City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, May 12, 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

Alderman

Bo Bunker

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM

Absent

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell

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
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 4.1 Regular Council Meeting April 28, 2014 Rick Moses moved to approve the April 28, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Bo Bunker. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Webber: There are no new items to report.
- 5.2 Mayor pro tem Moses: Rick Moses announced that Councilwoman Schnell is absent tonight because her son is in critical condition at Methodist Hospital; please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this crucial time and days ahead.

Due to scheduling conflicts Alderman Moses requested to move the May 27th Council meeting to May 19th; seconded by Steven Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

Ms. Patsy Thomson:- 127 & 203 Shore Acres Blvd., The election is completed and we now have a vacant council position; Ms. Thomson suggested for Council to look at the candidate that has next highest number of votes to fill the vacant seat.

Mr. Neil Moyer – 1118 N. Country Club: Mr. Moyer would like to commend all citizens that came out to vote in the recent election; and suggested that we all need to work together to benefit the community as a whole and not just for individual interest. Lastly, he also would like to request that we keep Nancy's family in our prayers tonight and in the future as they're coping with this.

Mr. Gerry Victor – 3346 Miramar: Mr. Victor related the following information: recently the Army Corps of Engineer issued a permit for the dredging of the Bayport channel; the process will last approximately one year. There was a petition requesting for the dredging hours of operation to be from 7 am to 7 pm; but Mr. Victor does not know what operating hours are on the permit. It will be a bit noisy when the dredging starts and he just wanted the citizens to be made aware.

Ms. Darlene Bays – 616 Baywood: Ms. Bays stated that, "There will be a Mayor's and Councilmen's dinner this Thursday night and she would like for the city to be represented at these events occasionally."

Benedict Dugie — 825 S. Country Club: Mr. Dugie stated that he had called a couple of months ago to report standing water/sewer in the ditch; a PW employee came out and told him that it is a slow water leak. Today the leak continued, water is running from 805 S. Country Club to the bay.

<u>Vicky Ellis – 414 Baywood</u>: Ms. Ellis congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Council members. She also commented to Mayor Webber that he has done a great job during his short tenure.

Ms. Charlotte Wells – 3342 Miramar: Ms. Wells would like for Council to have more involvement with the La Porte school district.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 <u>City Administrator Report</u>: Mr. Stall would like to thank Mr. Stan Krauhs, Mr. Jayo Washington, Mr. Phil Yovino and our office staff for their excellent service in the election process. Everything went smoothly and we had a total of 234 citizens vote. The City is now officially a member of the Community Rating System (CRS) program, which qualifies Shoreacres homeowners for an automatic 5% discount in the premium cost of flood insurance effective for NFIP policies issued or renewed on or after May 1, 2014.

- 7.1.1 Shore Acres Blvd. Water Main Project With both water plants in operation our fire hydrant test results show a great improvement in flow capacity when compared to 2011; today we only have two hydrants with a flow capacity of 500 GPM or less east of Old Highway 146.
- 7.1.2 West Forest Street Replacement, Drainage, & Water Main Projects Water main project on W. Forest will start next week; once this is complete Harris County can begin drainage and replacement of the asphalt section of W. Forest with concrete.
- 7.1.3 <u>First Monday Heavy Trash Pick-up</u> Republic Services reports that they are actively working to get a grapple truck to pick-up heavy debris in our city. In the meantime, they will be picking up smaller items with a rearloader and during the weekly residential pick-up.
- 7.2 <u>Police Chief Troy Harrison Monthly Department Report:</u>

Chief Harrison stated that the number of calls reporting suspicious circumstance increased in April compared to March due to more citizens involvement. There were two burglaries of vehicles reported and in both of these incidents the vehicles were left unlocked. May is Bicycle Awareness month; also, as summer is approaching please be cautious of children on bicycles. Lastly, in 1962 the President declared May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" to honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice; and the week in which that date falls as "National Police Week", as you go about your daily activity, when you see an officer please kindly wave to them.

7.3 Acting Public Works Director Erick Ingram - Monthly Department Report.

In April we purchased 5.1 million gallons of water compared to 5 million in March. Public Works employees installed six signs and repaired three main line water breaks. Our crew mowed 4.5 miles ditch line. Public Works staff: J. Ruiz tested for his Water Distribution Class "D" License; Ray Dodd has tested for this Waste Water Collection II License and is scheduled to test for his Ground Water Class "C" License on May 16th.

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 ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 6 of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning May 13, 2014 and ending January 31, 2016.

Mayor Webber requested to move item 8.2 to the next meeting, May 19, 2014.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.

Rick Moses moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.; Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2014.

(CITY SEAL)

Rick Moses, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM

City Administrator / City Secretary