

Horseshoe Bay Council Comments

By Council Member Elaine Waddill

The City of Horseshoe Bay regular City Council meeting was held August 30, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Clinesmith called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Invocation was given by Dr. Malcolm McQueen, Senior Pastor at the Church at Horseshoe Bay, followed by the pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Rocky Wardlow, Chief of Police, presented an award commemorating Investigator Kevin Ard for his 10 years of service to the City of Horseshoe Bay. Kevin was initially hired as a patrol officer but through his commitment to the department, his hard work for the community, and his diligence of duty, he quickly promoted to the position of Investigator in 2016. He has a total of over 32 years of service as a police officer. He holds a Master Peace Officer license with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement which is the highest level of certifications as law enforcement instructor, a firearms instructor, a SWAT operator, and an Advanced School Resource Officer through the National Association of School Resource Officers. Kevin's wife, Amy, is an RN at Baylor, Scott & White hospital on Hwy 71. He has four grown children, but he and Amy still have two boys left at home. One is attending the University of Texas and the other is in high school at Lake Travis. When not spending time with his professional family in Horseshoe Bay, Kevin enjoys spending time with his family in Spicewood, boating on Lake Travis, and working his land in Blanco County.

Brent Batla, Fire Chief, presented a 20 year service award to Josh Nail. He is a fire service veteran who has served the citizens of Horseshoe Bay for 20 years. Josh began his fire service career volunteering for Mason VFD and working for the Brady Fire Department. He has promoted and grown through the years to rank of Captain within the department. He holds Firefighter Advanced certification through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, and he is also a Certified EMT- Basic through the Texas Department of State Health Services. Josh also holds Fire Instructor I, Driver/Operator-Pumper, and Fire Officer II through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. We thank and appreciate Josh for your 20 years of service to the community of Horseshoe Bay. We know we are safer because of all you do.

Margie Cardenas, Finance Director, discussed the final property tax rate for the coming year during a public hearing. The Council previously voted to set the rate at \$0.27 per \$100 of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Horseshoe Bay. The final adoption of the tax rate will be September 20, 2022.

A public hearing opportunity was provided for discussion regarding the creation of a Public Improvement District (PID) within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Horseshoe Bay. There were no requests to speak so the hearing was closed. Jeff Koska, City Manager, provided detailed information regarding the process to be completed, as well as a timeline for completion. He also indicated that the Public Hearing is the first step in the PID process. The City will have six (6) months after the close of the public hearing to negotiate the details of the development agreement and to finalize the details of the PID. At any time, the city or the developer may discontinue negotiations and terminate the PID process. At the close of the public hearing, the City Council addressed Resolution 2022-13 requesting approval of the Monarch Ridge PID Development Agreement and authorizing the execution of the Monarch Ridge Development Agreement by the City Manager. After additional review and discussion, the Council voted to approve the Resolution. The Council reviewed and discussed Resolution 2022-12 authorizing and creating the Monarch Ridge Public Improvement District (PID) in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code. The Council voted to approve the Resolution. Having approved the Development Agreement and providing authorization to create a PID, the Mayor and Council requested that the Horseshoe Bay staff begin the annexation and zoning process for the Monarch Ridge PID.

Jeff Koska, City Manager, provided an update to the Council regarding several ongoing items. He indicated that the West Fire Station in Bay West is being evaluated as a potential site for a HSB West area cluster mailbox site. He is working with the Horseshoe Bay Property Owners Association to design and construct the infrastructure for this site.

Jeff also introduced and welcomed the new Human Resources Director, Rachel Hearne. Rachel is already off and running to take care of the needs for the City staff and Horseshoe Bay residents. Welcome to Horseshoe Bay Rachel!

The status of the current drainage project was described as 50% complete on the first of seven drainage basins within the City was reported by the City Manager. This project will provide for hydrologic and hydraulic modeling of the drainage areas. The goals for the study will be to identify flood prone areas and to identify structural crossing and structural channel improvements to limit roadway over-topping and minimize the risk of flood flows to habitable structures. This will provide for future capital project budgeting and plan for maintaining the drainage basin.

As summer ends there are many exciting and new opportunities happening in Horseshoe Bay. The next City Council meeting will be September 20, 2022. We value your input and involvement in decision making regarding our community. Mark your calendar for a SAVE the DATE Town Hall, Wednesday, September 28th 2:30-4:30 at the Horseshoe Bay Yacht Club Ballroom. This will be City Staff led Q&A time focused on four key topics: Update on Internet Tower installations, Water Management, Growth Management, and the much-needed City Center. We encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you.