City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:01 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 Alderman Connie Ramirez

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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 7:01 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Proclamation - Fair Housing Month

Mayor Arons proclaimed the month of April 2013, as Fair Housing month in the City of Shoreacres, Texas.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting minutes, March 25, 2013. There was a motion to approve the March 25, 2013 minutes regular Council Meeting. Connie Ramirez / Second: Dana Woodruff. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Arons reported on the following:
 - Mayor Arons received updates from Mr. Jack Rodriguez, Precinct 2, on the "Better Streets to Neighborhood" road project for the city. His staff has completed the survey work and is going out for bids. The start date for the project is still in line for late May/early June.
 - Mr. Stall and Mayor Arons attended the State of the Cities Luncheon hosted by the La Porte Chamber of Commerce.
 - CenterPoint will be performing routine inspections on their electrical lines from April 15 to April 25, via helicopters.
 - At the request of Ms. Willis, Mayor Arons provided information on the CAC meeting.
 a) TxDOT has indicated that they will repave Old Hwy 146 in about three years. (b) Exxon had a pipeline break over the weekend; A non-poisonous gas (propylene glycol) was released.
- 5.2 Mayor pro tem Adams will be attending the SEACAP meeting on Wednesday.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

<u>618 Baywood</u> – Ms. Nancy Schnell welcomed back Councilwoman Dana Woodruff. She commended Public Works staff for the excellent maintenance job that they are doing throughout the city. Ms. Schnell requested from Mayor Arons that she get equal treatment during council meetings.

1017 W. Forest – Mr. David Jennings stated that some of the candidates' campaign signs are not in compliance with the election code. He discussed trailers remaining in the city. He recognizes that the new house being constructed at 126 Oakdale is almost completed. But he asked Council to take serious action on the removal of the FEMA trailer on Meadowlawn and Forest. These trailers are bringing down home values in our area. Mr. Jennings also asked about enforcement of the dogs running at large ordinance. Mr. Jennings commended Chief Newman for the excellent job that he's doing since becoming our new police Chief.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator

- 7.1.1 General activity report Mr. Stall reported that the city has received almost all of the hand held radios for the police officers through a \$50,000 grant. Two of our Public Works employees participated with the City of La Porte in the Household Hazardous waste collection last week. In coordination with the City of La Porte, the city raised the valve at Shoreacres Blvd. and Old Hwy 146 to the correct height. The city received the FEMA flood plain map and there are some changes for our city. The largest change is at the west end of our city, on Windleaf Street. The map will be out for public comments in a few weeks. The city will participate in a round table meeting with other Flood Plain Administrators next week in Nassau Bay.
- 7.2 <u>Monthly Police Department Report</u> The report was included in the council packet. Chief Newman reported that the number of traffic citations is up. There were three theft reports this month, (1) stolen antique bath tub, (1) credit card fraud, and (1) theft of service. Three code violation letters were sent--2 for dead trees and 1 for a dirty pool. Officer Thompson received his TASER instructor's certification.
- 7.3 Monthly Public Works Report The report was included in the council packet. The city is back on its regular ditch mowing schedule and is starting at the West end of the city and working toward the East end. We have a fewer number of water breaks this month and are working on rehabilitating the playground equipment at Circle Park.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

8.2 <u>Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2013-106 authorizing the City Administrator to contract for the installation of a 12-inch gate valve on a waste water discharge force main.</u>

The valve at the force main pipeline that delivers waste water to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority for treatment is failing and needs to be replaced. There was a motion

to approve Resolution No. 2013-106. (Dana Woodruff / Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

- 8.3 <u>Discussion and possible action regarding the expiration of Hurricane Ike temporary housing permits issued under Ordinance No. 2010-58 that were extended to expire on April 8, 2013.</u>
 - 8.2.1 Permit #10 126 Oakdale: There was a motion to extend permit #10 to May 13, 2013. (Dana Woodruff / Second: Steven Jones). Motion carried unanimously.
 - 8.2.2 Permit #13 518 Meadowlawn: There was a motion to extend permit #13 to May 13, 2013. Mr. Webber amended the motion to require that the homeowner or Harris County Recovers provide proof of progress to Council. (Connie Ramirez / Second: Matt Webber). Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Ramirez requested that a status report on the temporary housing located on Forest be presented at the next council meeting.

8.4 Consideration and action to approve rescheduling the first regular city council meeting of May from Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 to Tuesday, May 28.

This is to reschedule the <u>second</u> meeting in May from the 27th to the 28th. There was a motion to reschedule the regular city council meeting from May 27 to May 28. (Dana Woodruff / Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 <u>Discussion and possible action regarding the city's administrative policy related to the placement of political campaign signs.</u>

The city code does not specifically address campaign signs. It falls under the requirements specified for personal signs. Councilmembers discussed the city's campaign sign policy and whether the code needs to be revised to include the policy for campaign signs. Council members decided to leave the existing code as is and include the policy for campaign signs in future election packets. No action was taken on this item.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 22nd DAY OF April, 2013.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CF

City Administrator / City Secretary

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