

Horseshoe Bay Council Comments
by Council Member Elaine Waddill, Public Information Officer

The City of Horseshoe Bay's City Council meeting was held Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Because of the continued issues with COVID 19, the meeting was held via ZOOM. Community members were able to participate remotely. The meeting minutes and recording will be uploaded to the Agendas & Minutes page of the City's website: www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/agendacenter.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cynthia Clinesmith. Lanny Thomas Tanton, Pastor of The Bible Church of the Lakes led Invocation followed by the pledges to the flags.

Police Chief Rocky Wardlow presented Captain Steve Boyd an award commemorating five years of service to the City of Horseshoe Bay. Steve joined the department in December 2015 as a Criminal Investigator and quickly dedicated himself to the City and the Department. In 2019, Steve was promoted to Captain where he supervises all CID and Communications operations. He also assists Asst. Chief Graham with the oversight of the Patrol Division. Steve has 32 years as a Texas Peace Officer and holds a Master Peace Officer certification from the State. He served 9 years as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper receiving the DPS Medal of Valor, then 15 years as a Texas Ranger - later serving as the Sheriff of San Saba County. Steve and his wife of 32 years Glenna, have 2 sons. Chase is a local firefighter, and Brandon, a CPA for a major oil company. Steve and Glenna enjoy working on their property near Cherokee and entertaining the two grandchildren, William and Annie.

Mayor Clinesmith presented a Proclamation Recognizing Brandon Lovelady for achieving the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Brandon, son of Robert and Laura Lovelady, and member of Boy Scout Troops 282 and 73 has been in Scouts for 12 years. He earned the Arrow of Light in Cub Scouts before crossing over to Boy Scouts. Brandon has led his Troop as the Senior Patrol Leader for the past two years. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and earned Brotherhood with the Tonkawa Lodge 99 in 2019. The Eagle Scout rank requires earning 21 merit badges and Brandon has earned 40 merit badges. He completed 120 service hours leading his Eagle Scout Service Project, completing a Courtyard Renovation for the Epiphany Episcopal Church. Brandon was confirmed an Eagle Scout after fulfilling all requirements and completed his Board of Review on September 22, 2020. Congratulations Brandon, job well done!!

There were no public comments shared; however, several individuals from within the Horseshoe Bay community accepted the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their interest in serving on one of the Boards, Commissions, or Committees for the City. Horseshoe Bay is blessed to have extensive numbers of highly competent citizens willing to serve, so not all who applied were provided an appointment at this time. However, as the Long Range Plan emerges in 2021, it is hoped these individuals will consider bringing their talents to new leadership/service needs.

There were several committee/commission appointments to be made at this time as follows:
Planning and Zoning Commission...Beverly Graham and Ken Burgess; Board of Adjustments...Jim Babcock, Dale Amstutz and Alternate Linda Smith; **Parks Advisory**

Committee Andrew Nankas; Fuchs House Advisory Committee... Jim Jorden and Ronald Nicholas. Kara Dudley was recommended for the Broadband Advisory Committee to be filled in January. We thank all of these individuals who are willing to serve and support our community.

During the 86th legislative session, House Bill 2439 was passed and added to the Texas Government Code as Chapter 3000. This chapter prohibits cities from adopting or enforcing regulations regarding certain building products, materials, or methods. State Representative Andrew Murr has submitted House Bill 233 for approval during the upcoming 87th legislative session which will amend Chapter 3000 to exempt cities with a population of less than 25,000. The City Council passed a resolution to formally express support for Representative Murr's bill.

Several issues related to signage within the community were discussed as it was noted that some current ordinances do not align with State/Federal codes. The Council will use the January 12, 2021 Council Workshop to review and bring these ordinances into compliance.

Stan Farmer, City Manager, provided an update on the COVID-19 testing. There were 25 tested in Horseshoe Bay on Friday, 3 of which were positive. Contact tracing began immediately for swift deterrent of spread. There will be testing on December 11th and 18th but not on the 25th. Testing will resume on January 8, 2021 with expanded hours to be shared after the holidays.

Stan also reported on his findings regarding space usage and the need for expansion of the current City Hall facility. Growth has resulted in the current facility being inadequate to accommodate the needs of the community and staff. The Council discussed initiating a study to determine possible expansion and utilization of space of the current facility. The study could include evaluating the need for building a larger facility.

As we close another wonderful year we thank you for your support of our very special home town....Horseshoe Bay. Be sure to mark your calendar for our next regular City Council meeting January 19, 2021. May all of your holidays be bright and your New Year be exceptional!!