City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, October 12, 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 <u>Economic Alliance Port Region</u> – Mr. Chad Burke presented the Economic Alliance annual report.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting September 28, 2015.

Richard Adams moved to approve the September 28, 2015, Regular Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Public Hearing: October 5, 2015.

David Jennings moved to approve the October 5, 2015, Public Hearing minutes. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

4.3 Special Council Meeting: October 8, 2015.

Mike Wheeler moved to approve the October 8, 2015, Special Council Meeting minutes. Seconded by David Jennings. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Moses
 - 5.1.1 Status of agreement with the City of La Porte for the collection of heavy trash Currently waiting for approval from the City of La Porte Council.
 - 5.1.2 <u>Items of community interest</u> Mayor Moses remind citizens that live on the north end of Bayou Forest, that within the next few weeks TxDOT will be removing the sound wall and sending it back to the manufacturer for further modifications.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Public Comments

<u>Neil Moyer – 1124 N. Country Club</u>: In favor of Item 8.2, amending the water and sewer rates, this is a step in the right direction in getting the utility fund to be fully self-sufficient. He also would like to see more money committed to capital improvements.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 General Activity Report City Administrator David Stall
 - 7.1.1 Community Rating System recertification: Completed and the City is current on all CRS recertification requirements to earn a 5% insurance discount for city property owners.
- 7.2 Monthly Police Department Report: Chief Harrison reported that he started a warrants round-up; Commended Sargent Thompson for successfully recovering all of the jewelry stolen from one of our resident within a few hours. All Officers are up to date with required legal update trainings for the next two years. Thanked everyone that participated in the National Night Out. On Saturday, there will be a motorcycle toy run going through the city around 9:45 10:00 a.m.; On Sunday, Bike Around the Bay group will be riding through the city from Choate Rd to Shore Acres Blvd. then heading North, please look out for these bicyclers.
- 7.3 <u>Monthly Public Works Department Report</u>: Mr. Stall reported that public works staff repaired water breaks involving five small main lines; Completed ten miles of ditch mowing and installed all new no parking signs on Miramar Drive.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

8.2 <u>Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2015-187 amending the City Code relating to rates and charges for water and sewer services.</u>

Mike Wheeler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-187. Seconded by Richard Adams. Nancy Schnell would like to postpone the rates increase until the heavy trash collection issues are resolved.

Richard Adams, David Jennings, Jerome McKown and Mike Wheeler voted For; Nancy Schnell voted Nay. Motion passed.

8.3 <u>Discussion, consideration and action to cancel the December 28, 2015 regular city council meeting.</u>

Mike Wheeler moved to cancel the December 28, 2015 regular city council meeting. Seconded by Richard Adams.

Mike Wheeler, Richard Adams, Jerome McKown and Nancy Schnell voted For; David Jennings voted Nay. Motion passed.

8.4 <u>Discussion, consideration and action to reschedule the December 14, 2015</u> regular city council meeting to be held on Monday, December 7, 2015.

Mike Wheeler moved to reschedule the December 14, 2015 regular city council meeting to be held on December 7, 2015. Seconded by Jerome McKown.

Richard Adams, Jerome McKown, and Mike Wheeler voted For; David Jennings and Nancy Schnell voted Nay. Motion passed.

8.5 <u>Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the city's process and procedure used to adopt the 2015 tax rate.</u>

City Attorney, Mr. Chris Gregg stated the city's process and procedure used to adopt the 2015 tax rate was legal, effective and binding.

David Jennings challenged the adoption and cited required motion and ordinance language set out in Tax Code section 26.05.

Mr. Gregg reviewed the material presented and agreed that the language required by section 26.05 was not used in the adopting ordinance. As a result he recommended that the notice be republished and public hearings be repeated and the tax rate readopted. He advised council that he would draft the required ordinance and work with the city secretary to schedule the additional meetings.

No action was taken by council.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business pending on the agenda the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 8:01 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 26th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

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Rick Moses, Mayo

ATTEST:

David K. Staff, CFM, TEM

City Admir/istrator / City Secretary