City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, March 24, 2014 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

Chief Harrison introduced the newest member of the police department, Officer Tim Haase. Officer Haase has 29 plus years of experience with the Houston Police Department; he has received numerous service awards from various city leaders and citizen groups; and, his expertise includes field training, crisis intervention and K-9 training. We are very fortunate to have such an honorable professional joining our department.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting February 24, 2014 Rick Moses moved to approve the February 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.2 Regular Council Meeting March 10, 2014 Mike Wheeler moved to approve the March 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Webber Mayor Webber have no new item to report.
- 5.2 Alderman Wheeler Report on animal control activities.

During the last few meetings, the citizens had voiced their concerns on the enforcement of our city ordinance regarding animal control. Tonight, I would like to report that I had a meeting with Mr. Stall and Mayor Webber, to discuss and review: (1) the city's current regulation on animal control; (2) Mr. Yovino's pet

registration form proposal; (3) numerous different point-of-views received from other residents. After a throughout review and comparison of our pet registration procedures to neighboring city, I feel that our current pet registration process is sufficient and would not place the city at risk for potential litigation. Second, I'm requesting a rigid enforcement of the city's ordinance regarding animal control from our police department. Furthermore, in an effort to spread public awareness regarding animal control; pet ownership responsibility and pet registration, a reminder from Mayor Webber was included in the water bill mail out and it is also posted on the main page of the city's website www.cityofshoreacres.us

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

Ms. Darlene Bays - 616 Baywood: Ms. Bays requested: (1) stricter code enforcement regarding removal of dead trees on vacant lots; (2) Council to scrutinize the city's legal fees from city attorney, it is too expensive.

Mr. Neil Moyer – 1118 N. Country Club: With the May election approaching, Mr. Moyer requested citizens to be respectful of all political signs endorsing candidate(s); please do not vandalize them.

Ms. Charlotte Wells – 3342 Miramar: Ms. Wells reminded citizens/candidates to abide by the city's signs ordinance. In addition, she has several complaints about city staff: (1) the slow turn-around time from city staff when requesting for documents thru the public information request process, she's very concerned about the city drainage issues, especially the newly built house next to her. (2) Requested that all of her personal pictures to be remove from the city's Flickr page. (3) Stated that during a recent Board of Adjustment meeting, a variance request for the removal of some large oak trees was approved. Ms. Wells believes that the newly appointed board members were persuaded by the City Administrator's comment regarding the positive financial outlook for our city from tax collection on these high value new homes; in her opinion this comment is clearly inappropriate.

Mr. Michael Schnell – 618 Baywood: Mr. Schnell had some questions regarding the water plant project and asked for clarification on whether he should address it now or wait until Mr. Stall presents his Administrative Report. Mayor Webber stated that Mr. Schnell should wait to ask his questions after Mr. Stall's Administrative Report.

Mr. Gerry Victor - 3346 Miramar: Regarding the recent discussion of tree removal, Mr. Victor suggested that Council should amend the city codes to such that if a property owner or builder remove a tree for any reason they are obligated to replace it with a smaller tree in another part of the city. The tree replacement program would promote the preservation of natural resources & wildlife in our city and it also keep Shoreacres in a country-like environment.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 <u>City Administrator Report</u>: Mr. Stall reported that over the week-end there was a barge mishap on the ship channel in Texas City; the Houston Yacht Club was notified and our police department is actively monitoring the situation. There's a very small number of wildlife impacted by the oil spill and if our residents notice

oil residue on birds please call 888-384-2000 and do not touch them. We will also have this information available on our website www.cityofshoreacres.us

- 7.1.1 Street & storm drainage project updates: These projects are almost at completion. The contractors are now in the process of removing silt screens in areas that they are no longer needed.
- 7.1.2 <u>Water and sewer project updates</u>: Our contractors are actively working thru the final punch list. Both water plants are fully in operation. Mr. Schnell asked for an explanation on the function of the restrictor's plate.
- 7.1.3 Land purchase for future storm drainage project: Mr. Stall reported that Harris County has agreed to convey to us a piece of property on Seagrove that can only be used for storm.

7.2 Monthly Financial Report is as follow:

General Fund	\$451,006
Utility Fund	\$ 62,187
Service Deposit	\$ 55,462
TxCDBG	\$ 27,264
TxPool	\$954,840
CD's	\$250,000

Property tax collected for February is \$57,184 and YTD is \$744,922.

General sales tax collected for February is \$6,122.

Road maintenance sales tax for February is \$1,531.

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 Consideration and action to appoint citizen members to the Miramar Shoreline Advisory Group.

Mayor Webber reported that we are currently lacking a representative from the West district for the Miramar Shoreline Advisory Group. Nancy Schnell made a recommendation to allow a member from the East district (Ms. Charlotte Wells) to represent the West district.

Nancy Schnell motion to amend Resolution No. 2014-125 to omit a West district member representing the City of Shoreacres; seconded by Steven Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven Jones nominated Charlotte Wells to the open position. No other nominations were heard.

Mayor Webber called for a vote on Charlotte Wells. Election was unanimous.

Nancy Schnell moved to schedule the first Shoreline Advisory meeting to be on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Tom Coleman Room; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 <u>Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 7 of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning March 25, 2014 and ending January 31, 2016.</u>

Mayor Webber nominated Mrs. Diane Victor to Position 7 of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Rick Moses moved to ratify the appointment of Mrs. Diane Victor to Position 7 of the Planning and Zoning Commission; seconded by Steven Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

8.4 <u>Consideration and approval of 2014 consumer price index adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.</u>

Rick Moses moved to approve the adoption of the 2014 consumer price index adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Webber, Mayor

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2014,

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM

City Administrator / City Secretary