

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, May 23, 2011 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:

Alderman Gerry Victor, Alderman Nancy Schnell, Alderman Dana Woodruff, Alderman Connie Ramirez, Mayor pro tem Richard Adams, Mayor Dolly Arons

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dolly Arons at 7:04 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

3.1 Recognition of Shoreacres' Citizen of the Year – Jayo Washington

Jayo Washington was recognized for his continued service to the City.

3.2 Special Service Recognition

The Council recessed (7:06 pm) to show Jayo Washington the plaque by the tree planted outside City Hall in recognition of his service as City Councilman and Mayor of the City of Shoreacres. Council resumed session at 7:10 pm.

3.3 Plant Safety Briefing – John Heil, Odfjell & Robert Eldridge, Odfjell

In response to Councilman Victor's request for information on how the plants surrounding the City manage safety issues, John Heil, Odfjell, presented a plant safety briefing. Mr. Heil is the Health and Safety Manager at the site. The sizes of storage tanks range from 90,000 to 2.4 million gallons and are constructed of carbon steel or stainless steel. There are 110 rail car loading stations and 14 truck loading stations. Products are moved by rail, trucks, and pipelines. Odfjell manages between 60 to 75 types of chemicals. Each chemical exhibits its own variety of hazardous properties. Chemicals stored include propylene and isoprene. Propylene, when not under pressure, can immediately transform into a vapor. It is cooled and stored in pressurized spherical tanks under a pressure of 90 pounds/square inch (ppsi). It is transported by ship and pipeline. Isoprene is also stored under pressure. It has a very low vapor pressure at 11 or 12 ppsi and is not considered reactive. Some chemicals stored on site are flammable. However, there are no chemicals on site that could cause an explosion and result in a significant air cloud. Odfjell does not accept odorous chemicals. Odfjell reviews the chemical properties of all chemicals that they store, particularly, the flash point, the vapor pressure, and the flammability. Each storage tank has its

own fire safety system. Odfjell has a community notification system. Mr. Heil agreed to provide the City with a copy of the community notification manual. La Porte and Seabrook provide fire support. If necessary, the "Channel Industry Mutual Aid Organization" can be contacted to assist with an incident and "Clean Channel" can be contacted to deal with water incidents. The emergency facility contact is the control room number 713-844-2329.

Council raised the question about noises related to tank pigging operations. Mr. Heil explained that the process pertains to blowing the lines after tanks are cleaned. The lines are cleaned and then about 50 pounds psi pressure of nitrogen is forced through the lines, pushing any remaining liquid out of the line. The lines are clean at this time so there are no gaseous emissions associated with the line cleaning.

3.4 Citizen's Comments – There were no citizen comments.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: 2011

There was a motion (Richard Adams / Second: Gerry Victor) to adopt the minutes for the May 9, 2011 regular council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

Councilman Adams reported on the Mayors/Council meeting. Judge Emmett was the speaker. He encouraged Council members to become actively involved in legislative activity and voice their concerns to their legislators. He also swore in the new Mayor/Council officers.

5.2 Staff Reports

5.2.1 City Administrator Report

City Administrator, David Stall, reported that two thirds of the City's warrants have been transferred to the La Porte jail facility.

Public works is emphasizing lingering leaks in the City.

Mr. Stall plans, to submit to Council in the future, a re-evaluation of charges for waste water received from the Bayshore Industrial facility.

There has been no activity on CDBG grants.

Project Clean Sweep is in full gear. As of this date there were 143 work orders issued. Several large trees have been removed from the right of way. Due to competitive bidding, the price of tree removal has been decreasing. The old City Hall has been demolished. Demolition of the interior of the public works building is well underway. Mr. Stall met with the windstorm engineer to discuss specifications for the new building.

Bid requests for the water main replacement project have been published. Mr. Stall expects to submit a request to Council on June 13th to award a contract to replace water lines.

All of the ditches in the entire City have been mowed. This is the first pass and regular maintenance will be scheduled after we receive the slope

mower that we purchased. This will resolve many of the issues related to the deep ditches that cannot be mowed. Several passes will be necessary to get this into acceptable condition.

Mr. Stall prepared a list of those buildings, that while not substantially damaged, are in a condition that warrants their demolition. Mr. Stall established a three tier program to initiate action to get the homes demolished. This could include legal action. Tier 1 consists of homes in the Harris County Recovers (HCR) program that need to be demolished. Tier 2 are homes not in the HCR program that need to be demolished, and Tier 3 are homes that are not substantially damaged but require repair or demolition. Councilwoman Woodruff requested that Mr. Stall include the legal status of the process for each address on the Website. Councilman Victor and Councilwoman Woodruff expressed concern with homes that are not determined to be dangerous, but are abandoned. Some have windows boarded up. This is a complicated process that needs to be addressed.

5.3 Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Stall discussed the General Fund and TexPool revenue. This City is in good shape, financially.

6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration and Approval of Invoices

There was a motion (Dana Woodruff / Second: Connie Ramirez) to pay our bills. Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2011-59 canvassing the votes of the Municipal Officer's Election held on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Mr. Stall reported on the tally of votes from the May 14, election.

- Dana Woodruff received 28 votes
- Richard Adams received 35 votes
- Connie Ramirez received 29 votes
- Matt Webber received 18 votes

There was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-59 (Gerry Victor / Second: Nancy Schnell). Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 Administer Oath of Office to newly elected city officials.

The Mayor administered the oath of office to the newly elected city officials.

6.4 Discussion and action to elect a Mayor pro-tem for a one-year term

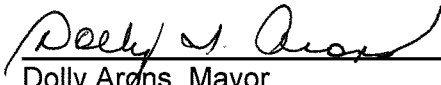
There was a motion (Dana Woodruff / Second: Connie Ramirez) nominating Councilman Richard Adams as Mayor Pro-tem. Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13RD DAY OF JUNE, 2011.





Dolly Arons, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, City Secretary