

RESOLUTION No. 2017-226

CITY OF SHOREACRES

RESOLUTION CENSURING ALDERMAN DAVID JENNINGS AND ALDERMAN RICKEY BOWLES OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS, FOR VIOLATING RULES OF CONDUCT, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-82(B)(1) OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES CITY CODE.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS THAT:

WHEREAS, The City of Shoreacres (hereinafter sometimes “City”) demands mutual respect from its elected officials and staff.

WHEREAS, Section 2-82(b)(1) of the City Code states: The city staff, the mayor and council members shall show mutual respect to one another.

WHEREAS, it is important to show mutual respect to one another to promote a friendly and proper City work environment so all employees are free from stress, harassment and bullying.

WHEREAS, any conduct in violation of Section 2-82(b)(1) will not be tolerated.

WHEREAS, any conduct in violation of Section 2-82(b)(1) will be censured by council.

WHEREAS, censure is an expression of an opinion by the majority of the city council.

WHEREAS, in censuring, the city council voices their opinion regarding whether a specific City individual violated rules of conduct and asks the same individual not to engage in similar conduct in the future.

WHEREAS, Alderman David Jennings violated the rules of conduct, specifically section 2-82(b)(1) of the City Code by posting on the city’s Bulletin Board on July 15, 2016, in a message responding to Alderman Hoskins that “Games like these are what prompts me to tell the mayor that the grownups will handle it.”

WHEREAS, Alderman Rickey Bowles violated the rules of conduct, specifically section 2-82(b)(1) of the City Code by implying that the Mayor has or will steal money from the city, by stating in the public meeting of city council on 28 November 2016: “I have concerns with the Mayor’s former indiscretions, criminal record, and I have serious issues with the fact that you can go in and manipulate money and manipulate anything in our accounts. And she has a history and we’ve had this discussion when we found out about this stuff with our city attorney back

when I was first elected. I am not saying that I don't trust her, but I don't trust her. It has got to do with the fact that there is a history there."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City has analyzed the conduct both verbally and in writing as well as the public information concerning Alderman David Jennings and Alderman Rickey Bowles.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City believes that Alderman David Jennings and Alderman Rickey Bowles violated rules of conduct (specifically Section 2-82(b)(1) of the City Code) based upon the written accounts and public records.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City hereby censures Alderman Jennings and Alderman Bowles for violating rules of conduct (specifically Section 2-82(b)(1) of the City Code) and further asks Alderman David Jennings and Alderman Rickey Bowles to refrain from engaging in similar conduct in the future.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City respectfully requests Alderman David Jennings and Alderman Rickey Bowles issue public written apologies for violating Section 2-82(b)(1) of the City Code.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 9th day of January, 2017.

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