City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, June 8, 2015 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

Rick Moses

Mayor pro tem

Richard Adams

Alderman

David Jennings

Alderman

Jerome McKown

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

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

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

3.1 None.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting May 26, 2015.

Mike Wheeler moved to approve the May 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

5.1 Mayor Moses – Report on meetings attended.

Mayor Moses reported that he had a couple of tele-conferences with TxDOT representatives and they are in the process of reviewing the following items: 1) proposed graphic designs on the back side of the sound wall, the side that our residents will be looking at from their back yard; 2) the possibility of extending the entrance ramp from the northbound feeder onto Hwy 146; 3) installation of a traffic light at Shore Acres Blvd. and Old Hwy 146. He also reported that he received an invitation to participate in the City of La Porte 4th of July Parade, The Mayor encouraged all council members and Shoreacres citizens to come out and participate in this annual event. A budget workshop will begin on July 29th.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 <u>Citizen Comments</u>:

Steve Farley, 1007 S. Country Club: Stated that the property at 1005 S. Country Club is in desperate need of repairs and clean-up; it's an eyesore and it is depreciating the value of his home. Asks for assistance from the city to get the property owner to clean it up.

Neil Moyer, 1124 N. Country Club: Stated that at the April 27, 2015 meeting, council passed Ordinance No. 2015-179 proposed by Mr. Bunker with the following verbiage under caption (a) Operation of city council meetings - (11) Members of council shall not use a wireless communication device to send electronic messages during a council meeting. Then at the May 26, 2015 meeting, Ms. Schnell introduced Ordinance No. 2015-180, removing Mr. Bunker's verbiage. After further discussion council passed Ordinance No. 2015-180 with the following amended verbiage from Mr. Jennings: (a) Operation of city council meetings - (11) Members of council shall not text message with each other, or with the members of the general public. He pointed out that council passed Ordinance No. 2015-180 with Mr. Jennings amended verbiage, but the general public did not get a chance to comment on it. Mr. Jennings wording is not clearly defined therefore the ordinance would not be effective for its purpose. He asked council to bring back Mr. Bunker's Ordinance No. 2015-179 wording.

Mike Mazariegos, 615 Meadowlawn: Had a couple of items that he's asking for assistance with: 1) After Ike, Public Works came out to repair the water line in his back yard and did not fill it in. It is causing the decking around his pool to fall. He is requesting that a Public Works crew fix the area around the pipes so he can get his pool repaired. 2) Would like to make some modifications to his house and were told that he will need to turn in engineer's drawings and pay \$80 permit fee. Before spending money on engineer's drawings, he would like to discuss his plan with the building official. He has left many messages but was unsuccessful at reaching him.

Tracy Melancon, 606 Oakdale: Asked about the status of heavy trash pick-up.

Kimberly Sanford, 211 Shore Acres Blvd.: Concurred with Mr. Moyer in bringing back Mr. Bunker's proposed Ordinance No. 2015-179 language. She also stated that Mr. Jennings had written on his blog about the dilapidated property at 1005 S. Country Club. In her opinion, council members do not have the right to visit property un-invited, it is criminal trespassing. She thanked everyone that has contributed prizes to the fishing tournament. She also would like to encourage more teens to come out and participate. On a final note she suggested that the city should privatized Shell Beach, so our residents can enjoy it more.

<u>John Kuhn, 525 Baywood</u>: Agreed with Ms. Sanford in privatizing Shell Beach. He also suggested for a registration process of all golf carts in the city.

<u>James Hedges, 2 Shore Acres Blvd</u>.: Commented that visitors at Shell Beach and the pier are throwing trash on the ground. They're not using the trash receptacle. He then thanked council for their efforts.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 City Administrator Report: Reminded residents that June 1, was the start of hurricane season. A park donation form will be included with the utility bill this month. We are getting close to full operation of the SCADA system. Precinct 2 sprayed for mosquitoes last week. TxDOT will have a crew out this week to address the drainage issue at Bayou Forest & Shore Acres Blvd. Responding to Mrs. Melancon's question about heavy trash pick-up he said that Republic Services was here last week but did not finish their routes. He has contacted another company to finish it up this week. Last week our mini track hoe, trailer, and a trash pump were stolen from the yard at Public Works. We are working with our insurance adjuster on this claim.
- 7.2 <u>Monthly Police Department Report:</u> Chief Harrison reported that he received a letter from Chief Hunter of CLEMC recognizing the outstanding efforts of Officer Haase and Officer Everett in trying to save a resident. To help promote youth safety, bicycle helmets with Shoreacres Police emblem will be given to kids that are riding bicycle without protective headgear. He thanked Officer Saucedo for his efforts on this project. Life vests will be given to each child that is participating in the upcoming fishing tournament.
- 7.3 <u>Monthly Public Works Department Report</u>: Mr. Stall reported that Public Works mowed ten miles of drainage ditches and will be assisting the City of La Porte with providing water to their residents in Bay Colony for approximately four hours while La Porte is replacing a water line.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Richard Adams moved to approve the invoices. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 <u>Discussion and approval of Ordinance No. 2015-181 amending the City Code, Chapter 6, Division 3 – Dogs, Cats, Ferrets.</u>

David Jennings moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-181; Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 <u>Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2015-146 appointing members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.</u>

Mayor Moses presented four nominates to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Position 1, Diane Victor; Position 2, Ann Apel; Position 3, Howard Dahl; and, Position 4, Kimberly Sanford.

David Jennings moved to divide the question to address each nominee individually prior to a vote on Resolution No. 2015-146.

Jerome McKown moved to accept the nomination of Diane Victor for Position 1. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Adams moved to accept the nomination of Ann Apel for Position 2. Seconded by David Jennings. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Schnell moved to accept the nomination of Howard Dahl for Position 3. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jennings raised a point of order and having been recognized by the Chair stated that Kimberly Sanford does not meet the City Code qualifications to hold a position on the board. Following discussion no action was taken to accept Kimberly Sanford's nomination.

Mike Wheeler moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-146 with the nomination of Kimberly Sanford removed. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Moses, Mayor

9.0 ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business pending on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 7:49 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 22th DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

City Administrator / City Secretary