City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, September 14, 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

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

Not Present

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

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
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 4.1 Regular Council Meeting August 24, 2015.

David Jennings moved to approve the August 24, 2015, Regular Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 <u>Mayor Moses</u> Mayor Moses reported on the following:
 - 5.1.1 Status of discussion with the City of La Porte for an agreement for collection of heavy trash.

Mayor Moses reported La Porte City Attorney and City Manager, Corby Alexander is working on the agreement for heavy trash collection, which will then be presented to their council for approval at a future meeting. If the La Porte proposal fails, Mayor Bechtel of Morgan's Point is open for further discussion on the heavy pick-up service.

5.1.2 State Highway 146 issues.

There were no new updates to report on the northbound merge land or traffic light at Old Highway 146.

5.1.3 <u>Items of community interest</u> – Mayor Moses remind citizens that October 10th is the Shoreacres Civic Association Annual Chili Cook-Off.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizens comments:

<u>Kimberly Sanford, 211 Shore Acres Blvd:</u> A group of Shoreacres citizens will be providing a Christmas dinner at the Boys & Girls Harbor Center on December 15 and would like for council members to participate. Would like to see a cut back on some items in the budget. Suggested for the police department to put together a women's self-defense program and a civilian police academy, similar to those in La Porte.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 City Administrator Report:
 - 7.1.1 State Fire Marshal's Office Award Together with the City of La Porte we were presented with the State Fire Marshal's Office Award for achieving the ISO Class 2 rating. Our recent improvements to the water system contributed greatly to this accomplishment. The ISO Class 2 rating together with individual fire loss history can result in lower residential fire insurance premiums.
- 7.2 <u>Monthly Police Department Report</u> Chief Harrison presented the monthly report. National Night Out is Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. Courtesy finger printing kits will be provided by our Officers and Mr. Jayo Washington will be the head Chef for the evening.

A few months ago, Officer Saucedo uncovered a fraudulent credit card manufacturing operation. The case involved many investigative hours and was turned over to the FBI for prosecution. Last week we were notified that the defendant was sentenced to two year probation.

La Porte LEPC will be having their annual safety fair on September 26, the theme is "Honoring Our First Responders" and they're looking for nominations for outstanding first responder from Shoreacres citizens. The last day to nominate someone is Wednesday, September 16.

7.3 <u>Monthly Public Works Department Report</u> – Completed a small leak repair on a water line between Forest and Meadowlawn. We are now back on our ditch mowing after the rain has stopped.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Richard Adams moved to approve payment of the invoices. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 <u>Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2015-154 ratifying the Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 2 of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning September 15, 2015 and ending January 31, 2017.</u>

Rick Moses nominated Neil Moyer to Position 2 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Richard Adams moved to ratify Neil Moyer for Position 2 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 <u>Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2015-155 ratifying the Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 4 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term beginning September 15, 2015 and ending January 31, 2016.</u>

Rick Moses nominated Tracy Melancon to Position 4 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. David Jennings moved to ratify Tracy Melancon for Position 4 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

8.4 <u>Consideration and action to schedule Budget Public Hearing and meeting to adopt the FY-2015/2016 General Fund and Utility Fund operating budget.</u>

Jerome McKown moved to schedule a Budget Public Hearing and meeting to adopt the FY-2015/2016 General Fund and Utility Fund operating budget held on September 28th at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 <u>Consideration, discussion, and action to propose a property tax rate.</u>

David Jennings moved to propose a property tax rate of \$0.955 per \$100 value. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Jerome McKown moved to propose a property tax rate of \$0.844381 per \$100 value. Seconded by David Jennings. Richard Adams moved to amend the proposed tax rate of \$0.844381 per \$100 value to the rate of \$0.826745 per \$100 value. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried with the following votes: Richard Adams – Aye; Jerome McKown – Aye; and David Jennings – Nay.

8.6 <u>Consideration and action to schedule Public Hearings on 2015 property tax rate increase that exceeds the effective tax rate.</u>

David Jennings moved to schedule Public Hearings on 2015 property tax rate increase that exceeds the effective tax rate to be held on September 28th and October 5th at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

8.7 <u>Consideration and action to schedule meeting to adopt the 2015 property tax rate.</u>

Jerome McKown moved to schedule meeting to adopt the 2015 property tax rate on October 8th at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by David Jennings. Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT:

Richard Adams thanked citizens for attending the meeting tonight.

David Jennings requested citizens to attend the budget meeting and review the budget.

With no further business pending on the agenda the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 7:34 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

Rick Moses, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM/TEM

City Administrator / City Secretary