City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, May 13, 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

Alderwoman

Dana Woodruff

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 7:00 p.m.

- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 4.1 Regular Council Meeting, April 22, 2013. There was a motion to approve the April 22, 2013 regular Council Meeting minutes. (Dana Woodruff / Second: Connie Ramirez.) Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 <u>Mayor Arons</u> reported on the following:
 - The Houston-Galveston Area Council approved the expansion of Highway
 146 from Repsdorph Rd. to Kemah. The project is scheduled to start in 2014.
 - Due to unforeseen problems with the new telecommunication system, the CAER line telephone number will stay the same at 281-476-2237.
- 5.2 <u>Mayor pro-tem Adams</u> attended the SEACAP meeting and reported the following information:
 - The Port phase 3 gate [on Port Rd.] is now open.
 - The flyover is progressing as expected and TxDOT anticipates that the project will be completed at the end of 2013.
 - It was reported that there are approximately 400 trucks per hour which equates to 3,200 trucks per day entering the Port of Houston.

- American Acryl is currently hiring for many positions. Please contact their office if interested.
- Gulf Coast Waste Disposal facility is open for small tours. If interested please call 281-474-4111 or e-mail omartin@GEWDA.com
- The sound wall at Bayou Forest is back on track.
- The next SEACAP meeting will be held at Armand Bayou.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

<u>122 Meadowlawn</u> – Mr. Charles Haist reported a dirty pool at a vacant lot on Miramar.

<u>515 Oakdale</u> – Mrs. Hill expressed her gratitude to Chief Newman, Brock Proctor of Public Works and Officer Vela, for their quick actions in their attempt to save Mr. Hill's life after he suffered a heart attack in their driveway. The employees stayed with Mrs. Hill, to provide emotional support and comfort until additional family arrived.

<u>618 Baywood</u> – Ms. Nancy Schnell applauded the functionality of the electronic sign at the entrance, to remind citizens to vote on Election Day. She also would like our City to get together with Seabrook and La Porte, to approach TxDOT with assigning the far left lane on Hwy 146 as the "No Truck" lane. This will help tremendously with traffic control and safety.

1009 W. Forest - Ms. Anita Willis requested a status report on the house at 902 N. Country Club.

<u>1342 Miramar</u> – Ms. Charlotte Wells commented that she would like the City to take a more aggressive approach to get the property owners at 211 Shore Acres Blvd. and 902 N. Country Club to clean-up their lots.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator Report:

Mr. Stall responded to comments regarding 902 N. Country Club indicating that

- The legal enforcement of this property has been turned over to the city attorney for action in District Court.
- The property is currently in probate limbo.
- A citation was been issued to the "heir" of the property with a date to appear in court however the heir did not appear in court. This citation has now turned into a warrant. Also, the "heir" does not have clear title to the property.
- The property is in foreclosure status according to the finance company.
 - 7.1.1 <u>General activity report</u> A change order for the water plant has been approved for piping and additional valves. The amendment has been approved and the plant is expected to be completed in the next

ninety days. Councilman Webber asked "If the change order was initiated by the engineer or by the City?" Mr. Stall responded that it was a joint proposition--the engineering firm requested the change in design and pipe size for better pressure and the City requested additional valves.

The Coastal Impact Assistance Program grant for erosion control at the waterfront is scheduled to be on the Harris County Commissioners Court's agenda. The grant amount is \$242,500, which will provide for engineering, design, permitting and environmental costs. Work on the waste water valves should be completed at the end of May. The mini excavator authorized for purchase has been delivered.

7.1.2 <u>Election update</u> – the unofficial results from the May 11, 2013 General Election are as follow:

Mr. Rick Moses 157 votes
Ms. Nancy Schnell 137 votes
Mr. Bo Bunker 108 votes

Citizens approved the re-authorization of the local sales tax at the rate of ¼ of a percent to continue to provide revenue for maintenance and road repair. It passed 195 to 47.

- 7.1.3 <u>Highway signage update</u> The city erected a total of three city limit Signs--1 on the North bound side of Highway 146, 1 on the South bound side of Highway 146, and 1 on Choate Rd. There will also be [4] signs for the Yacht Club--two were installed on the feeder road of Highway 146 and the city is asking TxDOT to have the other two signs installed on the main portion of Highway 146.
- 7.1.4 Playground equipment update The city is reviewing price quotes to repair or replace some of the playground equipment. There are some funds available to perform a portion of the repair work. The city administrator will discuss the issue with Council if the cost exceeds available funds.
- 7.1.5 Recreation pier electrical update The city has erected its own electrical pole on Miramar for future use. At the request of the Pier Association, the city will mark the 18 foot elevation as a guide for the Association's electrical box. A member of the Pier Association informed the city that CenterPoint agreed to service the electrical box by using a bucket truck so no platform will be required.
- 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 69 traffic violations; 9 code enforcement letters and 3 thefts -- 2 for credit cards and 1 cell phone theft. The cell phone was recovered by Officer Harrison and returned to the owner. Chief Newman also would like to congratulate

reserve Officer, Gerry Ford, who has received his Advance Peace Officer license.

7.3 <u>Monthly Public Works Report</u> – The report was included in the council packet. Public Works has started the installation of an 8" water main at South Country Club Drive. The tonnage of last month's heavy trash pick-up is greater than expected and if this trend continues the city will be stretching its financial resources to fund this program.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 <u>Consideration and approval of invoices.</u>

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

8.2 Consideration and acceptance of Annual Financial Audit FY 2011/2012.

There was a motion to accept the Annual Financial Audit of FY 2011/2012. (Connie Ramirez / Second: Dana Woodruff). Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Update, status and discussion of city streets that are scheduled for repaving.

Mr. Stall gave an update of streets repairs that are scheduled for repaving as part of the "Better Streets 2 Neighborhoods" program funded by Harris County Precinct 2, which is scheduled for June 2013.

8.4 <u>Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2013-108 nominating a representative to the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation (SETH)</u>
Board of Directors for a two-year term ending April 30, 2015.

There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-108 nominating Mr. Philip Yovino to the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation (SETH) Board of Directors for a two-year term ending April 30, 2015. (Dana Woodruff / Second: Matt Webber). Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 28th DAY OF May, 2013.

Dolly Arons, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CPM

City Administrator / City Secretary