



# THE BEVIL OAKS CHRONICLE

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### **City Council News:**

**Mayor:** Becky Ford  
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**Mayor Pro-Tem:** Rusty Moseley  
Roads & Drainage  
753-2075

**Council Members:**

**Sherry Adams**  
Secretary  
Building & Grounds  
753-2474

**Cathy Crane**  
Treasurer  
Investment Officer  
790-2703

**Jimmie Grimes**  
Community Development  
SETRPC Liaison  
753-3377

**Don Smith**  
Emergency Management  
Coordinator:  
658-8220

**Dave Tevis**  
Street Lights & Signs  
753-3216

**City Clerk:** Norma Lucas  
753-1475

**Public Works Clerk:** Renate Mangus  
753-2126

**Emergency Management Code Enforcement**

**Ray Crader**  
753-1475

**Next City Council Meeting**

**Tuesday,  
October 11, 2011  
@ 7pm  
City Hall**

**Bevil Oaks is Online**

**at:**

**[www.cityofbevilocks.com](http://www.cityofbevilocks.com)**

### **2010 Audits**

Since the last newsletter, auditors completed the annual audits for both the City and the Bevil Oaks Municipal Utility District. Chuck Reed, of Chuck Reed, CPA and Associates, gave the reports to City Council at the June 23, 2011 regular meeting. According to Mr. Reed, the City financials are in excellent condition and the Public Works audit was in good condition with the materials provided. Some records were not available but financials were in excellent condition.

### **2011-2012 Budget Approved**

Council has approved the 2011-2012 budget that totals \$ 994,710.00 This amount includes the \$760,000 grant that will be disbursed for road construction and the new fire station during the next fiscal year. Council also approved the effective tax rate of 0.217989 per \$100 which is expected to produce \$106,341.56 in income. Last year's rate was 0.214167 per \$100 and produced \$104,308.00 in income. Adjusted taxable property values decreased from \$49,030,430 in 2010 to \$47,928,848 in 2011. The effective tax rate is the rate calculated by the county tax office for the purpose of keeping the tax dollars collected from property owners as near to the same amount as possible each year regardless of the fluctuation of taxable property values. Copies of the budget and monthly financial reports are available upon request at City Hall.

### **Grant Projects**

At the September 13, 2011 Regular Council meeting, Tim Stinson, Carroll & Blackmon Engineering (CBI), reported that Jefferson County Precinct #1 had completed the road work that was included in the original scope of work.

Bids were opened for the new fire station on September 6, 2011. All bids were higher than the budget so the project will be re-bid. In order for the bids to be reduced to within the budget, small portions of the project will need to be removed from the plans. CBI is currently working with the Fire District to reduce the scope of work so they can continue with the bid. The new bidding process is expected to be completed in time for an award to be made at the October 11, 2011 Council Meeting.

### **Public Works Update**

Mike Will, Utility Specialists, reported to Council at the September 13 meeting that it had been necessary to replace two pumps at the lift station at the wastewater treatment plant. They took the pumps to Automatic Pump for repair but the cost to repair them was not feasible. He also reported that the new well Sub Monitor on well #3 was hit by lightning or a voltage spike that also took out the lightning arrester. Both of these items were still under warranty and were replaced at no cost to the City. Due to the drought, they are continually repairing leaks but, otherwise, the plants are running smoothly.



## PROJECTS COMPLETED AND GOALS FOR NEW FISCAL YEAR October 1, 2011—September 30, 2012

Insufficient office space had been an issue for the City for the past few years. The 2010-2011 budget included funds designated to remodel the section of the building now occupied by the fire department. We later learned that the City Hall building is old enough to require that any alteration be approved by the State Historical Committee. This automatically put us in the position of not having enough funds to proceed in that direction. About the same time, the BOMUD building became available and, we determined that it could be renovated to accommodate the City's needs and stay within our approved budget. That project was completed in May. Councilwoman Sherry Adams did an outstanding job supervising this project. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the new offices, please do so.

