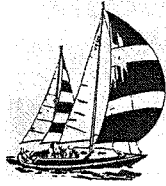


# City of Shoreacres



## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on  
**Monday, January 9, 2012 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:

Mayor	Dolly Arons
Mayor pro tem	Richard Adams
Alderman	Gerry Victor
Alderwoman	Dana Woodruff (Absent)
Alderwoman	Connie Ramirez
Alderwoman	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 Citizen's Comments

Howard Dahl, 511 Baywood – Mr. Dahl commented on information presented in the Bay Area Observer that addressed work scheduled on the City's infrastructure.

Patrick Stanton, 128 Shadylawn – Mr. Stanton presented information on the POHA's response to noise complaints.

### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: November 28, 2011 - There was a motion to approve minutes for the November 28, 2011 Council meeting. (Motion: Richard Adams/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

### 5.0 REPORTS

#### 5.1 Council Reports

5.1.1 Mayor Arons reported that Councilwoman Woodruff is currently working on a recycling grant application to be submitted to H-GAC.

5.1.2 Mayor pro tem Adams had no items to report.

#### 5.2 Staff Reports

City Administrator reported progress on the followings:

The Public Works department is in the process of mowing the right-of-ways and ditches throughout the City.

Project Clean Sweep has ended as of December 31, 2011 and the City is preparing paper work to close-out the grant.

Specifications and drawings for the rehabilitation of the Public Works building are completed.

The City has received the Notice to Proceed for the Gateway project (entrance signage).

TxDOT has approved the construction of the water system emergency interconnect at Old Highway 146 (Broadway).

Status of TxCDBG Round 1 projects are as follows:

Construction is progressing as planned on the police station despite a few rain delays.

Notices to proceed have been received for the replacement of sewer Lift Station #1; mitigation improvements to sewer Lift Station #2; and, reconstruction of sewer Lift Station #3.

The City has received the notice-to-proceed for the reconstruction of Water Plant #1 and improvements to Water Plant #2.

Bids for street paving and storm drainage project will be opened on January 12, 2012.

Status of TxCDBG Round 2 projects are as follows:

The replacement of water main is on-going.

The grant application for street paving and storm drainage work to be conducted by Harris County Precinct 2 has been filed by Harris County Precinct 2 on behalf of the City.

In February the City will be sending letters to residents notifying them of the pending installation of speed humps on Miramar and specifying the date for the public hearing.

The Police Department reported that the number of arrests were down in December, compared to November.

## **6.0 BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Consideration and approval of invoices**

There was a motion (Richard Adams/Second: Connie Ramirez) to approve payment of the City's bills. Motion passed unanimously.

### **6.2 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-113 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with DataVox for the purchase, installation, and programming of telephone and data communication equipment.**

This Ordinance allows for the purchase of a system to upgrade the City's telephone system to accommodate additional phone lines and an intercom system for the new police building and phone lines for public works. It is the same system used by the Cities of Seabrook and Morgans Point. There was a motion to adopt

Ordinance 2012-113 (Connie Ramirez/Second: Richard Adams). The motion passed 3-0 with Nancy Schnell abstaining.

6.3 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-114 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Logix to provide telecommunication service.

Logix is the company selected to provide phone and high speed internet. The service Includes additional voice and fax lines, including lines needed for our postage and credit card machines. It is a T1, 1.5 mega bite data line. There was a motion to adopt to adopt Ordinance No. 2120-114 (Connie Ramirez/Second: Richard Adams). Votes in favor: 2, Gerry Victor opposed, Nancy Schnell abstained. Motion failed. The vote was followed by a Point of clarification by David Stall who stated that, since item 6.3 failed, the purchase of telephone equipment specified under item 6.2, becomes unusable. The mayor indicated that as a result of the vote, the police station will have no phone services.

Nancy Schnell requested a revote on Ordinance No. 2012-114 to remove her abstention. There was a new motion to adopt ordinance 2012-114 authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement with Logix (Connie Ramirez/Second: Richard Adams). Motion carried 3:1 with Gerry Victor opposing.

6.4 Discussion of wholesale water costs, expiration of Hurricane Ike relief credits on utility bills, and past due utility billing balances.

Mr. Stall informed Council that the Hurricane Ike credits on water bills expired December 31, 2011. Council was also informed that there were approximately 90 people who are carrying balances on their water bills. Disconnect notices will be mailed to residents that are 45 days or more in arrears with their water account.

The use of water, overall, is declining through the City. However, the price of wholesale water purchased from the La Porte Water Authority increased. In 2010, the La Porte Water Authority increased water rates to \$54.86 cents. In October 2011, the rate increased to \$61.99, a 13% increase. David Stall agreed to provide information to Council on water losses through leaks.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m..

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.



*Dolly A. Arohs*  
Dolly Arohs, Mayor

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David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary