

KNOLLWOOD NEWS

March 2009

Overview of the City of Knollwood Council Meeting on January 15, 2009

CITY FINANCIAL MATTERS

Mr. Joseph E. Madden, CPA presented the City of Knollwood financial report to the Council. The Council accepted the budget and approved payments to the City of Sherman, TXU Energy, Verizon, and Waste Management, Texas Political Subdivisions, and Roto Rooter.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Ms. Nita Wright was appointed to serve as Council Member Place 5 until the next General Election on May 9th 2009 and thereafter if she is duly elected to such position.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council members determined that the City Council Meeting dates will remain on the third Thursday of each month and no further action was taken.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM, (CERT)

A brief report of the Community Emergency Response Team session held on Tuesday, January 7th at the Grayson County Courthouse in Sherman. The next CERT meeting date is expected to be February 3rd.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND CITY SEAL

The Council passed a motion designating the Herald Democrat as the official newspaper for the City of Knollwood. The Council also approved the design and purchase of a new City Seal.

IDENTITY THEFT

The council discussed recently adopted rules on Identity Theft "red flags" pursuant to the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions (FACT) Act of 2003. The new rules require a city with utility accounts to adopt and implement a written program to identify, respond to and update programs to address changing risks.

REPLAT OF IRON ORE CREEK SUBDIVISION

The Council discussed the replat of the Iron Ore Creek Subdivision. The replat was authorized in 2007 but filing was incomplete. Further action was deferred until receipt of the plat.

TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX INFORMATION

The Council reviewed information about how economic development sales tax revenue can be used, how it is administrated, how to impose the tax and the ballot language. Action was deferred until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

ELECTION

The Council passed Resolution R2009-0115-2 calling for the General Election within city limits for City Council Members on May 9th, 2009.

February City of Knollwood Council Meeting

City Council of the City of Knollwood will meet on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 6:00 P.M., in the City Meeting Room of the Knollwood Village Community Center. Meetings are open to the public.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Approve Ordinance Calling a Special Election for Adoption of Economic Sales Taxes to provide for the promotion and development of new business enterprises and to provide for community improvements including facilities assisting in development of new business enterprises. The proposed two 1/2% increases would only raise Knollwood sales tax to rate currently used in Sherman and Denison.
- 2) Discussion and Possible Action to Establish an Identity Theft Policy for the City of Knollwood to Identify, Respond to and Update Programs that will Address Changing Risks.
- 3) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding City Monthly Fund Balances Report.
- 4) Discussion Regarding the City of Sherman's Notice to Switch from Lake (surface) Water to Well (ground) Water for 10 -14 days Due to Pipeline maintenance.
- 5) Discussion, Review and and Possible Action Regarding the May 9th Election.
- 6) Discussion and Possible Action regarding City of Sweeny, TX Mayor Rodney Weems' proposed legislation to redistribute sales taxes for purchases of \$500.00 or more. Under his plan, sales taxes would go to the city where *the* buyer lives, rather than to the city where the purchase was made.

NEXT MEETING March 19th, 2009.

City of Knollwood Municipal Elections May 2009

The following Knollwood City Council Member places are up for election in May 2009:

Place 1 incumbent Ron Harris

Place 3 incumbent Gary Chilton

Place 4 incumbent W. Kurt Strakos

Place 5 incumbent Nita Wright

Knollwood citizens who are interested in running for City Council should contact the City of Knollwood 903-868-9809 for details.

Easy Way to \$ave Money



Are you "burning" your money? If you haven't filed for a Homestead Exemption yet, you're probably paying hundreds of dollars more than you have to for your annual property taxes. You may even qualify for a refund of over payment on last year's taxes! Filing for a Homestead Exemption is easy to do. Just complete the APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, attach your mobile home statement of ownership and location or sales contract and

submit to the Tax Appraisal district. You can download the application form at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf

For more information, contact the Grayson Tax Appraisal District:

John W. Ramsey, Tax Assessor/Collector Grayson County

Phone 903-892-8297 (903-892-TAXS) Fax 903-892-4973

Address 100 W. Houston, Suite 11 P.O. Box 2107 Sherman, TX 75091-2107

Knollwood Vehicle Regulations

SPEED LIMIT: 15 MILES PER HOUR. WATCH FOR CHILDREN.

The City of Knollwood traffic ordinance establishes a 15 MPH speed limit. Failure to observe speed limits or stop signs will result in termination of lease agreements.

Parents are responsible and will be held accountable for their minor children's driving habits. All residents are responsible and will be held accountable for the actions of their guests' driving habits while visiting Knollwood Village.

No more than three (3) motor vehicles per household shall be permitted.

All motor vehicles must be operable, legally registered, insured, and free from excessive noise (i.e., no faulty muffler). No dirt bikes, all terrain vehicles or non-street legal vehicles are to be used anywhere in Knollwood. Management reserves the right to prohibit the use of any vehicle within Knollwood Village for failure to comply with posted speed limits and stop signs, habitual speeding etc.

The City of Knollwood has the same motor vehicle laws as every other city in the state of Texas. Vehicles must have current inspection stickers and license tags, drivers must have current driver's license and liability insurance, all drivers and passengers must be properly restrained by a seatbelt or child safety seat.

Parking: Habitual parking violation is a cause for eviction.

Limit 3 vehicles total per residence. Residents are required to register their motor vehicles with management and park their vehicles only in their own driveways. Residents or their guests may park a third vehicle on the street directly in front of their residence only when the driveway is already

fully occupied. No vehicles may be parked on the street for more than one day, and no inoperable vehicles may be parked in the driveway for more than one month. Residents & their guests must not park any vehicles in any other driveway without prior authorization from that tenant or from Management. Visitor parking is allowed in the Community Center parking lot. No trucks over 3/4 ton allowed overnight in the residential section without prior consent from Management.

All vehicles must be parked in a neat, orderly manner. Parking on the grass is prohibited throughout the community and will not be tolerated. Vehicles and trailers parked on the grass will be given one warning, then will be towed at the owners expense. With written permission from management, residents may park very small vehicles such as a golf cart or motorcycle on the patio or in a small alcove beside the house or storage shed.

Residents may not park any boats, trailers, RV's, commercial trucks, etc. on their driveway, in the storage lot, or anywhere in the community without written permission from management. Management has sole discretion in granting parking permission and reserves the right to revoke parking permission at any time.

Vehicle Repairs:

Minor repairs (i.e. tunes ups, changing tires etc.) will be allowed on driveways only if care is taken to protect the pavement from damage and repairs are quietly completed within 24 hours. No major vehicle repairs are permitted within the community. Excessive oil leakage or any other damage to driveways, patios or streets must be cleaned up and/or repaired by the vehicle owner or the vehicle owner's expense.