

# City of Shoreacres



## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, April 22, 2013 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
Aldерwoman	Dana Woodruff
Aldерwoman	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 7:00 p.m.

### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 3.1 Proclamation – Motorcycle Awareness

Mayor Arons proclaimed the month of May 2013, as Motorcycle Awareness month in the City of Shoreacres, Texas.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting minutes, April 8, 2013. There was a motion (Connie Ramirez / Second: Dana Woodruff) to approve the April 8, 2013 minutes of the regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### 5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

5.1 Mayor Arons has no items to report.

5.2 Mayor pro tem Adams attended the SEACAP meeting on Wednesday, April 10 and reported on the following:

- There are about 2,000 trucks per day going through the Port of Houston. For the last 11 years the Port continues to be the top ranking Port for the number of exports in tonnage & dollar amount.
- Bayport Cruise Terminal is expecting the addition of the Princess Cruise line (3,080 passengers) on November 5, 2013 and the Norwegian Jewel (2,376 passengers) in the fall of 2014. It is anticipated that the majority of cruise line passengers will be arriving or departing via bus or taxi, to alleviate any parking issues. Noise levels will be at a minimum (ship horn blowing only), and it should only be on weekends from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Odfjell USA announced that they are planning to add 10 new tanks to their facility on Port Rd.

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- The next SEACAP meeting will be May 8 and Styrolutions will be the host.

### 6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### 6.1 Citizen's Comments:

122 E. Forest – Ms. Nylia Stevenson asked if the city has any information regarding the future plans of the old Bayshore Elementary property.

1009 W. Forest – Ms. Anita Willis suggested that the city look into the possibility of erecting “Deer Crossing” signs on Shoreacres Blvd. and Broadway. She also asked if Allied Waste has new summer hours for trash pickup, because last Thursday they picked up very early at 7:18 am.

1017 W. Forest – Mr. David Jennings addressed the following:

- a) Overgrown bushes on the property at the corner of W. Forest and Centre are blocking the driver’s view of on-coming cars and he foresees this as a potential hazard.
- b) Commented that there are not enough deer in our area to warrant the idea of spending money for “Deer Crossing” signs.
- c) Does not agree with the city’s irrigation meter policy of requiring a deposit for a new irrigation account, when the homeowner already has a regular water account. He felt insulted by this and would like for Council to re-visit the policy with Mr. Stall.
- d) A few weeks ago, concerns were raised to Council from a resident regarding the continuing decline of home values in the city. The resident indicated that the information was confirmed by an employee from the Appraisal’s office. Mr. Jennings conducted his own research using information available on HCAD’s website, and would like to report that the statement above is incorrect. Home values on Forest are steadily increasing. A good example is the recent sale of a house where the owner received more than the asking price and the house was on the market for only a few days. Therefore, Mr. Jennings would like to commend our City Administrator - David Stall for doing a great job of rehabilitating the city after Ike and the same goes to all council members.
- e) Commended Chief Newman and his officers for a great job. Police are very visible throughout the city, which gives the citizens a secure feeling.

618 Baywood – Ms. Nancy Schnell commented that for the last few weeks, she has noticed that there is standing water on Bayou and Shoreacres Blvd. The homeowner at 1007 Shore Acres, has mentioned to her that they recognize their bushes are extremely overgrown and would like to rectify the situation, but are afraid for their safety due to the amount of traffic on Shoreacres Blvd. Ms. Schnell asked if the Public Works staff would help the homeowner by placing cones and be present with the truck’s flashing lights turned on to warn drivers while they’re trimming the bushes.

616 Baywood – Ms. Darlene Gamble Bays asked if the city is responsible for the section of the road at the entrance to the Bayou Forest subdivision. It is in very bad shape and needs repair. She also would like a status report from Chief Newman on the property located on Shore Acres Blvd. that has a dilapidated RV in the driveway. Ms. Bays suggested that the city provide a mini version of council's packet to be handed out to citizens at future meetings.

3510 E. Country Club - Ms. Hana Pinard commented that she is in agreement with members of the motorcycles club that were here tonight - that all drivers need to pay closer attention to not only motorcycles, but bicycles also.

**7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

7.1 City Administrator

7.1.1 General activity report – Mr. Stall reported that at the intersection of Centre and S. Country Club, the Public Works department is installing a new water line that will include an 8-inch water main. The city will be replacing the fire hydrant at this location and adding an additional hydrant on the south side of Shoreacres Blvd. which will increase the city’s fire fighting capacity. This work is being performed in-house, utilizing funds that were budgeted for water main improvement.

Collection of old tires will be added to our weekly curbside recycle pick-up.

