City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, July 13, 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 Alderwoman

Jerome McKown Nancy J. Schnell

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM (absent)

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**

Regular Council Meeting June 22, 2015. 4.1

> David Jennings moved to postpone approval of the June 22, 2015, meeting minutes until the July 27 council meeting. The motion was not seconded and without objection the Mayor postponed approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

5.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS**

5.1 Mayor Moses

- Meeting with State Representative Dennis Paul: Had an informative meeting and Representative Paul extended his assistance to our city if needed.
- 5.1.2 Discussions with TxDOT in reference to SH-146 sound wall: No new information to report; Awaiting for an update from Mr. Lucio Ortiz.
- 5.1.3 Youth fishing tournament: Thanked council, citizens and Ms. Sanford for their help in making the fishing tournament a success.

5.1.4 <u>City's participation in the La Porte Independence Day parade:</u> Thanked council for their participation in the parade.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 <u>Citizen Comments</u>:

Angela Horton, 228 Seagrove: Asked about status of heavy pick-up.

<u>Darlene Bays, 616 Baywood</u>: Thanked city staff for mowing the ditches and reminded citizens about donating to the park fund.

Ron Moore, 401 Oakdale: Commented on Item 8.6 that the price quote received from PSI for the Westview drainage improvement project is too high and some of the work proposed is unnecessary; need to get additional quotes from other vendors.

<u>Diane Victor, 3346 Miramar</u>: Thanked Mayor Moses for enacting the policy of extra police patrols for the 4th of July fireworks event; commended our police officers for an outstanding job. Requested extra police patrol at Heron Park due to recent vandals and motorized vehicles on walking trails. Suggested council to end the heavy pick-up program because it is not working as expected; homeowners will need to bear the responsibility of hauling it off themselves.

<u>Luke Nelson, 111 Fairfield</u>: Thanked our police officers for an excellent job at the 4th of July fireworks event. Asked for an update on heavy pick-up; suggested a co-op with City of La Porte for quarterly green wastes pick-up. Also, thanked council for their hard work.

<u>Felicia Ramos, 3416 Sunrise</u>: Voiced a complaint about kids on golf carts without supervision and not abiding to rules of the road. Supports Nancy Schnell on Item 8.5. Suggested the city rent a haul-off container for the heavy trash until the vendor are caught up. Vacant lot adjacent to her property is in desperate need of mowing.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 <u>Monthly Police Department Report</u>. Chief Harrison thanked his officers for their support and loyalty to the department. There is a small increase in the number of disturbance calls for the month of June. At the request of La Porte Police, Sergeant Thompson taught a week long class on the subject of Mental Health. Requested that citizens to call and report on anything that look suspicious.
 - 7.1.1 Fleet downtime, repair and maintenance costs for the last 12 months: In FY 2014/15 \$7,500 budgeted for vehicles maintenance; as of 6/30/2015 YTD, \$5,400 spent: \$1,400 on regular maintenance for all (5) vehicles and \$4,000 in repair for two Dodge units; not included is \$15,000 of Dodge warranty work. Since December 2014, the department has lost 116 days due to cars being in the shop.
- 7.2 <u>Monthly Public Works Department Report:</u> The department is currently short one employee. Staff continued with slope mowing as weather permits. Repair parts for playground equipment are on order. Two basketball nets were replaced and both came up missing the following day. Vandalism of city property will not be tolerated and our police officers are closely monitoring activity at the parks.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 <u>Consideration and approval of invoices.</u>

Nancy Schnell moved to approve the invoices. Seconded by David Jennings. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 <u>Discussion and approval of Ordinance No. 2015-184 approving a settlement agreement between the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition of Cities and CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. regarding the company's statement of intent to change gas utility rates in its Texas Coast Division.</u>

David Jennings moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-184. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 <u>Discussion and council direction on the placement of no parking signs on Miramar Drive.</u>

Mike Wheeler proposed the selection of "option two" on the placement of no parking signs on Miramar Drive; the no parking signs are to be placed at each intersection and they are not to be placed directly behind any property or driveway. Nancy Schnell, David Jennings, Jerome McKown and Richard Adams are all in agreement with the selection of "option two". This item will be Placed on the next agenda for consideration.

8.4 <u>Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2015-148 appointing a member of the</u> Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mayor Moses nominated John Kuhn to Position 6 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

David Jennings moved to accept the nomination of John Kuhn for Position 6. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 <u>Discussion and approval of Ordinance No. 2015-183 establishing a city online message board visible to the public and where messages can be posted by members of city council and authorized city staff.</u>

Nancy Schnell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-183. Seconded by David Jennings. David Jennings and Nancy Schnell voted Aye; Richard Adams, Jerome McKown, Mike Wheeler voted Nay. Motion failed.

8.6 <u>Discussion of cost estimate for correcting drainage issue at Shadylawn and Westview.</u>

Item was discussed and action proposed for city engineer to re-do the cost estimate to include two more quotes for a total of three and discussion are to be continue at the July 27 council meeting.

8.7 <u>Discussion of communication problems between citizens and city hall.</u>

David Jennings moved to postpone this item to the July 27 council meeting.

8.8 <u>Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2015-149 requiring that city checking account registers are available to the public on the city's website.</u>

David Jennings moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-149. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Jerome McKown motion to record the vote by roll call: Mike Wheeler voted Nay, Richard Adams voted Nay, Nancy Schnell voted Aye, Jerome McKown voted Nay, David Jennings voted Aye. Motion failed.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 8:03 p.m.

Richard Adams, Mayor pro tem

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2015.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, OFM, TEM

City Administrator / City Secretary