

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on
Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 601 Shore Acres Blvd.,
Shoreacres, Texas, with the following present constituting a quorum:

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

City Administrator / City Secretary David K. Stall

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dolly Arons at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

3.1 Ms. Darlene Bays asked that she be given time to speak on Bayport noise, however she was not in attendance.

3.2 Nyla Stevenson, 122 East Forest – Ms. Stevens commented on her water bill and asked for clarification of 911 response time when the City changed over to CLEMC. She also asked about the cost difference between La Porte EMS and CLEMC.

Mike Wheeler, 315 Shore Acres Blvd. – Mr. Wheeler requested more information about the Shoreacres Yahoo News Group hosted by the Civic Association.

Paul Martin, 629 Seagrove – Mr. Martin requested an extension on removal of dead trees on his property.

Anita Willis, 1009 West Forest – Ms. Willis commented on dead trees and trash on the street right-of-way.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: October 24, 2011 - postponed

4.2 Regular Council Meeting: November 14, 2011 - postponed

4.3 Regular Council Meeting: November 28, 2011 - postponed

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

Mayor Arons reported that she attended the Mayors Economic Alliance meeting. Results of the new study conducted by TCEQ on flaring were discussed.

Information obtained from the study is likely to result in a change of policies regarding the amount of steam directed to flares.

Mayor Arons and Mayor pro tem Adams met with TxDOT representatives to discuss the frequent truck rollovers going north on Highway 146. As a result of the meeting, TxDOT agreed to reduce the length of the center median by 15 feet. This would allow trucks to begin their turn sooner, thereby a larger turning radius.

Mayor Arons and Mayor pro tem Adams also met with TxDOT representatives about the sound wall to be constructed along Highway 146. TxDOT is seriously considering extending the sound wall and initiating bid requests earlier than originally expected.

Mayor Arons spoke with Michelle Hundley at POHA about the Port noise which appears to have increased substantially since late November. Mayor Arons also plans to initiate negotiations with the POHA to reduce noise levels associated with auxiliary engines.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Adams reported on the CAC meeting. Discussion at the CAC meeting included improvements to be made to the CARE line.

5.2 Staff Reports

City Administrator reported progress on the followings:

Mr. Stall reported that the H-GAC Project Clean Sweep grant will end on December 31. The City is maximizing its resources by having the storm workers work additional hours and weekends.

The City is working on minor changes to the drawings to rehabilitate the Public Works building.

The City has received the notice-to-proceed on the Gateway project (entrance signage grant).

Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Round 1 projects:

Work is progressing as expected on the police station.

On November 22, the City received the notice-to-proceed to replace sewer lift station #1; mitigation improvements to sewer lift station #2; and, reconstruction of sewer lift station #3.

Reconstruction of water plant #1 was awarded to the lowest qualified bidder on November 14, 2011.

The pre-bid meeting for the street paving and storm drainage project is schedule for January 5 and the bid opening meeting is January 12, 2012.

Report on TxCDBG Round 2.2. projects:

Water system fire suppression improvements:

The City is waiting for a response from the City of La Porte on the Sunrise water system emergency interconnect .

The City is waiting for TxDOT to approve drawings for the old Highway 146 (Broadway) water system emergency interconnect.

The City is in the process of overhauling the playground equipment.

The Police Department report was distributed for review.

The Public Works report indicated that there has been a significant decrease in the number of water breaks. Water pressure has improved due to upgrading some of the water lines from 6" to 8".

6.0 BUSINESS

Consideration and approval of invoices.

There was a motion to approve our bills (Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Councilwoman Schnell's inquiry regarding notification of public meetings.

Nancy Schnell submitted an e-mail indicated that she is not receiving the same number of meeting notices that were received during Jayo Washington's tenure as Mayor. Council discussed which meeting notices they were receiving. For the past several years, some Council members have had difficulty receiving notices of the Mayors/Council meetings. Our e-mail addresses appear to be dropped when a new Mayor/Council Association secretary is elected.

Discussion and possible action regarding the expiration of Hurricane Ike temporary housing permits issued under Ordinance No. 2010-58 that are to be removed on December 31, 2011.

Permit #1 – 1205 S Country Club – Motion to extend permit #1 to May 31, 2012. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

Permit #3 – 520 Baywood – Motion to extend permit #3 to May 31, 2012. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

Permit #6 – 1009 West Forest - Motion to extend permit #6 to March 31, 2012. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) Motion passed unanimously.

Permit #7 – 203 Shore Acres – No action.

Permit #12 – 119 Oakdale – Motion to extend permit #12 to Mar 31, 2012. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

Permit #13 – 518 Meadowlawn – Motion to extend permit #13 to Mar 31, 2012. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

Permit #14 – 431 Shadylawn - Motion to extend permit #14 to May 31, 2012. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

Permit #10 – 126 Oakdale - Motion to extend permit #10 to Mar 31, 2012. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Arons requested that the residents keep the City informed as to their progress.

6.4 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-112 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the La Porte Independent School District and the San Jacinto College District to purchase maintain and operate election equipment for the purpose of conducting elections.

The purchase of elections equipment would allow the City to keep its election schedule the same every year. The cost of the equipment will be divided with LPISD and the College District. The City will have full ownership of the equipment. The budget contains \$15,000 to accommodate the purchase. There was a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-112 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

6.5 Discussion of regulating the operation of golf carts on public streets and highways.

Two weeks ago there was discussion on the operation of golf carts in the City. Residents indicated that they did not want the City to adopt an ordinance and chose to be governed by the state code. Residents were under the impression that they would have flexibility to drive their golf carts without any restrictions under the State Code. After discussion of the conflicting provisions of the State Transportation Code, the City requested an opinion from the City attorney. The attorney found that the State Transportation Code does not allow golf carts to be driven at night. Therefore, it was suggested that it may be to the advantage of residents if the City adopted its own ordinance. The ordinance could allow residents to drive at night and include the state mandated safety equipment provisions. An ordinance will be drafted for future consideration.

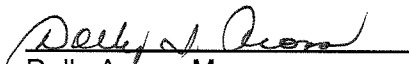
7.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.



ATTEST


Dolly Arons, Mayor



David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary