City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, June 22, 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

Mayor Moses asked for a moment of silence in memory of Alderman Tommy Moser from the City of La Porte, and Ms. Leona Mitchell, a long time Shoreacres residence.

3.1 None.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Special Council Meeting June 8, 2015.

Nancy Schnell moved to approve the June 8, 2015 Special Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Regular Council Meeting June 8, 2015.

Richard Adams moved to approve the June 8, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

5.1 Mayor Moses

5.1.1 <u>Tropical Storm Bill</u> – Mayor Moses was out of town during the event, but kept close contact with Mr. Stall and Chief Harrison via telephone.

5.1.2 <u>Discussions with TxDOT about the sound wall at SH-146</u> – Per Mr. Lucio Ortiz, the state has approved the aggregate [texture] design of the wall. Also, for better drainage by the pond area, they will enlarge the bottom vents of the wall panels.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 <u>Doris Rowell – Speed limit on Shore Acres Blvd. west of Old Hwy 146</u>.Ms. Rowell was not present.

6.2 Citizen Comments:

<u>Felicia Ramos, 3416 Sunrise</u>: Voiced a complaint about the overgrown lot adjacent to her property. She also suggested a homeowner's fee of \$5 deposited in a separate account to pay for mowing of overgrown lots in the city.

Neil Moyer, 1124 N. Country Club: Commented that if the speed limit on Shore Acres Blvd. should be lowered to 35 MPH it would allow the operation of golf carts on that street. Heavy trash is not being pick up in a timely manner. Item 8.5 prohibiting wild and/or exotic animals; if we don't like to hear chicken clucking or dogs barking, we could muzzle them. Item 8.7 Resolution 2015-147 that would adopt GFOA standards to achieve an annual award; recommends council to voluntarily try the GFOA guidance at the upcoming budget session. Are there any communities the size of Shoreacres utilizing the GFOA guidance? What are the costs/benefits for adopting the GFOA guidance? In FY 2014-15 Shoreacres police was dispatched sixteen times to the residence of one council member. What did it costs the city and what benefits did the city received from these calls?

<u>Patrick Stanton, 128 Shady Lawn</u>: Thanked Mr. Jennings for bringing Item 8.5, prohibiting wild and/or exotic animals or livestock, up for discussion. Council needs to amend this ordinance so that it could be enforceable or remove it completely. Item 6.0 Public Comments - would like for citizens to be able to speak on any topic. Also, allow public comments on items as they appear on the agenda. Heavy pickup – city needs to find an alternative because the current plan is not working. City needs to take aggressive action to clean up abandon property.

<u>Diane Victor</u>, 3346 <u>Miramar</u>: Requested No Parking signs on Miramar to be relocated to another location to prevent further mishaps of people backing into it.

<u>Margaret Moore, 401 Oakdale</u>: Stated that ditches needs mowing; pepper vines are growing into the streets and Heron Park. Asked what park donation funds are earmarked for what?

Ron Moore, 401 Oakdale: Stated that problem with drainage on Shadylawn is due to the pipes on Shadylawn are set higher than those on Shore Acres Blvd. City will need to re-set these pipes on Shadylawn to correct drainage problem.

Kimberly Sanford, 211 Shore Acres Blvd.: Requested a permit to allow parking on Miramar for the upcoming fishing tournament. Suggested that Shell Beach should be for "members only." Asked city staff to respond to her previous requests. She does not see a problem with having chickens inside city limits, maybe limiting the number of chicken.

<u>Karen Harris, 215 Oakdale</u>: Stated that she's in agreement with Kim Sanford and the Ordinance should be change to allow a certain number of chickens.

<u>David Harris</u>, 215 <u>Oakdale</u>: Suggested for a small dollar amount added to the water bill quarterly to supplement the cost of heavy trash pick-up.

<u>Charlotte Wells, 3342 Miramar</u>: Agreed with others to allow chicken inside city limit, eggs are up in price.

