City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, August 27, 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

Alderwoman

Dana Woodruff

Alderwoman

Connie Ramirez

Alderman

Matt Webber

Alderman

Steven Jones

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: 1.0

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

- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 4.1 Regular Council Meeting: August 13, 2012

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012 Council Meeting (Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff). carried unanimously.

5.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS**

- 5.1 Mayor Arons met with the POHA on various topics and had the following items to report:
 - Ms. Arons attended the Commissioner's hearing on the dredge materials and marsh placement. The Commission unanimously voted to withdraw the marsh placement proposal. Commissioner Burke also thanked our City for the professionalism that we displayed in our comment letter.
 - Mayor Arons attended a meeting on improvements to be made to Barbour's Cut. The project is expected to last approximately 3-4 months. The project will include deepening to approximately 45 feet, replacing concrete and electrical on the dock and other improvements to accommodate larger cranes. The projected cost for this project is \$6 million.
 - Ms. Arons discussed the future cranes to be purchased at Bayport terminal. Ms. Arons reported that the POHA will be including in their

bid package to crane manufacturers, the requirement to consider noise mitigation on the cranes.

- Reference material was distributed at the meeting to provide information to prevent contracting the West Nile virus. Harris County Public Health has been spraying our area for mosquitoes.
- 5.2 Mayor pro tem Adams reported on the following:
 - Mr. Adams announced that he is at the beginning stage of developing a CARE group. The group will consist of citizen volunteers and donations. There will not be any City funds involved and its main goal is to help our citizens maintain their property according to City's ordinance.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 6.1 Citizen's Comments:
 - 616 Baywood Ms. Darlene Bays asked if the City plans to purchase a mosquito sprayer in the upcoming budget cycle. Also, she commented that the Public Works department needs to have a regular meter reading schedule in place. Her last water bill was very high because it was not read until very late in the month.
 - <u>3511 Bayou</u> Mr. Henry Craddock asked if the City has a process when there is a water outage to notify the City of La Porte Fire department.
 - <u>618 Baywood</u> Ms. Nancy Schnell had a very positive comment on the BlackBoard Connect notifying system and encouraged citizens to sign up. She also addressed the following:
 - Status of the vacant police chief position.
 - Her belief that there is a lack of communication between La Porte and Shoreacres police departments.
 - The outcome of coyote trapping.
 - Speed humps on Miramar.
 - <u>128 Shadylawn</u> Mr. Patrick Stanton asked about the outcome of coyote trapping and the status of the garage ordinance.
 - 1009 Forest Ms. Anita Willis also had a positive comment on the BlackBoard Connect notifying system. She also reported an abandoned swimming pool at the property on the corner of West Bayou and Forest.
 - <u>539 Shadylawn</u> Ms. Sharon Shiedy requested a status report of speed humps on Miramar.
 - <u>619 Oakdale</u> Mr. Michael Le Compte would like an update on the status of the water leak at the property behind his house a few months ago. He also asked if the city has a plan in place for mosquito spraying.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator – Mr. David Stall reported on the following:

Today, the City had emergency water main repairs at Taylor Bayou and all systems were fully operational by 4:45 p.m.

Mr. Stall will be meeting with contractors regarding street and ditch work tomorrow, August 28. Approximately 3500 ft. of ditch work is anticipated to be done.

The Public Works building should be completed by the end of the week.

Received Amendment #2 from the GLO, which will allow us to move money from one project to another to compensate for any shortage. After reviewing all of the projects, there are funds available for additional street work.

We received a rating of "Excellent" from GLO auditors after reviewing our grants files.

The Police Station final walk thru will be tomorrow, August 28.

All three lift stations are in service.

Major work to water plant #1 should be starting soon with the above ground plumbing.

All cables & wiring are complete and installation of equipment is next in line for the telecommunication network for city hall, the police station and the public works building.

Coyote Relocation Project results are: captured 1 coyote; 19 raccoons and 1 cat.

Alderman Jones requested that Mr. Stall present to Council information on the total number of households compared to the number of residents signed up for BlackBoard Connect.

7.2 Mr. Stall gave the following financial report:

General fund \$71,627.04

Utility fund \$49,372.40

Service dep. \$126,797.59

TxCDBG \$332.52

CD's \$247,408.02

TexPool \$1,025,835.29

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

8.2 Discussion and possible action regarding the expiration of Hurricane Ike temporary housing permits #01 (1205 S. Country Club) issued under Ordinance No. 2010-58 that were to be removed on or before August 31, 2012.

There was a motion to extend temporary housing permit #01 to September 30, 2012 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 <u>Discussion and possible action regarding the expiration of Hurricane Ike temporary housing permits #14 (431 Shadylawn) issued under Ordinance No. 2010-58 that were to be removed on or before August 31, 2012.</u>

There was a motion to extend temporary housing permit #14 to October 15, 2012 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Steven Jones). Motion carried unanimously.

8.4 <u>Consideration and action to cast a ballot for the Texas Municipal</u> Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustee election.

Due to the close proximity of our two cities, Mr. Stall gave his recommendation to cast the ballot for Mr. Stokes, who is the City Manager of Deer Park, and the current incumbent trustee. There was a motion to cast a ballot for Jay Stokes for board of trustee TML region 14 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Matt Webber). Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 <u>Discussion and possible action regarding renaming parallel portions of Bayou Drive on the east and west sides of Taylor Bayou to East Bayou Drive and West Bayou Drive respectively.</u>

Mr. Stall requested that Council consider renaming Bayou Drive to East and West Bayou Drive, for the sake of eliminating confusion in an emergency response situation. Residents that are living on Bayou Dr. already refer to the street as East or West Bayou. No action was necessary.

Dolly Argns, Mayor

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

ATTEST

David K. Stall, CFM

City Administrator / City Secretary