

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on
Monday, December 13, 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
Alderman	Connie Ramirez
Alderman	Dana Woodruff
Alderman	Gerry Victor
Alderman	Nancy Schnell
City Administrator / City Secretary David Stall	

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 Citizens Comments

David Germany – 3316 Miramar – Mr. Germany asked the City to clear weeds at Miramar Park

Terri Harles – 520 Baywood – Ms. Harles asked about the legality of residents setting animal traps. Her neighbor is setting traps to catch cats. Mr. Stall responded that residents can trap animals except fur-bearing animals.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Council Meeting: November 8, 2010

Motion to approve the November 8, 2010 minutes (Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff). Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes for Regular Council Meeting: November 22, 2010

These minutes were dated incorrectly and were for November 29, 2010. – There was a motion to approve the minutes for November 29, 2010. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Nancy Schnell). Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

5.1.1 Mayor's Report – The sound wall to be built between the new overpass and Bayou Forest is scheduled to be constructed after the overpass is completed in January 2012. Gerry Victor asked if we had any input into the design. Mayor Arons will ask for specifications for the wall. TxDOT is working on the connector to Bayport and one lane is closed on the off ramp at Port Road. The Heavy Haul Corridor Subcommittee is hosting discussions to increase the permitted weight of trucks on certain corridors in the State. Highways 225 and 146 are included on the list of proposed heavy haul corridors. The Committee's concern is quality of life and safety. We are requesting that a portion of the permit fees be allocated to cities for commercial vehicle enforcement and that the trucks have a visible heavy haul sticker. Concern was expressed by Council that trucks would exceed the higher weight limit.

5.2 Staff Reports

5.2.1 City Administrator – Quotes coming in for replacing the upstairs City Hall windows. Mr. Stall hopes to have all of the quotes back in time to report the cost to Council in January. The City's water well permit was renewed by the Subsidence District. This permit sets the amounts of ground water that can be pumped to a maximum of 10% of the City's use or 1.6 million gallons. Clean up Green up was completed under budget. The benches at Miramar Park have been installed. Mr. Stall has instituted a complaint tracking procedure to log all complaints received. The City's slope mower is non operational, however funds were placed in the budget to replace the mower. The City is hosting Christmas activities that include crafts, pot luck with Santa and a hay ride.

5.2.2 Police Report – A written report was submitted. There was a significant increase in animal calls last month.

6.0 BUSINESS

There was a motion to move item 6.6 to 6.2 (Nancy/Gerry Victor. Motion passed unanimously). Nancy Schnell had to leave after this item was discussed.

6.1 Consideration and Approval of Invoices

Motion to pay our bills (Richard Adams/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Discussion of Texas Community Block Grant (TxCDBG) project applications, projects and status.

David Stall presented the preliminary site plan for the police offices.

6.3 Review of Temporary Housing Permit status and consider withdrawal, extension and/or enforcement of noncompliance with permit terms.

6.3.1 Expired Temporary Housing Permits

506 Forest, 3346 Miramar, 530 Oakdale, 229 Meadowlawn, 318 Shoreacres Blvd, 123 Forest.

The trailers at the addresses, above, have been removed. No action was necessary.

6.3.2 Active Temporary Housing Permits

1205 S. Country Club, 520 Baywood, 1009 Forest, 203 Shoreacres Blvd., 126 Oakdale, 119 Oakdale, 518 Meadowlawn, 431 Shadylawn.

There was a motion (Gerry Victor/Second: Connie Ramirez) to extend active temporary housing permits through December 2011, with the provision that an update be provided to Council on July 11, 2011.

6.3.3 Expired Temporary Housing Permits

3520 Sunrise, 418 Shadylawn.

These trailers are in violation of the City ordinance. David Stall will move forward with enforcing the ordinance for these two properties with expired temporary housing permits.

6.4 Consideration and action to adopt an Ordinance 2010-84 providing for hurricane relief on rates and charges for water, sewer, and trash collection services.

The ordinance would provide a credit of \$4.12 each for water, sewer and trash collection service on customers' bills, for a total of \$12.36 per month. The credit is given to customers whose rates exceed \$14.50 for water, \$17.50 for sewer and \$13.35 for trash collection. For the past year, the city has provided total monthly credits of \$24.68 on utility bills. Motion to approve (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

6.5 Discussion and action to request the City Administrator to prepare a report and recommendation for the installation of traffic calming speed humps

Several months ago, residents submitted a petition to Council to install speed humps on Miramar. As a result, Mr. Stall presented a report to Council on traffic calming speed humps. The cost of one 20-25 mph speed hump is about \$1,000, plus the cost of signs. Miramar could require 4-6 speed humps, plus 8-12 signs. Mr. Stall proposed that vehicle classifiers be used to assess the problem. Vehicle classifiers quantify the number of vehicles and the speed of vehicles. The vehicle classifiers would help determine the need and placement of speed humps. The vehicle classifiers can be moved to different streets to monitor activity on different City roads. The cost is \$1,304. There was a motion to purchase a vehicle classifier (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

6.6 Discussion and action to authorize the Mayor to negotiate an agreement with the City of La Porte for municipal jail services.

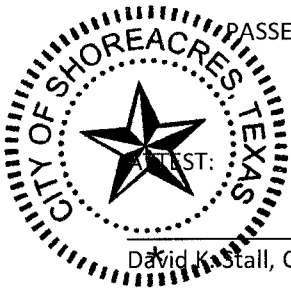
At the present time, people who are arrested are taken downtown to the Harris County jail. The Mayor proposed that the City enter into an agreement with the City of La Porte to house our prisoners. This would avoid the necessity of having an officer leave the City to drive prisoners downtown, when only one officer was on duty. The Council discussed the types of arrestable offenses and whether the agreement would encourage needless arrests. The cost is estimated to be \$11,555 per year. \$12,000 was allocated for this use in this year's budget. There was a motion (Nancy Schnell/Second: Gerry Victor) to authorize Mayor Dolly Arons to negotiate an agreement with the City of La Porte for municipal jail services. Motion carried unanimously.

6.7 Consideration and action to cancel or reschedule the regular Monday, December 27, City Council Meeting.

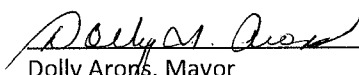
There was a motion to cancel the December 27, 2010 City Council meeting (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2011.



David K. Stall, City Secretary


Dolly Arons, Mayor