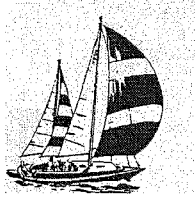


# City of Shoreacres



## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, September 28, 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
Alderwoman	Nancy J. Schnell
Alderman	Mike Wheeler

City Administrator / City Secretary     David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

Alderman     Jerome McKown – 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

### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 Regular Council Meeting September 14, 2015.

David Jennings moved to approve the September 14, 2015, Regular Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion carried unanimously

### 5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

#### 5.1 Mayor Moses – Mayor Moses reported on the following:

5.1.1 Items of community interest – Mayor Moses reminded citizens that October 6<sup>th</sup> is the National Night Out and October 10<sup>th</sup> is the Shoreacres Civic Association Annual Chili Cook-Off at Circle Park.

5.1.2 Water disconnections for non-payment – Mayor Moses reaffirmed the administrative policy of water disconnections for non-payment. The city will give a written notice to any utility customer who is 30 days or more delinquent in payment of utility charges. The notice may be printed on the face of a utility bill with an outstanding balance over 30 days and shall request payment within 10 days to avoid service being disconnected. As

a courtesy to our citizens city staff will make a good faith effort to deliver or post, a disconnect notice at the service address 48 hours prior to service being disconnected. Such notice will clearly state the minimum amount due and the deadline for payment to be received by the city to avoid disconnection. Under certain circumstances Mr. Stall will work with the customer to come up with a workable payment plan to avoid service disconnection; however, this offer will not be available to the same customer continuously.

Field lights at Circle Park were installed with a push button control that works from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. However, due to recent vandal damage to the light controls, the lights stayed on past 10:30 p.m.

## 6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 6.1 PUBLIC HEARING: For the purpose of providing citizens the opportunity to comment of the overall FY-2015/2016 budget including all funds in the General Fund and Utility Fund.

Mayor Moses opened the Public Hearing for the 2015/2016 budget at 7:07 p.m.

### Public comments:

Neil Moyer – 1124 N. Country Club: Noticed that there were only two residents that attended the budget workshop. Is a bit disappointed in Council's scant funding of capital expenditure line item for utility budget. We need to be proactive in maintaining some of our aging and deteriorating water/sewer infrastructure to prevent future costly repairs. A fire hydrant is needed at the corner of West & South Country Club; therefore, a water line will need to be connected to that hydrant; Sewer line replacement and Bayou Forest water tower upgrade. Request Council to reconsider this line item and provide additional funding for capital expenditures in this budget and future budgets.

Hana Pinard – 3510 E. Country Club: Would like a copy of the budget. She did not agree with last year's budget, where Council approved an across the board cut except for the "sacred cow" our police department, they received an increase in the budget; she also stated that "we cannot tolerate this much longer; police department budget should be cut just like others."

James Hester – 3523 Bayou Forest: Asked council to vote against the budget.

Gerry Victor – 3346 Miramar: According to the proposed budget, our tax revenue will increased by 10% and revenue from court fine collection are expected to increase by \$32,000; Even with the expected increase in revenues, the proposed budget continue to operate with a deficit of \$400,000. Suggested for council to cut 8% each from administration, police and utility budget.

Mayor Moses closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

- 6.2 PUBLIC HEARING: For the purpose of providing citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2015 property tax rate increase.

Mayor Moses opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 property tax rate increase at 7:17 p.m.

Neil Moyer – 1124 N. Country Club: Looking not only at the current budget but also future budget, he agreed with Councilman McKown's suggestion of keeping

the current tax rate, which will allow a revenue stream towards repairing/replacing the aging and deteriorating water & sewer infrastructure. Suggested a future utility rate increase to curb the transfer of funds from the general fund. The utility fund should be self-funded. Requests council members to take up Councilman McKown's original proposal to keep the current tax rate.

Howard Dahl – 511 Baywood: Spoke against increasing the tax rate. Keep tax rate the same, no need to raise or lower. Utility rate should stay the same, there's enough money there to pay for heavy pick-up.

Gerry Victor – 3346 Miramar: Recommend Council to go with the \$0.82 tax rate.

James Hester – 3523 Bayou Forest: Overall he would like not to see a tax increase. Twice a year heavy pick-up is sufficient.

Mayor Moses closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

6.3 Public Comments:

Hana Pinard – 3510 E. Country Club: Asked if citizens can get on an automatic payment plan for utility bill.

James Hester – 3523 Bayou Forest: Suggests that the City to offer ACH on-line payment of utility bill.

6.4 Drainage Issues at 3518 Miramar – Barry Plante

Mr. Plante presented to council the drainage issues that he's experiencing on his property and requested changes to city code and ordinances.

**7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

7.1 Monthly Financial Report

General Fund Checking	\$ 189,193.68
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 63,495.29
Service Deposit Checking	\$ 56,068.76
TxCDBG Checking	\$ 1,045.51
TexPool	\$ 684,022.39
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 255,852.00
Property tax collected YTD	\$ 872,199.74
General sales tax collected YTD	\$ 63,420.46
Road maintenance sales tax collected YTD	\$ 15,855.12

**8.0 BUSINESS**

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

8.2 Discussion, consideration and action to adopt by Ordinance No. 2015-185 the General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets for fiscal year 2015/2016.

Mike Wheeler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-185. Seconded by Richard Adams.

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David Jennings moved to amend Ordinance No. 2015-185, to delete line item 6880-30 in the General Fund, for the purchase of two police cars \$80,000. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. David Jennings voted For; Nancy Schnell, Richard Adams, Mike Wheeler voted Nay. Motion failed.

David Jennings moved to amend Ordinance No. 2015-185, to delete line item 6880-90 in the Utility Fund, for the purchase of a recycling trailer \$15,000. David Jennings and Nancy Schnell voted For; Richard Adams, Mike Wheeler and Rick Moses voted Nay. Motion failed.

A vote on the original motion was called. Richard Adams, Mike Wheeler and Rick Moses voted For; David Jennings and Nancy Schnell voted Nay. Motion passed.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business pending on the agenda the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 7:57 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.



  
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Rick Moses, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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David K. Stall, CFM, TEM  
City Administrator / City Secretary