City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, October 22, 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 Connie Ramirez

Alderwoman Alderman

Matt Webber

Alderman

Steven Jones

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

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

- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/Texas Pledge
- 3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 4.1 There was a motion to approve September 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting (Dana Woodruff/ Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

5.1 Mayor pro tem Adams attended Harris County Mayor's and Councilmen's Association meeting.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen's Comments:

1009 West Forest - Ms. Anita Willis has the following request/comments:

- Ms. Willis asked for a copy of the final demolition certificate and a letter from the City allowing her to retain the existing patio.
- Would like more clarification on items that are acceptable for the upcoming heavy trash pick-up.

<u>616 Baywood</u> - Ms. Darlene Bays would like clarification on (1) the City's deficit budget and (2) Grant budget reporting.

222 E. Forest - Mr. Daniel McNeil asked about the City's failed water reports.

128 Shadylawn - Mr. Patrick Stanton asked about the status of the garage ordinance.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Heavy trash pick-up postcard mail-out: In an effort to provide our citizens with a more convenient way of disposing of large household items, the City has contracted with Allied Waste to haul off large household items and vegetation on the first Monday of every month beginning on November 5, 2012. More details are printed on the postcard.

New recycling day: To better accommodate our citizens and operate a more efficient Public Works department, the recycling pick-up will be changed to Tuesday of each week. Postcards will be mail-out to our residents this week notifying them of the new recycling pick-up date.

Responding to Ms. Bays questions: (1) For the last 7 years, Council has approved operating budgets that included the transfer of funds from the reserves to pay for budgeted expenses. In the 3 years before IKE, we did not use any of the approved budgeted transfer amounts. Two years after IKE, we started to draw budgeted funds from the reserves fund to pay for repairs that were not covered by insurance. (2) The TxCDBG grant is a federal funded grant, strictly monitored by the GLO and audited annually. The City does not have any authority over the money distribution or spending.

Responding to Mr. McNeil's comment: The City did not receive a failed water report from the TCEQ. There were two technical violations but they did not affect the quality of the city's water supply. The violations were timing issues on water sampling and reporting.

Responding to Mr. Stanton's question: The Planning & Zoning committee and the city attorney met on October 17 to discuss a possible ordinance regarding garages for elevated houses. A public notice was published on November 1 and a public hearing is set for November 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm. The preliminary report will be available for viewing this week.

The City's new telecommunication system are now 99% complete:

- Police department has a new administrative phone number 281-307-1950.
- Public Works' old phone number 281-470-6451 is now fully functional.
- There is a new pre-recorded Information line 281-307-1999.
- City Hall 281-471-2244 and Court 281-471-3340 number did not change.
- All staff members have their own direct line with voice mail.

TxCDBG Round 1 Water Plant #1 project updates are as follow:

One water well is fully complete and we are currently progressing on the second well.

Water Plant #2 improvements:

Altitude valves were installed last week. The valve may result in enhanced water pressure, once water plant 1 is operational.

Elevated water tank inspection:

Under the supervision of the city engineer, the city had a private firm perform a thorough inspection of the elevated water tank. Due to the age and the condition of the tank, they recommend that the water tower be replaced in 2 or 3 years.

Financial Report are as follows:

General Fund balance \$ 37,754.20Utility Fund balance \$ 44,189.07

TexPool \$953,933.89

Certificate of deposits \$260,000.00

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 <u>Update on participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.</u>

Our application to participate in the CRS program will be reviewed in March 2013 during the application acceptance period.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

Dolly Argons, May

ATTEST

David K. Stall, CFM

City Administrator / City Secretary