franchise from Mr. Cowart who owns the water system in River Oaks. Mayor Hall explained that the aldermen did not like the franchise as it was written.

G. O. Vanover stated he had read the franchise and it did not have any provisions in it for a minimum or maximum salt content or P. H. Count and he did not like Article 10 which provided that the town would have to purchase or cause to be purchased if the franchise was not renewed after 25 years.

The general body did not like the franchise.

Mr. Don Carter is to get information from the city of Beaumont on what they require for a water system in a subdivision of our size. It was asked if this was a state approved water system. No one knew if it was.

The franchise from Bell Telephone Company was read and discussed. It was stated that the telephone company would pay the town 2% of gross local service and that the franchise was not binding on the rates. Mr. Keller, representative of the Bell Telephone Company, was to get our point of milage charge for us.

Mr. Porter said he was not in agreement with signing the franchise while we were charged milage and that the telephone company would drop the milage charge.

There was a discussion on the milage charge and the service. The amount of servise was read to the body. Mayor Hall asked for any information that would help us to get the milage charge removed. The aldermen are to discuss this with the telephone company.

Mr. Low brought up the idea of a Fire Department and said he was a mechanic and would keep a truck running. Mr. Beasley said he would help maintain the truck and he has a brother who was a fire chief and would get some information on how to set our department up.

A financial report was given.

Mayor Hall announced that the county commissioner would install 30 Mile Per Hour speed signs and yield signs and that Mr. Crenshaw had put up some No Dumping signs.

It was asked if we had any dumping grounds. Alderman Kirbow said no, but he would see if he could find a suitable place but no raw garbage would be dumped there.

Mayor Hall announced that Mrs. Hall was taking our census and asked the people to cooperate with her.

The meeting was dismissed.

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November 12, 1963

THE TOWN OF BEVIL OAKS

O. C. Hall Mayor
W. J. Watts Marshall

Aldermen

Billy H. Kirbow
W. M. Stapleton
F. L. Vanover
E. H. McCain

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Invocation was given by Mayor Hall. The minutes of October 7th and October 12th were read and approved.

Mr. L. A. Duffee presented a franchise for United Gas Company. An ordinance granting United Gas Corporation, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and franchise for a period of thirty (30) years to construct, lay, maintain, operate, extend, remove, replace and repair a system of pipe lines, gas mains, laterals and attachments and and all desirable instrumentalities in, under, over, across and along any and all streets, avenues, parkways, squares, alleys and all other public places in the Town of Bevil Oaks, Jefferson County, Texas, for the purpose of transporting, distributing, supplying and selling gas (natural and/or artificial and/or mixed) for heating, lighting, power and for all other purposes for which gas may be used, to the municipality of said town of Bevil Oaks, Texas, and its inhabitants and others; providing conditions controlling the use of public thoroughfares and extensions therein; establishing standards of service; providing for acceptance; providing a sverability clause; making miscellaneous provisions; and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith.

Mr. Duffee explained that this is used to give the gas company excess to roads, streets and alleys for the running of gas lines.

Mr. Duffee also presented a price ordinance from the United Gas Company. An ordinance determing and fixing the maximum schedules of rates to be charged by United Gas Corporation, its successors and assigns, in the Town of Bevil Oaks, Texas, for natural gas and natural gas service furnished by it to residential and commercial consumers, containing definitions, fixing the effective dates of gas rates prescribed in this ordinance, making miscellaneous provisions and repealing all ordinances in conflict.

Mr. Duffee explained that this ordinance gave a base rate that the gas company could not change unless there was an increase to them in gas price in the field. This would automatically increase the gas rate. A decrease in gas rate in the field would automatically decrease our gas rate. An increase because of labor management or material cost increase could not be unless there is a new ordinance passed.

Mr. Duffee said he would check on the possibility of installing a gas street light at the intersection of Sweet Gum Road and Highway 105.

Mr. Duffee stated that the state allowed the town to charge a 2% of gross income to a utility company for street rental and he would draw a street rental ordinance for us by our next meeting.

Mayor Hall asked if this 2% street rental should be kept by the town or go to the county commissioner? The board of aldermen are to check this.

Mayor Hall stated we had a population of 406 people when our census was completed in 1963.

Mayor Hall talked with Mr. J.G. Cowart and explained the board of aldermen did not like his franchise on the water system. Mr. Cowart would like to meet with the board to work out an agreement.

The secretary is to call Mr. Keller with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and get our mileage point and talk with him on dropping the mileage charge.

Mayor Hall said we had a new street to dedicate. This will be the duty of the county commissioner.

Alderman Kirbow talked with Mr. Crenshaw on getting a garbage dump area. Mr. Crenshaw declined because there would be a need for patroling the area to see that no raw garbage was dumped and he did not want to do this. He suggested that we check with Beaumont on their dumping service.

Mayor Hall presented two ordinances - Tax Ordinance and Speed Ordinance. Tax ordinance as follows:
An ordinance fixing and levying municipal and valorem taxes for the Town of Bevil Oaks, Texas, for the year 1963, and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided; directing the assessment and collection thereof; and declaring an emergency.