In response to questions raised by residents, Mr. Stall indicated that (1) Allied Waste trash collection is from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Trash should be placed at the curb before 7:00 am on collection day. (2) The section of street in front of the Bayou Forest Subdivision belongs to, and is maintained by TxDOT. Public Works crew can perform a temporary repair with an application of cold patch.

Monthly financial report at March 31:

General Fund	\$445,768.53
Utility Fund	\$87,455.30
Service Deposit Fund	\$134,070.39
TxCDBG Fund	\$1,845.04
Reimbursed TxPool	\$804,417.74
Total of 4 CD's	\$249,681.34

Property tax collection - total taxable value of \$97,013,187. Budgeted amount is \$819,161.10 and amount collected to date is \$790,037.92 [99% collection rate]. General sales tax budgeted amount is \$50,000; collected to date is \$30,528.62.

**8.0 BUSINESS**

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

8.2 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2013-107 authorizing the City Administrator to purchase one (1) excavator.

The city has budgeted \$28,000 for the purchase of a small excavator, which will be used for water & sewer line repairs in back yards and small areas. There were three price quotes obtained and the lowest quote is from Landsdowne Moody for \$22,446.38; it is a KX18 Kubota excavator with a 16" bucket. In addition, the city will need to purchase a trailer to accommodate the excavator. The trailer is not included in the price quote of \$22,446.38. Together, the excavator and trailer purchases will not exceed the budgeted amount of \$28,000.

There was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-107. (Dana Woodruff / Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Discussion and possible action regarding Hurricane Ike temporary housing permit #6 (1009 West Forest, expired February 11, 2013) to enforce removal of such previously permitted temporary housing.

Councilwoman Ramirez requested a status report on the temporary housing located at 1009 W. Forest to which the temporary permit has been expired and there is no action to move forward with the removal of the temporary housing unit. Council members were informed that enforcement action has been initiated and is scheduled for court on May 9, 2013. The homeowner submitted a letter indicating that there is a potential buyer who has placed a deposit and is in the process of obtaining financing. Currently, the temporary housing owner has no back-up plan in case the potential buyer financing falls through.

8.4 Discussion of building code requirements for electrical service to the recreation pier.

This item was placed on the agenda to present information on the lighting at the pier. The Pier Association is in the process of replacing the electric meter on the pier, which needs to be raised to comply with FEMA minimum base flood level requirements. For residents to be able to purchase flood insurance, the city adopted FEMA's minimum base flood level requirements. As a result, the electrical box will need to be relocated to a higher point on an electrical pole.

Councilman Webber asked the following questions: When was the meter pulled out of service? When did the city issue the electrical permit? Were there any directives from the city regarding the requirement of elevating the meter box and the rest of the equipment when the permits were issued? Does the city provide written instructions to any specialized license contractors as to how to perform the job?

There were many offers of donations varying from money to materials. A fundraiser is scheduled. The city indicated that it may be able to assist with placement of a pole in that area, which the Pier Association would be able to use for the electrical meter. The mayor suggested that Charles Haist and the city administrator coordinate their efforts.

8.5 Discussion and possible action regarding Circle Park playground equipment.

The Public Works Department has completed the repair of the steps on the playground bridge. Public Works staff will be inspecting the playground equipment every Monday for any damages that may need repairs. Councilman Webber suggested that council consider including in next year's budget, an amount for playground equipment repair and/or replacement.

8.6 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-137 appointing the Election Judge, Alternate Judge, Election Clerks, Early Voting Balloting Board, and Marshal for the May 11, 2013 General Election.

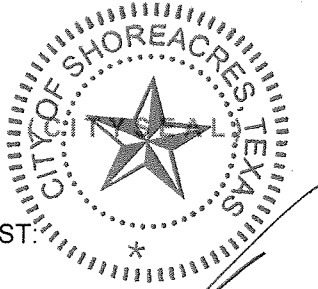
This item confirms the pay for election judges for the May 11, 2013 General Election. The rate of pay for election judge and clerks will be \$10 per hour. Mr. Stan Krauhs, Mr. Phil Yovino and Mr. David Williams will work the polls on Election Day. Ms. Barbara Eldridge will be available as a translator at the rate of \$25 per hour. Chief Newman will be the City Marshal. There was a motion (Matt Webber/Second: Richard Adams) to adopt Ordinance 2013-137. Motion carried unanimously.

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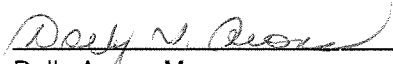
**9.0 ADJOURNMENT.**


The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2013.



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Dolly Argns, Mayor

  
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David K. Stall, CFM  
City Administrator / City Secretary