

## **Horseshoe Bay Council Comments**

**by Council Member Elaine Waddill**

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council Meeting was held Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. as an open meeting as well as available via ZOOM. Mayor Cynthia Clinesmith welcomed those in attendance and Invocation was given by Reverend Dr. Malcolm McQueen, Senior Pastor at The Church at Horseshoe Bay. Those in attendance stood to recite the pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Mayor Clinesmith and City Manager Stan R. Farmer recognized the members of the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee. In August 2019, a group of eleven volunteers from our community were appointed by the City Council to this committee. They worked diligently for over a year, mostly during the pandemic to research and produce an updated Long Range Comprehensive Plan for Horseshoe Bay. It is with great appreciation that the City Council recognized Mike Kolar, Dan Gillean, Brooks Herring, Cecil Burdock, Rick Pitts, and Frank Van Horn. Additionally, 2015 Advisory Members Lynette Morrison, Bud Nichols, Forrest Covin and City Council Liaisons Jerry Gray and Elsie Thurman were recognized. We appreciate their wonderful contribution to moving our city forward to continued growth and prosperity.

During Public Comment time, Mike Thuss, President of the Horseshoe Bay Property Owners Association expressed appreciation for the wonderful working relationship that exists between the City and the POA. Mike shared a vision and hope to continue building on that relationship. He invited the Council and the community to join the April 21, 2021 POA Workshop being held at Quail Point at 10:00am.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week will be celebrated in 2021. The week was initiated in 1969 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (aka City Secretary). It was endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries. The City of Horseshoe Bay recognizes the tradition by thanking Horseshoe Bay's City Secretary, Kerri Craig, for her outstanding service to the city, and proclaiming May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 as Municipal Clerks Week in Horseshoe Bay.

The City of Horseshoe Bay also issued a Proclamation Declaring April 2021 as "Records and Information Management Month". Records and Information Management Month was first introduced in 1995 by the Association of Records Managers and Administration to celebrate the importance and value they bring to organizations and communities. The City of Horseshoe Bay's records and information professionals are Records and Information Manager Janet Stehling and Records Management Officer/City Secretary Kerri Craig, who are entrusted with the responsibility for the careful management, disposition, and provision of access to public records on behalf of the citizens of Horseshoe Bay. Both proclamations can be viewed on the city's website.

Sally McFeron, Director of Development Services, presented updates to the building standards in the Horseshoe Bay South Manufactured Housing area as requested by the City Council at the March meeting. The request included clarification of language for porch, deck and exterior door landings, more precise wording to describe roofline requirements, and additional language to

allow boats parked in a driveway or under a carport. The complete updates will be posted on the City of Horseshoe Bay website for further review. The Council reviewed and approved the proposed updates.

Prior to reviewing and approving the building standards update presented by Ms. McFeron, Public Comments were provided by Perry Butler and Taylor Major regarding the Ordinance. A request was made by Mr. Butler to remove proposed language regarding permanent foundations for Manufactured Homes. Mr. Major of Legacy Housing, indicated that he did not have an issue with permanent foundations but would appreciate consideration regarding a 5 ft. rather than the mandatory 15 ft. setbacks because the size of the lots did not allow adequate space to provide decks, steps, and porches to the front of the homes.

Mayor Clinesmith discussed Horseshoe Bay's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The Heritage of Horseshoe Bay and its development has been captured in a new book written by Jim Jorden and a group of dedicated community residents with historical perspectives. The City Council proposed investing \$6,000 to underwrite the expense of printing 500 copies of the book. The monies invested to underwrite the project will be paid back to the city when the books are sold. The Council voted unanimously to support the process as it fully aligns to the mission of "preserving our heritage". Everyone is encouraged to purchase a copy for their own benefit and as a gift for colleagues/loved ones.

Jules Martin, IT Administrator, and Troy Meyers, GIS Administrator, presented an update and overview of the Technology Department. Mr. Martin indicated that the Caselle Migration is live and the final pieces are being completed. He stated that the department is dedicated to building and promoting a "digital city" to connect citizens to their government....and is fully within its budget. Mr. Meyers discussed the Imagery Services that provide aerial and detailed maps for the entire City.

Vicki Briggs, Human Resources Director, shared the processes used by the City to hire employees. She stated that the Department is working toward more automation and accessibility for employees to information related to their healthcare and general business interactions related to their employment. Ms. Briggs also discussed progress being made in new training and evaluation programs. The ultimate success will be the availability of paperless services for all employees.

Council Member Frank Hosea provided an update on the progress toward broadband availability in the Horseshoe Bay community. The process is complex and involves a number of different entities to reach the ultimate goal of quality internet services for all of Horseshoe Bay. He indicated that he is encouraged to see interest being expressed by several companies within the area to work together to provide quality services in our area. Council Member Hosea will be available at the Town Hall Meeting at the Horseshoe Bay Resort Yacht Club scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. to share an in-depth update of the progress being made.

Your opinion counts, so we hope you will mark your calendar to join the Town Hall meeting and again for the City Council meeting scheduled for May 18, 2021 at City Hall in the Council Chambers.