

## **City of Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments**

**April 18, 2023**

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on April 18, 2023, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Clinesmith called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. The invocation was given by Pastor Rev. Dr. John Duncan from The Church at Horseshoe Bay, followed by pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Mayor Clinesmith highlighted several proclamations declaring April 30 - May 6, 2023, as "Municipal Clerks Week," May 7 - 13, 2023 as "Public Service Recognition Week," May 7 - 13, 2023 as "Drinking Water Week," and, May 14 - 20, 2023 as "National Police Week."

Utilities Director Rick Williams recognized retiring Plant Operations Supervisor Dane Bybee with heartfelt praise and accommodations. Rick introduced a new employee, Joseph Sultemeier, a Field Operator Trainee.

Fire Chief Batla introduced two new firefighters, Trevor Willauer and Brett Hutchinson (not in attendance). Fireman, Jonathan Lewis was recognized for his five-year service award.

Police Chief Wardlow presented Mike Guthrie the Hill Country 100 Club Award for Police Support Person of the Year; Fire Chief Batla presented Hill Country 100 Club Award for Firefighter of the Year to Ben Miller.

City Finance Director, Chris Thomas accepted the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award on behalf of the Finance Department.

During Public Comment, Debbie Beeman, commented on the proposed recommendations on the traffic study. She would prefer a traffic light to assist pedestrian traffic crossing on F.M. 2147 over a flashing yellow "caution light".

DJ Hunter commented that the proposed zoning change, from residential to commercial, on the lot at 2301 Clayton Nolan would negatively affect her property value.

Steve Carter commented that the property on 2301 Clayton Nolan would change from residential to commercial. He said he is interested to know what is going to be built on the property.

City Finance Director Chris Thomas presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Second Quarter Financial Report. Chris said this is a snapshot of the City's financials as of March 31, 2023. The finances are consistent.

Development Services Director Sally McFeron said three different public hearings related to zoning amendments were held, the City Council heard all three requests and voted to approve

the amendments on the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 28, 2023, meeting.

The approved re-zoning ordinances are:

Ordinance 2023-20 is re-zoning .03 acres from A-1 Recreational to R-6 Casita for Lot C-5 in Escondido to allow for the construction of a swimming pool for their single-family residence.

Ordinance 2023-21 is rezoning 1.11 acres from A-1 Recreational to R-1 Single Family Residential to provide the correct zoning for the existing single-family home in The Trails subdivision.

Ordinance 2023-22 is rezoning 1.0 acres from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-2 General Commercial to allow for the use of the lot for airport activities. The existing airplane hangar will remain on the lot. During a discussion by the Council on the ordinance, Sally stated that the city has not received any building plans for the rezoning change. Ron Mitchell with the Horseshoe Bay Resort said the airport expansion will be used for parking airplanes.

LTJ Construction, LLC requested a third 60-day building permit extension for the home being constructed at 504 Lighthouse Drive. The City Council unanimously approved the request. Also, Westway Custom Builders Inc was granted a third 60-day building permit for 110 Bunny Run. Legends Communities, Inc was on the agenda for two extension requests, but were able to complete the homes prior to the Council meeting thus eliminating the need for the extensions.

Utilities Director Rick Williams explained the Ordinances 9a 2023-26. This item is a revision of the city irrigation ordinance. This ordinance governs installation and inspection criteria of landscape irrigation systems. The outcome is that changes are accepted to the watering schedule- simplified and terminology changes made to reflect updates to the state water code. The Council voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

9b- 2023-25 The water conservation plan references the irrigation ordinance, so dates had to be changed for this as well. Changes were also made to reflect updates in the city limit size, and population counts served. The Council voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

9c- 2023-24 The drought contingency plan is required by the LCRA, our water wholesaler. This plan includes our drought contingency stages that escalate water curtailment tactics as droughts increase in severity. The LCRA monitors lake storage levels and advises us on what stages are mandatory and referenced in our plan. Our plan references the water conservation, and irrigation ordinance, so updates were made to reflect charts, figures, and terminology here as well. This ordinance was also updated to increase penalties for violation of drought contingency stages. The Council voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2023, Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Second Quarter Investment Report; Approval of a Lease Agreement Between the City and Llano County ESD #1 and Burnet County ESD #1 for Accommodations for

Emergency Medical Services Personnel; and Approval of Resolution 2023-10: Declaring Police Department Property 106 and/or Equipment to be Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Manager to Delegate the Disposition of Such Property in a Manner Which is Beneficial to the City.

City Manager Jeff Koska reported the City's website redesign is underway. Also, Communications Director Dan Herron, is working on communications campaigns for the new Irrigation Watering Schedule roll-out and Short-term Rental ordinance.

Mr. Koska mentioned the wireless towers are scheduled to be installed on Monday, April 24 with minimal disruption to city traffic.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2023, at 3 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

To find out more about the Council meeting and view the Council Meeting packet go to the City's website at <https://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-2> We hope you will join us for the meeting.

**Important Notice:** The Stargazing and Nighttime Photography Workshop has been rescheduled for Wed., June 7 at 2 p.m.

Photo IDs



Police Chief Wardlow, Mike Guthrie, Hill Country 100 Club Award recipient



Fireman Jonathan Lewis received his 5 year service award, Fire Chief Batla



**From L to R:** Mrs. Bybee, Retiree Dane Bybee, Rick Williams, Jeff Koska



Fireman Ben Miller, Hill Country 100 Club Award recipient and Fire Chief Batla