City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:04 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 (absent)

Alderwoman

Connie Ramirez

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 Arons at 7:04 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the minutes of the January 14, 2013, regular council meeting were postponed to the next meeting.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Arons attended the following meetings:
 - Along with other mayors in the region, Mayor Arons attended the Port of Houston Authority meeting where newly elect Chairwoman Janice Longoria presided over her first meeting.
 - Ms. Arons is still trying to schedule a meeting with Roger Guenther, Port of Houston Authority, to discuss mitigation options for Bayport. Mr. Guenther has been out of the country.
 - Mayor Arons met with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding maintenance dredging of the ship channel.
- 5.2 Mayor pro tem Adams had no new items to report.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 <u>Citizen's Comments</u>:

1009 West Forest - Ms. Anita Willis commented on the following:

- The City installed a new fire hydrant on the corner of Centre and Forest, but the City did not install the blue identifying marker on the street for emergency vehicles.
- There is no city limit sign on Highway 146 southbound, as you enter Shoreacres.
- When there is a Federal holiday approaching, Ms. Willis would like to have the City staff send out an automated call message notifying citizens of any change in the trash pick-up schedule.
- Ms. Willis was awakened at 5:00 AM yesterday morning by very loud noises coming from three idling barges. Not only the noises are annoying, but idling engines also contribute to the pollution of our atmosphere.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

7.1.1 General Activity:

Below are Mr. Stall's responses to Ms. Willis' concerns and his report on the general activity:

- About a year ago, the City began marking the location of fire hydrants with blue reflective markers as an aid for emergency vehicles. Now that most of the street work is complete, Public Works staff will continue placing the blue hydrant markings.
- As for the city limit sign on the Southbound side of Highway 146, there
 has not been a city limit sign southbound for approximately 10 years.
 The subject was raised at the pre-construction meeting and the
 contractor will install a Shoreacres city limit sign once the construction
 is complete.
- Trash pick-up notices are always printed on the back of the water bill.
 There are very few holidays when there is no trash pick-up and those holidays are listed on our website.
- Last Thursday, AT&T had a telecom outage in our area for most of the day. This halted the City's telecommunication system and internet service. The outage also caused late e-mail delivery of tonight's agenda to our subscribers. The City's internal server was updated last Thursday but we were unable to upload it to the domain server until this morning. As always, a hard copy of the Council meeting agenda was posted on our bulletin board last Thursday, January 24.
- Mr. Stall had a follow up meeting this morning with the General Land Office representative, in which he confirmed his continued support to assist us with any projects that we might have coming up.
- Tomorrow, Harris County infrastructure division will have a preconstruction meeting for Round 2.2 street projects.
- Wednesday, January 30 is the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the May 11 general election. Friday, March 1 at noon is the deadline for filing for a place on the ballot.

- Mr. Stall received a phone call today from the Texas Water Development Board representative in the Floodplain Administrative Division. They are working together with the ISO representative to schedule a CAFV review in mid-February. Our main goal is to complete and submit the CAFV report by the end of February, so we can get in on the current cycle of the CRS flood insurance discount.
- Mr. Stall informed Council that he will be absent at the next Council meeting. He will be on vacation from February 9th to the 17th

7.2 <u>Monthly Financial Report is as follow:</u>

General Fund balance	\$167,369.01
Utility Fund balance	\$ 22,757.29
Service Deposit balance	\$130,056.67
TxCDBG Fund balance	\$104,706.38
TexPool Interest	\$ 90.03
Property Tax collected as of December 2012	\$497,194.84
General Sales Tax collected from Oct. to Jan. 2013	\$ 20,400.62
Road Maintenance Sales Tax collected from Oct. to Jan. 2013	\$ 5,100.15

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

8.2 Consideration and action to excuse absences of Alderman Woodruff.

There was a motion to excuse Alderman Woodruff's absences for January 14th and 28th. (Matt Webber / Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 <u>Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-135 amending residential garage requirements for houses elevated on piers.</u>

There was a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-135 as proposed by the Planning and Zoning Commission (Connie Ramirez / Second: Richard Adams). Motion carried 3 to 1 with Alderman Jones's opposing.

8.4 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2013-102 authorizing the City Administrator to purchase one (1) police vehicle through the cooperative purchase program of the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

There was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-102. (Richard Adams / Second: Steven Jones). Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 Consideration and approval to surplus and sell (2) police vehicles, a 2005 Ford Expedition and 2010 Dodge Charger.

There was a motion to approve the sale of (2) police vehicles. (Connie Ramirez / Second: Steven Jones.) Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Consideration and action to approve Resolution No. 2013-104 authorizing the execution of a rerate agreement renewing and extending an Interlocal Agreement

with TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool for the purpose of providing certain employee benefits.

There was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-104. (Matt Webber / Second: Connie Ramirez.) Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.

Dolly Argns, Mayor

ATTEST

David K. Stall, CFM

City Administrator / City Secretary