

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, November 25, 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	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 PRESENTATION

3.1 Life Saving Award: Officer Steve Ford

Mayor Webber presented Officer Ford with an award for saving the life of a citizen on November 4, 2013. Thank-you Officer Ford for a job well done.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting October 28, 2013. Rick Moses moved to approve the October 28, 2013 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Bo Bunker. Motion carried with Steven Jones abstaining.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

5.1 Mayor Webber – Report on meetings attended.

There were no items to report.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Scott Tuma: Curve at West Country Club and South Country Club

Mr. Tuma addresses his concerns regarding the dangerous curve at West & South Country Club. He would like to have a “Dangerous Curve Ahead” sign posted and lower the speed limit to 10 mph at the turn.

6.2 Christina Tuma: Speed limit on South Country Club

Ms. Tuma requested for additional 20mph speed limit signs to be installed starting at Centre. She also asked for Ordinance 2012-124 to be revised to

include South Country Club as a 20 mph street, so that our officers can issue citations to violators.

6.3 Citizen's Comments:

Mr. Michael Schnell – 618 Baywood: Mr. Schnell would like to clarify and confirmed that his family does not have any vendetta or conspiracy against Officer Newman or retired Chief Randall French.

Ms. Dana Woodruff – 3534 Miramar: Ms. Woodruff stated that she's concerns about some "trending" over the past few months, referencing Item 8.6. She also spoke directly to Alderwoman Nancy Schnell, asking her to find something constructive in the community to occupy her time. Ms. Woodruff's objected to certain directives of the City Administrator to create reports because of a personal vendetta. Mr. Stall is an added value to the community; he has brought tremendous improvements to our city after IKE. Let's cut-out the vendetta and just let him do his job.

Mr. Mike Clark – 413 Baywood: Mr. Clark asked Councils "Where does the buck stops with the City?" He mentioned issues with the last two police Chiefs; problems with Public Works, water meters not being read, etc. He stated that at his job, if employees weren't consistently performing their duties, someone would be responsible for that. The city needs to have a clear vision to work toward and we need to stop with all of the factionalism.

Ms. Vicki Ellis – 414 Baywood: Ms. Ellis addressed her comments to Mr. Stall, stating that she has enjoyed working with him through the years. She's opposed to the act of putting people on the agenda, critiquing their work ethics and humiliating them until they get mad and quit or resign. Ms. Ellis is in total agreement that these actions needs to stop and for us to move forward.

Mr. Gerry Victor – 3346 Miramar: Mr. Victor raised his concerns about the city's water system in case of a catastrophic event. He also, asked about the water interconnect with the City of La Porte.

Mr. Neil Moyer – 1118 N. Country Club: Mr. Moyer proposed the installation of ropes as a temporary speed humps. These can be put down and pull up with ease. And the costs are very low. Secondly, he's opposed to wasting (his own or others) tax dollars requiring the City Administrator to put together reports that Council members can do on their own.

Ms. Charlotte Wells – 3342 Miramar: Ms. Wells applauded Council on the work that they did trying to reduce the budget. She also said that for years, the city were run without a City Administrator, it just takes a lot of commitments from the Mayor and Council members. We need to stay within our means on the budget. She appreciated questions raised in Item 8.6 and that it wasn't a "he said, she said" or an "us against them," we are one City; she then thanked Council for actively attending meetings.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator Report: The Byway waterline project is well under way. This will be a great improvement in the water distribution and fire hydrants. The annual field audit is scheduled for February. As of this afternoon, we've received 22 applications for the Police Chief position. The City's Annual Pot Luck dinner is being proposed for December 5th.

7.1.2 Street and drainage grant project updates - Round 2.2 street projects are at completion, the recent rains pointed out a couple of drains that will need to be lowered.

7.1.3 Water and Sewer grant project updates - No new progress to report.

7.1.4 Emergency dispatch service update. Emergency dispatch service with the City of La Porte is on their agenda for approval tonight. Provided service termination noticed to Lakeview effective on December 30th. The City will send out notices to citizens of the new dispatch phone number so they can give it to their alarm companies.

7.2 Monthly Police Department report.

Chief Massey commended Officer Ford for his quick action and professionalism in the manner and extent in which he stepped forward and performed CPR, and as a result, saved the life of a member of our community on November 4, 2013. We are very fortunate to have Officer Ford as a member of our force and would like to thank him for a job well done! He also noted that Officer Ford is a reserve officer making minimum wage.

7.3 Monthly Public Works Department report.

Mr. Sutton's reported that water purchase dropped this month to 6.5 million gallons compared to September purchase of 8.1 million gallons. There were only 4 water leaks for the month. We will be sending staff to classes in the month of November and December, to keep current with licensing requirements by TCEQ.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices

Rick Moses moved to pay our bills; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-148 awarding a contract for the reconstruction of two city streets and associated drainage identified as street segments 33 (East Forest) and 36 (Oakdale) as set out on the city's street maintenance map.

The contract was awarded to Mar-Con Services. Mike Wheeler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-148; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Discussion, consideration and possible action to create a hiring committee for upper management positions.

Rick Moses led the discussion of forming a committee to select a police chief candidate to be presented to council for approval. He clarified that it was intent to discuss a committee only for the selection of a police chief, not other management positions. The Committee he proposed would consist of the Mayor, City Administrator, one alderman and interim Chief Massey. Ms. Diane Victor suggested that a citizen be added to the committee. Mr. Neil Moyer recommended having the City Administrator whittle the number of applicants down instead of allowing the committee to go through dozens of applicants. The committee could do the final vetting of the candidates. No action was taken.

- 8.4 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-151 amending the City Code requirement for substance abuse testing.

Nancy Schnell requested for Item 8.4 to be tabled; Rick Moses seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8.5 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-152 amending the City Code to specify the physical placement of the recorder used to record city council meetings.

Nancy Schnell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-152. Nancy Schnell and Bo Bunker for; Steven Jones, Rick Moses and Mike Wheeler opposed. Motion failed.

- 8.6 Consideration and action to direct the City Administrator to respond, in writing, to a list of questions relating to: his compensation; his past compensation; previous employment with other cities and the tax revenues of those cities; past terminations and/or resignations; salaries of other area city managers and city administrators and the tax revenues of their cities; survey the number of city administrators and managers with renewable contracts; average salary for a city administrator or manager in a city the size of Shoreacres, in Texas and nationally; employment contract; and professional relationship with the City Attorney Dick Gregg, Jr.

Bo Bunker moved to postpone Item 8.6 indefinitely; Steven Jones seconded. Motion carried with Nancy Schnell opposed.

- 8.7 Discussion, consideration and action to cancel the regular fourth Monday city council meeting in December to have been held on December 23, 2013.

Mike Wheeler moved to cancel the regular fourth Monday city council meeting in December to have been held on December 23, 2013; Seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.


Rick Moses moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.; seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.



ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary



Matt Webber, Mayor