Mike Mazariagos, 615 Meadowlawn: Thanked council for their efforts.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator Report:

- 7.1.1 <u>Tropical Storm Bill: Preparation, response, and impact</u>: With the approach of a tropical storm city personnel went into storm preparation mode. Barricades were put out in areas that are known to experience street flooding. All generators check to ensure they were in working condition. In the end we were very fortunate that there was no damage to any of the city's water, wastewater systems, or other city facilities.
- 7.1.2 Attorney General letter ruling on public information request: Attorney General ruled that the city must withhold the requested information to protect the individual'ss privacy and the case is now closed.
- 7.1.3 First Monday Heavy Trash Program: Received a proposal for heavy pickup at \$38,400 a year which will allow for two pick-up days a month and \$1,600 a day for any additional days. Due to limited budget funds we will commit with this vendor only through September 30, 2015. Council will need to review this line item in the next fiscal year and decide whether to reduce the materials being collected or increase budget amount.
- 7.1.4 Circle Park: Facilities and playground equipment: Materials were order to repair some of the playground equipment. Playground equipment will need to be replaced sometime in the future. The cost to replace the equipment with a like system is around \$70,000 to \$80,000. Faucets and hand dryers in the restrooms are in working condition; we do not supply hot water, only cold.
- 7.1.5 <u>Voluntary park donation program:</u> Received \$360 from eight donors. Funds are held separately for park improvements that are approved by council.
- 7.1.6 Sinkhole on Shore Acres Blvd. Reported to Precinct 2.
- 7.1.7 <u>City landscaping on Shore Acres Blvd median and at City Hall</u>: The oak tree in front of City Hall and crepe myrtles on Shore Acres Blvd. median were pruned.

7.2 Monthly financial report.

General Fund Checking	\$ 314,209.77
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 40,072.06
Service Deposit Checking	\$ 53,968.76
TxCDBG Checking	\$ 1,112.84
TexPool	\$ 745,895.91
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 255,852.00
Property tax collected YTD	\$ 857,831.18

General sales tax collected YTD

\$ 48,973.67

Road maintenance sales tax collected YTD \$ 12,243.42

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

> Richard Adams moved to approve the invoices. Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Discussion of the placement of no parking signs on Miramar Drive.

Item 8.2 was discussed and action proposed for consideration at the July 13 council meeting.

8.3 Discussion of code enforcement related to City Code section 74-311, General erection limitations [fences].

Mr. Jennings posed a series of questions to Mr. Stall regarding code enforcement of fences. No council action was taken.

8.4 Discussion of storm drainage issues on Westview Street south of Shore Acres Blvd. to the ditch southeast of Baywood Street; and, general discussion of drainage in the city.

Mr. Jennings asked Mr. Stall to explain storm drainage in the city. No council action was taken.

Discussion of code enforcement related to City Code section 6-206, Keeping of 8.5 wild and/or exotic animals or livestock prohibited.

Mr. Jennings asked Mr. Stall a series of questions and asked him to explain City Code section 6-206. No council action was taken.

8.6 Discussion of code enforcement efforts related to the property at 1005 South Country Club Drive.

Mr. Jennings asked Mr. Stall to explained code enforcement efforts at 1005 South Country Club Drive. No council action was taken.

8.7 Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2015-147 adopting the standards required by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to achieve the <u>Distinguished Budget Presentation Award; requiring the budget officer to create.</u> assemble, and present all budgets in accordance therewith; and, that an application be made annually to GFOA for the award.

David Jennings moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-147. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. David Jennings and Nancy Schnell voted Aye; Richard Adams, Jerome McKown, Mike Wheeler voted Nay. Motion failed.

8.8 Discussion and approval of Ordinance No. 2015-182 amending Shoreacres City Code, Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1 – Meetings to clarify inclusion and notice of subjects to be addressed on meeting agendas.

Richard Adams moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-182. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. After discussion, Nancy Schnell moved to amend Ordinance No. 2015-182 to read, "section 2-61 through 2-69 of the City code." Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

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 27th DAY OF JULY, 2015.

Richard Adams, Mayor pro tem

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

City Administrator / City Secretary