# City of Shoreacres



#### **MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, December 7, 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

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell (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 November 23, 2015.

David Jennings moved to approve the November 23, 2015, Regular Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Moses
  - 5.1.1 <u>Update on State Highway 146 sound wall progress</u> Replacement of the sound wall panels on the north side of Bayou Forest is expected to be finished by the end of December.
  - Meeting with LBC and discussion of expansion plans The president of LBC Houston, and the mayor discussed the company's Bayport expansion plans and their objective of supporting surrounding community. Validating LBC's community involvement, the company has generously committed to Shoreacres a sizable monetary donation to purchase a complete set of playground equipment to be installed at Circle Park.

5.1.3 <u>Items of community interest</u> – Thanked all employees and citizens that participated in the city's annual Christmas dinner. It was a huge success.

# 6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS,

6.1 Public Comments:

<u>Neil Moyer – 1124 N. Country Club</u>: Recommend council defer action on Item 8.2, 8.3 and 8.5 until the next budget year or decline action on them.

<u>Darlene Bays – 626 Baywood</u>: Expressed disagreement with Mr. Moyer's statements. She believes that property owners, who are disabled or 65 years of age or older deserve the proposed tax exemption. Also, asked for assistance with getting LPISD to clean-up the vacant lot behind her property on Shadylawn. The weight of overgrown vines are tearing down her fence.

## 7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 <u>City Administrator David Stall</u>: Roll-off trash container that was placed in front of Water Plant #1 for heavy collection was well received and used. Concrete work on S. Country Club will be completed this week. Will provide a fund balance report on Park contribution at the request of Councilman Jennings.
- 7.2 <u>Monthly Police Department Report</u>: During this holiday season Chief Harrison asked that all citizens be extra careful of their surroundings while shopping and to lock all doors at home and on their vehicles. Congratulated Officer Seurattan for completing his Intermediate Certification.
- 7.3 <u>Monthly Public Works Department Report</u>: Public Works completed 40 hours of mowing; taking advantage of slow growing grass we are catching up on ditch mowing scheduled.

## 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>Discussion and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-192 establishing elderly homestead property tax exemption relating to ad valorem tax freeze for residential homestead property owners who are disabled or 65 years of age or older.</u>

David Jennings moved to change the numbering of Ordinance No. 2015-192 to 2015-195. Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerome McKown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-195. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Consideration of action to take from the table consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-191 granting a twenty percent (20%) residence homestead exemption effective for the 2016 tax year and each subsequent tax year.

Mayor Moses stated that "due to illness, Alderwoman Schnell has requested to table Item 8.3 until January 11, 2016."

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- 8.4 <u>Discussion of a 21-inch sewer line failure, condition of that portion of the city's collection system, preliminary work done in preparation for repair, and current planning and schedule for action to complete the necessary repair.</u>
  - Mr. Stall reported on the cause, current condition, and anticipated cost of repairing a failed sewer line on West Country Club.
- 8.5 <u>Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-194 amending the City Code relating to rates and charges for water and sewer services.</u>

Mayor Moses stated that "due to illness, Alderwoman Schnell has requested to table Item 8.5 until January 11, 2016."

# 9.0 ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business pending on the agenda the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 8:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

City Administrator / City Secretary