

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on
Monday, July 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 [Absent]
Mayor pro tem	Richard Adams
Alderwoman	Dana Woodruff
Alderwoman	Connie Ramirez
Alderman	Steven Jones
Alderman	Matt Webber

City Administrator / City Secretary David K. Stall

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Richard Adams at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

Patrick Stanton – 128 Shadylawn

- Mr. Stanton inquired about the City's Ordinance regarding garage requirement for elevated houses.

Anita Willis – 1009 West Forest

- Ms. Willis would like to notify Council of a privately funded company that was in our City today performing air quality testing for the POH.
- She also mentioned of Dr. Gavin Smith (a former Shoreacres resident) currently a teaching Professor at the University of North Carolina. In August, he will be down here working with UHCL to conduct a class regarding recovery after a disaster, if anyone is interested to attend please call her.

Nancy Schnell – 618 Baywood

- Ms. Schnell held a going away/appreciation party for Chief French at her residence this past Sunday and presented him with an appreciation plaque. There are pictures of the party posted on guidrynews.com if anyone would like to view them.
- Also, suggested for Council's consideration is naming the new police station after Chief French to show him our appreciation for his committed dedication to our community during his tenure.
- Reminder about the mowing of our ditches.

Darlene Bays – 616 Baywood

- Ms. Bays also concurred with Ms. Schnell about the need to mow the ditches. Grass is getting very high, especially on Baywood.
- She also stated that she is disturbed by the way that Chief French was treated after serving the City for 14 years.

Roy Joiner – 1019 N. Country Club

- Mr. Joiner suggested a speed limit of 35 MPH on Shoreacres Blvd.
- He inquired about liability insurance for golf carts with State Farm, which was quoted for a price of \$80 per year; but it does not cover anyone without a driver's license or a learner's permit.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: June 11, 2012.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2012 Council Meeting (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Special Council Meeting: June 25, 2012.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2012 Council Meeting (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

5.1.1 Mayor pro tem Adams – Mr. Adams presented pictures from the July 4th parade in La Porte.

5.2 Staff Reports

5.2.1 City Administrator

5.2.1.1 Mr. Stall reported the following general activities:

In response to Mr. Stanton's question regarding garages for elevated houses, the Planning & Zoning Commission has met with the City Attorney and an ordinance has been drafted. The City Attorney has advised us that this will require a total of [2] public hearings—one by Council and another by P&Z Commission.

- In anticipation of keeping costs down and speeding up the process, the City Attorney has advised us to combine the two public hearings into one; currently the tentative date is July 25.

The outside of City Hall was painted to keep the pressboard siding from rotting

5.2.1.2 Status Report: Dangerous Building enforcement.

Mr. Stall's report is as follows:

- Out of a total of 22 properties; [12] have been demolished; [1] decided to elevate; [2] still require demolition; [1] will be demolished this month.

- Residents can access the city's website for progress.

5.2.1.3 Progress Report: Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Round 1 projects.

5.2.1.3.1 Police Station should be completed in about 10 days and will be ready for move in.

5.2.1.3.2 Replacement of Sewer Lift Station #1 – Sewer Lift Station is fully in service.

5.2.1.3.3 Improvements to Sewer Lift Station #2 – Repairs are currently in progress.

5.2.1.3.4 Rehabilitation of Sewer Lift Station #3 – The lift station has been elevated. It is still running on a bypass pump.

5.2.1.3.5 Replacement of Water Plant #1 – This is the city's slowest project, but work is continuing.

5.2.1.3.6 Street paving and storm drainage – The city continues to make good progress.

5.2.1.4 Public Works Building reconstruction – All interior plumbing and electrical work has been done.

5.2.1.5 Water Plant #2 altitude valve / pressure improvements – Contract expense has been approved by Council. The altitude valve is scheduled to be installed within the next 60 days.

5.2.1.6 Contract for electricity – Our electricity contract was accepted by Hudson Energy at the rate of 6.3 cents, plus 2.4 cents for distribution. These rates are locked in for 60 months.

5.2.2 Police Department –

There were no items to report.

5.2.3 Public Works / Utilities Department

Mr. Stall reported the following on the PW department:

- There was no significant water loss this month.
- Our ditch mowing hours has increased from 9 hours in May to 46 hours in June. The city is still short of staff.
- All of the ditches on Baywood have been mowed.
- Ditch mowing will continue as planned.

6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

6.2 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2012-123 establishing a minimum age for operators of golf carts.

Councilman Webber presented a minimum age requirement for golf cart operators inside the City limit. There was a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2012-123 [Matt Webber/Second: Dana Woodruff]. Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 Discussion of the city's post-Ike mitigation efforts.

Mr. Stall presented to Council various post-Ike mitigation efforts that were put in place:

- All office equipment has been re-located to the upstairs of city hall.
- Installed a natural gas generator that will be operational during power outages.
- Installed an amateur emergency management radio network that will provide volunteers with a communication source.
- Upgraded our communication tower to a heavy duty one that could withstand stronger wind load.
- Have two sources of internet access.
- The new police station is built to withstand strong wind gusts. Due to budget constraints, we did not install a natural gas generator. All telephone lines will be fully functional in case of a power outage since the main phone system is being housed at city hall.
- Public Works building is elevated.
- Water plant #1 will have a permanent generator. All pumps are elevated.
- Water plant #2 will have a quick connect for a mobile generator if needed.
- Waste water lift station #1 & #3 are both elevated.
- Lift station #1, our largest and key component of our wastewater treatment will have a stationary generator.
- With the SCADA system we will be able to turn the power on and off remotely.

6.4 Discussion of and possible action regarding the display of flags on the city's maritime flagpole on Shore Acres Blvd.

Council all agreed it would benefit the city to display the U.S. and Texas flags at the Gateway entrance. Council also discussed various options of educating the public on the proper way to display flags on a maritime flagpole.

6.5 Discussion of and possible action regarding coyote control.

Mr. Stall provided Council with information from Texas Parks and Wildlife regarding coyote control. Due to an increase of coyote sightings recently, the City has contacted a private company that will trap and relocate coyotes for a fee. Mr. Stall has scheduled a meeting with the company representative and will report back to Council in two weeks.


7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2012.



ATTEST


Dolly Arohs, Mayor

David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary