

Horseshoe Bay Council Comments

by Council Member Elaine Waddill, Public Information Officer

The City of Horseshoe Bay regular City Council Meeting was held Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was made available via ZOOM. Community members were able to participate remotely and the meeting minutes 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 the Mayor of Horseshoe Bay, Cynthia Cline Smith. Invocation was given by Reverend Dr. Malcolm McQueen followed by pledges to the American flag and State of Texas flag. There were no requests to make Public Comments.

The Audited Financial Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2020, was presented by Jon Watson of the auditing firm Brooks Watson. After a thorough presentation by Mr. Watson, the City Council voted to accept the report. The Mayor thanked the staff for the accounting firm rating, the highest possible earned, showing exemplary management of taxpayer dollars. The report is available in the Finance Director's office and on the City's website.

Public Works Director, Tim Foran, requested the City Council approve the bid submitted for a Street Seal Coating Project. After careful review of the scope of the project, the Council voted to award the project to Alpha Paving Industries to seal coat approximately 12.6 miles. This is an annual effort to keep all roads up to quality standards. He indicated that Alpha Paving continues to be the primary service provider for the city because they provide quality workmanship, the best price, and they use environmentally approved products that other bidders opt not to use. He also reported that at this time the Department is on target for project completion and staying within the budget for the year.

A request was presented by Ron Mitchell on behalf of Horseshoe Bay Resort, LLC requesting the City allow stipulated lots in the established communities of Valley Knoll at Juniper Creek, Golden Bear Reserve, and The Grove at Summit to reinvigorate targeted development. The request would allow a 5 year time period in which a maximum of 10 homes could be built in each of the three areas. An Ordinance was presented for approval. In addition, the ordinance supports the City's desire to recoup funds through the Public Infrastructure Development (PID) in the Summit Rock subdivisions. The council thoroughly discussed the Ordinance and the benefit it would have to the city before voting and passing it.

The Council added an additional appointment to an Advisory Committee. Kara Dudley was appointed to the Parks Advisory Committee. Welcome aboard and many thanks for serving Kara!

Margie Cardenas, Financial Director, presented a review of the first quarter financials for the city. She provided a thorough review and answered questions from the Council members. In addition to sharing a review of finances, she discussed expenditures for several individual Departments. At this time, the report indicated that the city is doing well and on target as projected. The full report is posted for review on the City of Horseshoe Bay website.

Brent Batla, Fire Chief, updated the Council on the status of a grant request to LCRA. The request is to fund replacement of some emergency life-saving equipment. Margie Cardenas updated the Council on the status of the Federal & State CARES Act monies received to date by the City.

As our New Year is ushered in, we take a moment to remember those who are struggling and wish them a safe and wonderful New Year filled with peace, comfort, and joy. Our next Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting is February 16, 2021. We encourage and look forward to seeing you join us at that meeting.