

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

**August 29, 2023**

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on August 29, 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 City Manager Jeff Koska, followed by pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Police Chief Wardlow presented Officer Linden Thorp the Police Chief's Citation for his exemplary service while responding to a residential house fire. Officer Thorp led 4 occupants from the residence to safety and fought the fire until the HSB Fire Dept. arrived. Fire Chief Rhea Cooper also presented Officer Thorp a framed commendation plaque from the Horseshoe Bay Fire Dept.

The Carole Ann Keiffer Scholarship Fund for the Horseshoe Bay Police Department awarded three scholarships to three Police Department employee's immediate family members to attend a college, university, or trade school for the 2023-2024 semesters.

For the 2023-2024 semesters, three scholarships were awarded:

- Rode Ligon, son of Bucky and Katie Boswell received \$3,000. Rode will be attending Sul Ross State University to study Animal Science
- Aspen Nelson, daughter of Paul and Jeanni Nelson received \$3,000. Aspen will be attending Texas A&M–Corpus Christi to study Nursing
- Chase Thorp, son of Linden and Lisalette Thorp received \$3,000. Chase will be attending Texas A&M–Galveston to study Computer Science

Kerri Craig, Legislative Services Director updated the Council on the status of annual appointments to the City's various Boards, Commissions, and Committees. The only groups with vacancies for 2024 are the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and Transportation Advisory Committee. The City will be requesting applications from citizens by advertising in The HSB Beacon and on the City's website. The application to serve are available on the City's website and from City Hall. Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2023.

Kerri Craig, Legislative Services Director recognized Janet Stehling, the City's Records and Information Manager, for receiving a competitive Major Scholarship from the Texas Municipal Clerks Association in the amount of \$500.

Utilities Director Rick Williams presented Mac Montoya with a 5-Year Service Award; and Chris "Legend" Carter with a 30-Year Service Award.

## Public Comment

HSB Resident Bill Gaylord commented on the City's lot mowing program and thanked City Manager Jeff Koska and Public Works Director Tim Foran for clearing two overgrown lots next to his house that had become fire hazards.

Derrik Marchio, with Burnet County Office of Emergency Management, provided a presentation on the Area Planning for the April 2024 Eclipse event. He said they are expecting 60K-100K visitors to Burnet County and mentioned to be prepared for degradation of cellular service, increased calls for traffic incidents, heavy parking along the roadways and increased response time for public safety calls. Mr. Marchio stressed the importance of making emergency plans to communicate with family members and if possible, secure access to a landline phone for emergencies.

## During Public Hearing Items:

A. Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the City of Horseshoe Bay, Texas. Staff recommends the budget be considered for approval at the next City Council meeting on September 19, 2023. The Council tabled the item until the Sept. 19 meeting. Mayor Clinesmith commented that the staff and Council have spent about eighteen hours in planning meeting this year on the proposed budget and thanked the many other hours staff has put into the preparation for its adoption.

B. Silver Rock Phased Preliminary Plat Consisting of 19 Lots Located at 24435 E. HWY 71 between FM 2147 and CR 2831 in the City of Horseshoe Bay, Modern Homestead LLC, is the applicant. Staff agrees that the proposed use and layout is consistent with Horseshoe Bay design standards and confirming no apartments are planned or allowed for this project. On August 8, 2023, at the regular meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the City Council approve the Phased Preliminary Plat. The Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

C. Pinnacle Reserve Preliminary Plat Consisting of 19 Single Family Lots and 2 Open Space Lots located at the Intersection of Bay West Boulevard and Blister Gold in the City of Horseshoe Bay, NFB Interests, is the applicant. This tract was originally classified to be multi-family with up to 66 units, however the developer decided to change the property to a 19 single family resident community. Staff agrees that the proposed use and layout is consistent with Horseshoe Bay design standards and recommends approval of the plat. The mayor and council applauded the decision to downsizing of the tract and welcomed the lower density project. At their regular meeting on August 8, 2023, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended the City Council approve this Preliminary Plat. The Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

## 8 Business

A. The City has developed an agreement to control design and construction of fiber optic broadband internet within the City's right of ways. The agreement also defines revenue generation similar to other existing franchise agreements (up to 5% of gross sales) for services provided within the City ROWs. Rio Broadband has committed to sign the contract and will be considered for a construction contract to begin expansion of a fiber optic network within the City in November. The Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

B. As a part of the City's Long-Range Plan the City staff began to develop plans to incentivize broadband vendors to expand their services within the city Boundaries. After receiving proposals to expand fiber broadband services, Rio Broadband was selected as the best qualified and best value to provider for the project. Funding will be provided from funds provide from a portion of Llano County ARPA funds and is not from City tax funds. The project is expected to begin within 60-90 days after the contract is signed and be completed within approximately one year. Broadband internet Services will be provided by Rio Broadband, LLC as the construction along their planned route is completed and available. Installation of the fiber conduit will be performed by micro trenching technology on the edge of the road pavement. More information will be shared by the City on Rio Broadband, LLC begins work within the city. The Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

G. (discussed out of order) Proposed Ordinance 2023-35 is to align the two regulations related to the construction of buildings over 10,000 square feet. The second part of the proposed ordinance is to establish a reasonable permit length for the construction of buildings over 10,000 square feet. Staff explain the need for an increase in time is warranted for these large and complex structures and proposed an increase for over 10,000 square feet builds be expanded to 36 months. After discussion by the Council and Staff, the Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

### Permit Extension Approved for:

C. Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 2808 Aurora, Filed Construction, Inc., Applicant. The Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

D. Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 100 W. Up There, CitiCon Construction, Inc., Applicant. The Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

E. Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 104 South Desert Rose, CitiCon Construction, Inc., Applicant. The Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

F. Request for a One Year Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 1505 Apache Tears, Jeff Jackson Custom Homes, Applicant. This permit was pulled by the applicant; Council held no discussion on the request.

Consent Agenda. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes: July 18, 2023. The Council voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items included:

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes: July 11, 2023

B. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes: July 18, 2023

C. Approval of Ordinance 2023-36: Approving the 2023-24 Annual Update to the Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll for the Escondido Public Improvement District in Accordance with Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code, as Amended; Providing for Findings of Fact, Repealer, Severability, Public Notice and Meeting, and Effective Date.

D. Approval of a Letter of Agreement with Llano County Regarding the Annual Contract Fee for Tax Assessment and Collection Services.

E. Approval of Resolution 2023-14: Declaring Police Department Property 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 of Horseshoe Bay.

F. Approval of a Personnel Policy Revision: Article IX. Use of City Property. This was to comply with new state legislation restricting use of certain software applications (Tik-Tock and others found to be potentially invasive or damaging to the interest of government entities).

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19, 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> We hope you will join us for the meeting and have a safe and relaxing Labor Day holiday.