Projects that Council believes are top priority for the upcoming fiscal year are:

- 1) Replacement/repair of sewer lines in accordance with the SSO Initiative Plan;
- 2) Proceed with preliminary projects necessary to construct a new wastewater treatment plant;
- 3) Continue road replacement/repairs; and
- 4) Completion of fire station

Operational changes in the public works department during the year freed up enough funds that we were able to put over \$67,000 into capital improvements at the utility and another \$45,000 in maintenance and materials. We are starting the new fiscal year with a fund balance of approximately \$100,000.00, over and above normal operational expenses, that we are designating for top priority projects previously mentioned. Those projects are:

\$ 60,000.00 for SSO Initiative Plan (repairs to sewer lines)

\$ 30,000.00 is designated for an engineering feasibility study and preliminary engineering for a new wastewater treatment plant. The goal is to pay for all pre-construction costs from the annual operational budget without borrowing money or increasing rates. The overall goal is to be able to borrow construction funds and repay the loan within our current budget structure.

It appears at this time that, once the fire station is completed, there will be some funds remaining in the grant that can be designated to road repairs. The engineer is preparing a project amendment and schedule extension to divert these funds to road repairs. The roads that were recently repaired were chosen by HTNB, the firm representing the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the Hurricane Ike Grant. They determined that those roads were eligible for repairs funded by the grant. We have driven all of the streets in the community with the engineer and identified streets still needing replacement or repair. In addition to the estimated \$30,000 from the grant fund, the city has budgeted another \$60,000 for road repairs in the upcoming fiscal year. This should put all of our streets in good condition. This work is not likely to begin until summer 2012 due to the county's previous commitments for early spring.

### **OCTOBER PROCLAIMED BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN BEVIL OAKS**

At its September 13, 2011 meeting, Mayor Ford and the City Council of the City of Bevil Oaks, in honor of our community's breast cancer survivors, proclaimed the month of October 2011 as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Bevil Oaks. Pink ribbons will be displayed throughout the City in recognition.



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

### **OCTOBER 6, 2011 — PET CLINIC**

**From 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of First Baptist Church of Bevil Oaks.**

Doctors and staff of Sour Lake Veterinary Clinic will be onsite again this year to vaccinate our dogs and cats. This community service ***is open to everyone even pet owners who live outside the City of Bevil Oaks.*** We encourage you to spread the word to your friends and family so we will have a good turnout and can continue to provide this service again next year. The rates are the same as last year:

Dogs——Rabies = \$18.00	Cats——Rabies= \$18.00
Distemper/Parvo/Corona = \$18.00	Feline Upper Respiratory = \$18.00

This is a drive-through clinic. The veterinarians will not examine your pet. They are only there to vaccinate. Cash or checks are accepted but a \$25.00 NSF fee will be charged for insufficient fund checks.

### **OCTOBER 22, 2011——CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE**

If you would like to participate, please call **Stacey Smith at 782-6972 or 753-2633** to add your address to the map. There is no cost to participate and the event will be advertised on-line [@Southeasttexas.com](http://Southeasttexas.com) as well as in the newspaper. Maps showing all participating homes will be made available at K Mart (formerly, King's Mart) for residents on Friday as well as at the entrances to the neighborhood on Saturday morning. ***Deadline to register for the sale is Wednesday, October 19th.***

### **NOVEMBER 5, 2011 — TRADE DAYS IN THE PARK**

**Location: Civic Center and LaRousse Park**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Vendors will have booths both inside the civic center and in LaRousse Park with a wide variety of interesting products and crafts for sale. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, booths are still available both inside the civic center and outside in the park. Cost for the booths are: Inside 8 X 10 booth -\$20.00; Outside booth—\$10.00; Kitchen—\$30.00. Cash or checks made payable to the City of Bevil Oaks are acceptable and will be accepted when the booths are set up. Set up time will be Friday from 3:00 p.m. until all are complete. ***For more information or to reserve a booth, please contact Colleen Grimes at 409-880-5526 or 409-753-3377.***

### **NOVEMBER 5, 2011—— FALL CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY**

Roll-offs will be on the Boulevard at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, November 5 until noon for big trash clean-up day. Remember, no household garbage, tires, paint or chemicals. If you have an item that might be questionable, please call IESI at 409-246-4022 for clarification.

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Pet clinic—October 6 from 6—9 p.m.  
City-wide Garage Sale—October 22  
City-wide Clean-up Day—November 5  
Trade Days in the Park—November 5

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