City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 601 Shoreacres Blvd., Shoreacres, Texas, with the following present constituting a quorum:

Mayor

Dolly Arons

Mayor pro tem

Richard Adams

Alderwoman

Dana Woodruff

Alderwoman

Connie Ramirez

City Administrator / City Secretary

David Stall

Absent

Alderman

Gerry Victor

Alderwoman

Nancy Schnell

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dolly Arons at 7:01 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

3.1 <u>Citizens Comments</u>

Anita Willis - 1009 Forest -

- Ms. Willis indicated that SEACAP will begin meeting again in August.
- There are several dead trees along West Bayou. David Stall indicated that he is aware of the situation and he has asked FEMA for financial assistance to remove the trees since they are too large for the City to handle. Removal can cost over \$800 per tree. We believe that the trees died to salt water from Hurricane Ike.

Howard Dahl – 511 Baywood – Mr. Dahl expressed appreciation for trimming drainage ditches on Baywood and taking action to reduce the mosquito population.

Patrick Stanton – 128 Shadylawn – Mr. Stanton inquired as to the status of placing the minutes on the web site. The legal requirement is that we either keep

the audio tape or develop written minutes.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Workshop Meeting – July 19, 2010

Motion to (Dana /Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to approve July 29, 2010 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 <u>Council Reports</u>

5.1.1 Dolly Arons – Report on mosquito control – Harris County Precinct 2 has been extremely helpful in managing our mosquito population. On August 9, Sydney Penny of Precinct 2 Mosquito Control, will make a presentation to Council and Shoreacres residents.

5.2 Staff Reports

5.2.1 City Administrator

David Stall reported that he signed and returned the contract for the EECGB grant to replace 10 windows (at upstairs City Hall) with high efficiency windows and replace the air conditioner and air conditioning ducts. This should result in reduced electricity costs of approximately 30%. There are two items left on the punch list for repairs to City Hall. The City will release the 10% retaining fee to the contractor. Weather slowed the painting of the front steps. Hand rails still need to be ordered.

5.3 <u>Quarterly Investment Report</u> - This item will be postponed until the next meeting.

6.0 BUSINESS

- 6.1 <u>Consideration and Approval of Invoices</u>
 Motion to pay our bills (Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff).
- 6.2 <u>Discussion of Texas Community Block Grant (TxCDBG) project applications, projects and status.</u>

 There was nothing new to report at this time.
- 6.3 Review, Reconsideration, withdrawal or extension of temporary housing permit applications
 - 6.3.1 520 Baywood Permit #03 This temporary housing permit expires November 15, 2010 with a report to Council today. David Stall received a phone call from the resident. The owner has received positive feedback from Harris County Recovers, but nothing specific. Council decided to take no action.

- 6.3.2 203 Shoreacres Blvd Permit #07 This temporary housing permit expires December 31, 2010. Council decided to take no action.
- 6.3.3 126 Oakdale Permit #10 The City received a written response from Harris County Recovers. The temporary housing permit expires in December 2010. Council decided to take no action.

David Stall reported that he received a response from 123 Forest, however, it was received too late to get their response included in the packet. The temporary housing permit expires tonight. The owners will be requesting an extension. They can't demolish the house until the trailer is moved. They don't want to move out of the trailer until they get their occupancy permit. Councilwoman Woodruff said that they should have realized this earlier in the process. David Stall is meeting with the owners this week. Council decided to take no action.

6.4 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 4 of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning July 26, 2010 and ending January 31, 2012.

The Mayor received an application from Andrew Hoggatt (111 Forest), who was recommended by Dianne Victor to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. There was a motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Richard Adams) to approve the Mayor's nomination of Andrew Hoggatt to Position 4 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

6.5 Consideration and action to appoint a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment for a term ending January 31, 2011.

This item is to fill the position as alternate on Board of Adjustment. There was a motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to approve Andrew Hoggatt as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried unanimously.

6.6 Consideration and action to accept a proposal from Blackboard Connect to provide an emergency notification system and, adopt Ordinance 2010-73 authorizing the City Administrator to sign agreement.

The reverse calling system will cost the City \$2,500 per year. This can also be used to notify residents of water outages as well as emergencies. It is web based, which allows the City to launch the system from offsite. Blackboard Connect will load phone numbers from our utility software. Residents will have the ability to load additional numbers. Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to approve Ordinance 2010-73 authorizing acceptance of services from Blackboard Connect. Motion carried unanimously.

6.7 <u>Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance 2010-75 amending storm drainage</u> culvert specification.

This ordinance corrects a practical and technical error in our existing ordinance. At the time the ordinance was originally adopted, the City needed a stop gap measure to prevent residents from installing undersized culverts. This proposed

revision is in response to the Engineer's suggestions that we require a culvert to be 18 inches or the size of the upstream or downstream culvert, whichever is larger, unless specified by the City. Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to adopt Ordinance 2010-75 amending storm drainage culvert specifications Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.8 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution 2010-41 suspending the effective date of rate changes proposed in the application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric for authority to change rates and adopt rate riders.

 Supporting documentation was circulated to Council to suspend the effective date of the rate increase. Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to adopt Resolution 2010-41 suspending the effective date of rate changes proposed in the application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration and action to authorize the purchase, installation, and programming of a computer network servicer hardware and software.

 Our computer sever is more than 10 years old and it's becoming unstable. This is a proposal to replace the existing network server with a 5 channel RAID system. We expect the replacement to last 5 to 7 years. The network software, HUB switch, anti-virus software, an uninterruptible power supply, a workstation for court use, and labor, totals \$7,300. Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) authorizing replacing the computer software based on David Stall's recommendation not to exceed \$8,000 and authorizing the Mayor to approve costs beyond this expenditure. Motion carried unanimously.

The Open meeting recessed at 7:52 pm.

Executive Session – as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.074

Council entered Executive Session at 7:56 pm.

6.10 <u>Deliberation on the Building Official's performance evaluation and contract with the City of Shoreacres</u>.

The Executive session was adjourned at 9:24 pm. No action is taken while in a closed session.

Open Session - Council returned to Open Session – Council was called to order at 9:26 pm.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010.

ATTEST: Dolly Arons, Ma

David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary