

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, October 14, 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:

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| Mayor | Matt Webber |
| Mayor pro tem | Rick Moses |
| Alderman | Steven Jones |
| Alderwoman | Nancy J. Schnell |
| Alderman | Bo Bunker |
| Alderman | Mike Wheeler |

City Administrator / City Secretary David K. Stall

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webber at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting September 23, 2013. Mike Wheeler moved to approve the September 23, 2013 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.2 Regular Council Meeting September 30, 2013. Nancy Schnell moved to approve the September 30, 2013 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Bo Bunker. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.3 Special Council Meeting October 7, 2013. Rick Moses moved to approve the October 7, 2013 Special Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Webber – attended the East End Mayor's Meeting Hosted by the City of Deer Park. The main discussion of the meeting was the Biggert Water Act and the opening of the Bayport cruise ship terminal.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Public Hearing – Proposed FY-2013/2014 Operating Budgets: Mayor Webber opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. and the following are comments from residents:

- Gerry Victor – 3346 Miramar, Mr. Victor stated that the City's budgeted expenses for the fiscal year 2013/14, exceeds its income. Council had held several workshops trying find ways to reduce costs. Mr. Victor asked council if they are burned out and if they are, then they will just need to accept the budget at hand and re-visit it again in January.
- Darlene Gamble Bays – Baywood, Ms. Bays urged council to act responsibly and not to dip into the reserve funds in order to accommodate the suggested fiscal 2013/2014 budget. She stated that personnel cost are too high and that the amount will need to be reduced greatly; she also is opposed to raising taxes or utility rates.
- David Jennings – 1017 W. Forest Ave., Mr. Jennings thanked Council for their hard work on the budget but there's still more work to be done. He asked council to vote against the proposed budget.
- Charlotte Wells – Miramar, Ms. Wells asked for an explanation of changes from the 1st proposed budget to the now revised budget. She also stated that the City needs to set aside funds to modify our water infrastructure and as far as the budget for Public Works Department, yes, she does agree with cutting out the additional vehicle purchase but sees no need to cut public works personnel. Ms. Wells then advised Council to stay within our means and Thanked council for their hard work.

There were no additional comments and the Public Hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

The regular council meeting reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

6.2 Citizen's Comments:

Mr. Stan Krauhs – 1102 Shore Acres Blvd., Mr. Krauhs would like to acknowledge all of the council members for their hard work tackling the difficult task of balancing the budget. He understands that it will not be balance this year but we are on the right track. He especially would like to acknowledge Bo Bunker for putting in extra efforts by meeting with individual department heads to go over the budget with them. Furthermore, he acknowledged Nancy Schnell: (1) for willing to propose cut in areas that are not enjoyable; (2) For posting of recorded meetings on the City's website for citizens to listen to at their convenience.

David Jennings – 1017 W. Forest Ave. Mr. Jennings stated that there is a conflict with tonight's agenda it has to do with the budget approval and the ordinance to increase the water rate. He also commended Officer Ford for his law enforcement professionalism.

Gerry Victor – 3346 Miramar, Mr. Victor addressed that there are still more cuts needed to be made in salary, benefits and positions. Need to bring businesses into the City. Tax increase will not help. Utility rates will need to be increased in order for us to be comparable with surrounding areas.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator Report:

7.1.2 Street and drainage project updates - Round 2.2 concrete streets project are projected to be fully completed October 31. BetterStreets2Neighborhoods project will be finished this week.

Bids were opened for additional streets in Round 1 earlier today and the low bid was Mar-Con at \$355,039.40.

7.1.3 Water and Sewer project updates - The water & sewer plant project walk thru was completed last week and the contractor has a long punch list to work on.

7.1.4 NFIP Community Rating System update - Had a phone conversation with our CRS specialist today, she stated that she will not be able to work on FEMA's request for another two weeks, it is slow going but the application is moving forward.

7.2 Monthly Police Department report – Chief Massey suggested for a few changes to be made to the monthly report to Council.

7.3 Monthly Public Works Department report – Water purchase continued to increase due to numerous of water leaks. We should see a drop in the number of water leaks in October, as cooler temperatures approaching.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices

Rick Moses moved to pay our bills; seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Discussion, consideration and action by Ordinance No. 2013-144 to adopt the General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets for fiscal year 2013/2014.

Mike Wheeler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-144; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carries with Mike Wheeler, Rick Moses, and Bo Bunker in favor. Steven Jones and Nancy Schnell opposed.

8.3 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-145 establishing the 2013 property tax rate for the City of Shoreacres.

Steven Jones moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-145; seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carries unanimously.

8.4 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-146 amending the City Code relating to intra-county expense allowance of mayor and city councilmen.

Nancy Schnell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-146; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carries unanimously.

Then Nancy Schnell moved to amend the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-146 amending the City Code relating to intra-county expense allowance of mayor and city councilmen, specific to Section 2-38 B and C. Motion carries unanimously.

8.5 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-147 amending the City Code relating to rates and charges for water and sewer services.

Nancy Schnell moved to close the discussion on item 8.5 and re-schedule it for the next council meeting.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT.**

Rick Moses moved to adjourn; second by Bo Bunker. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.



Matt Webber, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary