

Horseshoe Bay Council Comments

By Council Member Elaine Waddill

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held September 20, 2022. Mayor Cynthia Clinesmith called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Invocation was given by Reverend Malcolm McQueen, followed by pledges to the American and Texas flag.

Mayor Clinesmith presented a Proclamation declaring September 25 –October 1, 2022, as “Source Water Protection Week”. The City of Horseshoe Bay commits to continuing to prioritize high water quality and calling upon citizens to recognize their responsibility for ensuring our water source for Horseshoe Bay communities are vibrant. Water conservation and care to prevent pollution will ensure preservation of our drinking water source for now and future generations.

Mayor Clinesmith also saluted the Workforce Network, in collaboration with Workforce Solutions for their receipt of a multi-million dollar award to provide training throughout Burnet and Llano County for electricians, plumbers, certified nurses and other career opportunities. She reminded all of the upcoming Town Hall meeting on Sept 28th at the Resort Yacht Club at 2:30 pm where updates will be provided on growth and water management, internet service, and the new City Center plans. Finally, she encouraged any interested in the Citizens Academy beginning October 13th to submit their name for the few remaining openings....as well as reminded all to register to vote for the upcoming November election.

Police Chief Rocky Wardlow presented Cole Reasor a five-year service award. Cole came to work for the City of Horseshoe Bay from Randall County Sheriff's Office in Amarillo. He holds a Master Peace Officer license from TCOLE, the state agency who oversees law enforcement licensing, training, and regulations for all LE agencies across the state. During his tenure with the city, Cole has served in the capacity as a Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, and most recently, his new assignment as a Criminal Investigator. In 2020, Cole received the Police Chief's Citation for professional accomplishment for the development of the Department's Consumer Information Program that was later recognized by the Texas Town and City magazine. Later that same year, Cole received the Department lifesaving award for providing critical medical attention to a heart attack victim while he was off duty and in a neighboring jurisdiction. In 2021, Cole was nominated by the Llano County Judge and selected to serve as a member of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG), Law Enforcement Education Committee. Cole's wife Camille is currently employed as an Assistant District Attorney with the 33rd Judicial District Attorney, Sonny MacAfee in Llano, Texas and volunteers her service on the City of Horseshoe Bay Planning/Zoning Cmtee.

Utilities Director Rick Williams presented a five-year service award to Joel Green. Joel started his career in Horseshoe Bay with the Plant Operations division as a Plant Operator 1. He quickly became noted for his positive attitude and ability to fill multiple roles in the division. He moved from Plant Operator, to Water Quality Technician, and recently was promoted to Chief Operator. He has earned the respect of his peers and of our community with his dedication and can-do attitude. Previously Joel served 17 years in the United States Marine Corp, where he was promoted to his final rank of Staff Sargent and was honorably discharged after serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. While enlisted he met his lovely wife to be, Vannah. They have been together for 17 years and happily married for 15 years. Team Green, as they refer to themselves, was expanded with the addition of Cody, Noah Faith, Aaron, and Addi. Joel can be found in his spare time at one of his very talented kid's extracurricular activities or at the family farm.

Development Services Director Sally McFeron, presented a five year service award to Christina Reinhardt in her role as the ICC Certified Permit Technician. Her building code knowledge, confidence and helpful

attitude make her an important asset to the Development Services team and to the community. In her five years with the city, she successfully switched permitting processes from the old handwritten format to a software driven system. She transitioned paper submissions to digital, saving the city thousands of dollars annually in courier fees to ATS for review. Her archive management is crucial to the Development Service department and the city as a whole. If you don't know where to find something, ask Christina. Christina is an International Code Council (ICC) Certified Permit Technician. She regularly attends ICC seminars and learning institutes such as Inspector courses, Legal Aspects of Code Administration Energy Efficiency, International Building Codes, Residential Codes, and so much more. She is an integral reason growth in HSBay has been well managed with quality high standards. Christina is a devoted marriage partner to her husband Jason for 27 years. As avid cyclists, they can be seen zipping around Horseshoe Bay on their bikes for a mere 30 to 40 mile ride. We thank and appreciate Christina for the high level of engagement and commitment she has for the Horseshoe Bay community.

On behalf of the Horseshoe Bay Police Department, Chief Rocky Wardlow thanked the Horseshoe Bay Resort for the donation of a 2021 Ford Bronco to the Police Department vehicle fleet. This vehicle will provide additional 4-wheel drive capabilities which will be invaluable in disaster situations such as floods, wildfires, and ice storms. The Police Department is often called upon to assist other area agencies in times of natural disasters, so this is truly a donation for the whole region. In addition, this specialized vehicle can be used as a recruitment tool and provide transportation for officers attending schools and training in other areas of the state. The Police Department presented the Horseshoe Bay Resort ownership, Doug Jaffe, and CEO Ron Mitchell with recognition and appreciation for their generous contribution which will serve the citizens of Horseshoe Bay for many years to come.

The Mayor encouraged citizens to get involved and make application to serve in one of the various committees of the City, including: Broadband, Parks, Historical Preservation, Planning/Zoning, Board of Adjustment, Transportation. Interested citizens must submit an application to City Secretary Kerri Craig, by 5:00 p.m. no later than November 1, 2022.

Matt Meyers, the new area representative for Waste Management introduced himself to the community and made a commitment to continual in quality service during the Public Comment period.

Several actions were taken to formalize discussions and open hearings from last month. The City adopted its annual budget and 5 year Capital Project plan which required no increase in the \$0.27 tax rate from prior years and no increase in water and sewer rates for a second year. They authorized a notice for the intent to issue Certificate of Obligations for another round of 1.25 miles of new ribboned roads, as well as upgrades to the West Fire Station. Monthly reports by varied departments were shared indicating a solid ending to this fiscal year across the City. The Broadband committee indicated the contract had been executed to begin work on the installation of the City communications and internet towers to provide more dependable service to all of HSBay. The meeting closed at 4:36 following an executive session.

As we close the Council meeting, I am reminded of the many months, weeks, days and hours that the City of Horseshoe Bay staff spend working diligently to ensure that the needs of our residents are met. We are beyond blessed to have clearly outstanding, focused, and exceptional individuals working to meet the needs of our community.

Our next City Council meeting will be October 11, 2022. Enjoy the cooler weather as we transition to Fall and prepare for a busy holiday season.