The speed ordinance is to be re-worded on Part II to read that all vehicles will stop for the school buses while loading and unloading passengers.

Mayor Hall asked Mr. Vanover to check and see what would be necessary to restrict the sale of alcohol in the town.

Next meeting set for Thursday, November 21, 1963, 7:30 P.M. at Bob Gellatly sales office.

Alderman Stapleton made the motion for meeting to adjourn, Alderman Vanover seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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O.C. Hall Mayor

Aldermen	Guests	
Billy H. Kirbow	Hugh Freeland	Attorney
W. M. Stapleton	John Lowe	Citizen
H. S. Watson	J. G. Cowart	Owner of Water System
F. L. Vanover		
E. H. McCain	L.A. Duffee	Of United Gas Co.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Hall. Invocation was given by Chaplain Watson. The minutes of last meeting of November 12, 1963, were read and are to be reworded to read to restrict the sale of alcoholic beverages. Minutes were approved.

Alderman McCain reported he had talked with Mr. Keller of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, who stated that our point of beginning on milage charge, was Keath Road and Highway 105. We are charged between 12 & 17 quarters. Mr. Keller stated that Nederland had no milage charge because of their congested population and China had none but did not have the service we have, such as, we can call TE,TW,RO,PL,RA,VI,& SY with no toll charge.

Mr. Duffee reported he had not checked on the gas light at 105 & Sweetgum intersection.

The franchise with United Gas Corporation was voted on and passed unanimously.

The rate ordinance with United Gas Corporation was voted on and passed unanimously.

Mr. Duffee presented a street rental ordinance for United Gas Corporation. An ordinance granting United Gas Corporation, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and franchise for a period of thirty (30) years to construct, lay, maintain, operate, extend, remove, replace and repair a system of pipe lines, gas mains, laterals and attachments and all desirable instrumentalities in, under, over, across and along any and all streets, avenues, parkways, squares, alleys and all other public places in the town of Bevil Oaks, Jefferson, County, Texas, for the purpose of transporting, distributing, supplying and selling gas (natural and/or artificial and/or mixed) for heating, lighting, power and for all other purposes for which gas may be used, to the municipality of said Town of Bevil Oaks, Texas, and its inhabitants and others; providing conditions controlling the use of public thoroughfares and extensions therein; establishing standards of service, providing for acceptance; providing a severability clause; making miscellaneous provisions; and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith.

This ordinance will allow the Town to charge United Gas Corporation 2% of gross receipts. Mr. Duffee stated this would be approximately $140.00 per year, based on 100 consumers.

Street rental ordinance was voted on and passed unanimously.

Mr. J.G. Cowart, owner of the water system in River Oaks, and his employee Earl Rigsby, were introduced to the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Cowart reported his water well was drilled and developed in accordance with state specifications and that he and some of his employees had state certificates to operate public water systems. His well is 420 ft. deep and has 20ft. of screen. It is not gravel packed and is state approved. He has facilities to accommodate 250 homes. Mr. Cowart reported that there were plans for a new well. It will be a 12 inch gravel packed well. When demand for water necessitates the well, it will be done. Alderman McCain asked Mr. Cowart if there were plans to run water mains down Sweetgum to 105? Mr. Cowart replied that this depended on the number of people wanting water. He will work in conjunction with the Board of Aldermen to evaluate this. Mr. Cowart reported on the present rate base and said consumers used approximately $75.00 per year.

Mr. Freeland questioned Mr. Cowart to what assurance the city had that he would install sufficient size lines and fire plugs. Mr. Cowart reported only that he had water to sell to consumers.

Mr. Freeland questioned Mr. Cowart on meter charges? Mr. Cowart reported $100.00 per meter which includes piping and installation to meter. This is a charge and not a deposit. Mr. Cowart reported that the existing system would not meet the fire board specifications, but that the next well would. McCain questioned Mr. Cowart on Section 10 of the Franchise he had presented. Mr. Freeland explained that section 10 gave the town first right to buy, not that they would have to buy. Mayor Hall questioned Mr. Cowart on someone to see after the well at all times. Mr. Cowart said that he had telephone numbers on defense of the system and a pre- arrangement with his employess for one to be available at all times. Alderman McCain stated that he believed what Mr. Cowart said and that he was in earnest and appreciated that he had faith in the growth of the community, but did not like the wording of the franchise. Mr. Cowart stated that he could not tie himself down in contract on exact work to be done due to dollars involved. Alderman Watson questioned Mr. Cowart on PH water. Mr. Cowart supplied test charts which are run every week. The board thanked Mr. Cowart and assured him they would attempt to draw a franchise suitable to both parties.

Passed franchise ordinance with the telephone company unanimously. Passed speed ordinance unanimously. All passed ordinances will be posted at three public places.

Alderman Vanover brought up question of new street and to whom it should be deeded, town or county? Mr. Freeland advised to let county take street dedication.

Mr. Hall said he had been receiving calls on cattle being in River Oaks. Board of Aldermen said that this was a county affair.

Motion made and seconded for meeting to adjourn at 10:30.

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