City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, October 24, 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:

Mayor pro tem

Richard Adams

Alderman

Connie Ramirez

Alderman

Dana Woodruff

Alderman

Gerry Victor

Alderman

Nancy Schnell

City Administrator / City Secretary David Stall

Absent

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1.0 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Adams at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Public Hearings, Special Presentations and Comments

3.1 Economic Alliance Port Region – Annual Report, Chad Burke

Chad Burke gave a presentation on the Economic Alliance. The Economic Alliance assists Harris County, the POHA and several cities with economic development issues. Mr. Burke presented information on the various types of activities in progress including, the historical paintings on storage tanks and the gateway projects for various cities.

3.2 Citizens Comments

Ron Barzyk - 212 Oakdale – His house was damaged as a result of Hurricane Ike and is being rebuilt. He inquired as to the necessity of needing a 2 car garage and a driveway. Mr. Stall outlined the City's requirements and explained that residents may request a variance. Council has waived the variance fee for garages until the revised ordinance is adopted.

Darlene Bays – 616 Baywood – requested having her ditches cleaned.

Patrick Stanton – 128 Shadylawn – inquired as to the status of the playground equipment.

Howard Dahl - 511 Baywood – Thanked the City for the great job of cleaning up after the cook off.

<u>Point of Order</u>: Mayor Pro Tem Adams requested that Council consider item 6.2 under Business prior to other items on the agenda.

6.2 <u>Discussion, consideration and adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-105 authorizing an agreement between the City of Shoreacres and the Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps to provide emergency medical services, and authorizing the Mayor to execute such agreement.</u>

Several years ago, the City of La Porte stipulated that in order for the City of Shoreacres to contract with the La Porte Fire Department for services, Shoreacres also needed to contract with La Porte for their EMS. This stipulation required Shoreacres to switch from CLEMC to La Porte EMS.

Our contract for Fire and EMS services with the City of La Porte expired this year. The cost of renewing our contract is \$120,291. This is \$76,808 over the previous amount of \$52,483. Through negotiations with the City of La Porte, we were able to get the cost lowered to \$103,709. This year, the City of La Porte agreed to allow us to de-couple EMS from Fire service. As a result, The Shoreacres Council instructed the City Administrator to look at alternatives to the La Porte EMS, including returning to CLEMC.

CLEMC has agreed to provide the City of Shoreacres with EMS for the cost of \$29,426 a year. Chief Roy Hunter and Bob Squires, president of CLEMC were present at the Council meeting to provide information on their services. CLEMC is a community operated pool. Service is commensurate with La Porte's EMS in terms of training, availability, response time and location. Switching emergency medical services from La Porte to CLEMC would save the City over \$74,000. There was a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-105 authorizing an agreement between the City of Shoreacres and the Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corp and authorizing the Mayor to execute such agreement. (Gerry Victor/Second: Dana Woodruff). Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Approval of Regular Council Minutes

- 4.1 <u>September 26, 2011</u> There was a motion to approve the September 26, 2011 minutes (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Second). Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.2 October 10, 2011 There was a motion to approve the October 10, 2011 minutes (Nancy Schnell/Second: Dana Woodruff). Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.3 October 17, 2011 There was a motion to approve the October 17, 2011 minutes (Gerry Victor/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Reports

- 5.1.1 <u>Council Report Mayor pro tem Adams.</u> Mayor pro tem Adams reported on the SEACAP meeting. The topics discussed included their mission statement and POHA's reopening of their mitigation program.
- 5.1.2 <u>Council Report Councilwoman Ramirez.</u> Councilwoman Ramirez reported on the HGAC mobility study meeting regarding traffic from trucks to rail in the area. Road improvement options. Improve the routes. Jack Morman was there from Harris County precinct 2.
- 5.2.1 City Administrator General Activity Report

Components for playground equipment have been ordered. The new back hoe was delivered last Friday. Ray Dodd, our public works employee passed his water distribution license. Project clean sweep is patching the roads with asphalt. The City has published a bid notice to rehabilitate the public works building. The Gateway project bids opened November 8. The award is expected to be submitted to Council for approval on November 14th. Mr. Stall is reworking HGAC Round 2.2 grant formulas used to see if the City can get a larger portion of the available funds. The City is continuing to replace existing water lines with larger diameter lines. The City of La Porte and Shoreacres are in discussions regarding the Sunrise water line proposed by La Porte. La Porte has agreed to the financial split and is moving forward with the engineering analysis. The City of La Porte public works department is looking for old interconnect valve on Broadway (Old Highway 146).

6.0 Business

- 6.1 <u>Consideration and approval of invoices</u> Motion to pay our bills (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.
- 6.3 <u>Discussion, consideration and adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-106 establishing a traffic hump policy.</u> Gerry Victor requested that this item be postponed to allow Council additional time for review.
- 6.4 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No 2011-107 awarding a contract for the construction of a replacement of wastewater lift station at 1159 Fairfield, rehabilitation of wastewater lift station at 404 Shore Acres Blvd and improvement of wastewater lift station at 1 Shore Acres Blvd.
- Mr. Stall recommended that we accept the lowest qualified bid. Councilman Victor expressed concern about wording in the contract pertaining to the City's financial liability in the event that the State defaults on its agreement and does not pay the contractor. Councilman Victor requested that the city attorney review the contract. The attorney hired by the State to administer the program joined the discussion by phone. The attorney explained that she prepared this agreement in accordance with State requirements. The attorney indicated that their office expects to receive invoices from the contractor for work completed every thirty days. The State will pay the invoices within three to four weeks. Any invoices that are not paid within 30 days incur interest, so it is in the State's best interest to pay promptly. The federal and state government has committed these funds to the City. Should the worst case scenario occur and the federal and state governments fail to honor their commitment, the City would be liable for work completed within the last 30 days. Councilwoman Woodruff indicated without the grant, the lift stations would still need to be repaired and the City would need to incur the full cost of the repair. There was a motion to adopt ordinance 2011-107 awarding contract for replacement and rehabilitation of the lift stations. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed with Gerry Victor and Nancy Schnell opposed.
- 6.5 Report and discussion of a non-injury accident involving a public works vehicle on October 9, 2011. Mr. Stall reported on the public works truck that ran into the ditch during the rain storm. Insurance issued the City a check for replacing the vehicle. Councilman Victor and Schnell objected to the fact that they were not informed of the accident in a timely manner. The City Administrator indicated that only injury accidents are reported to Council immediately. No action was necessary.
- 6.6 <u>Consideration and approval of resolution No. 2011-71 authorizing the city administrator to purchase two pickup trucks under a Houston-Galveston Area</u>

Cooperative purchase program contract through the cooperative purchase program of the Houston Galveston Area Council.

This request is for approval to purchase one truck as allocated in the budget, plus a second truck to replace the one damaged this month. This year's budget includes funds for the purchase of one pick-up truck. Insurance reimbursement funds, plus an additional \$6,500 would be used to purchase the second truck. The addition of another truck is necessary to split the crews for maximum efficiency. The total cost for both trucks is just under \$34,000. There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-71 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). The motion passed with Councilman Victor and Councilman Schnell opposed. Councilman Victor stated he opposed the motion because the City is spending a lot of money.

7.0 Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

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ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM City Secretary