



City of Horseshoe Bay

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City of Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments

October 17, 2023

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on October 17, 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 Malcolm McQueen with The Church at Horseshoe Bay, followed by pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Proclamations

Mayor Clinesmith highlighted two proclamations, first declaring the Month of October 2023 as "Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Month." This was presented by Development Services Director Sally McFeron, who recognized the Code Enforcement Officers Ray Garcia, Seleste Kos, and Alex Ocasio.

Second, the week of November 6-10, 2023, is "Municipal Court Week." This was presented by Finance Director Chris Thomas, recognizing Judge Kevin Maddison, Prosecutor Eddie Arredondo, Administrator Beth Kuentz, Court Clerk Ray Garcia, and Court Clerk Michelle Everly.

Announcements and Staff Recognition

City Manager Jeff Koska introduced the new Fire Chief, Doug Fowler, who retired from the City of Austin Fire Department as Assistant Fire Chief. While at the Austin Fire Department, he achieved the prestigious ISO 1 Certification for the city. Fowler has also worked as Fire Chief with the South Padre Island Fire Department and, most recently, with Hays County ESD#1 as Chief Administrator. He will be starting at Horseshoe Bay on Oct. 31.

Mayor Clinesmith introduced a new employee, Logan Stump, a utility plant operator who was absent.

Interim Chief Rhea Cooper presented Fireman Will Herron with his five-year service award.

Sally McFeron, Director of Development Services, shared the exciting news that the city achieved Platinum status, the highest level of a Scenic City designation. The city also received the prestigious **"Scenic City of the Year Award"** at the Dallas annual Texas Municipal League Conference in early October. The recognition attests to the City's natural beauty, community support, and cultural heritage of our exceptional community. Mayor Clinesmith thanked all employees who worked on the application, especially Susan White, who compiled all the information into the lengthy application.



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Legislative Services Director Kerri Craig said applications are being accepted for City Boards, Commissions, and Committees for appointments to be made in Dec 2023 - The deadline to apply is Nov 1, 2023.

Public Comment

Rick Overholt of HSB POA thanked the City's Utilities Department for work performed in the POA's Fuch Hollow Park, helping to remove a large Oak Tree that fell over into the spring waterway, creating a potential hazard for children who may fall into the tangle of limbs within the water. He contacted several tree companies for removal, but none could provide reasonable means to remove it from the water. He reached City Manager Jeff Koska, who requested Field Supervisor George Watson and his crew to see if they could assist with removing the tree, which was achieved this week. He thanked the crew members who removed the tree, Austin, Gerrad, Joseph, and Bryan, for their efficient work and courteous work ethic.

During Public Hearing Items:

Finance Director Chris Thomas presented preliminary end-of-year values, but both funds show more than 100 percent of total revenues collected and less than 100 percent of expenses used. The City continues to be financially responsible, and any excess funds carry over with funds balances and are used for payment towards capital projects, lowering bond issuance needs. Thomas said, "Overall, our departments are spending wisely and managing revenues effectively to keep day-to-day operations within budgets."

Business

The approved Permit Extensions are as follows:

A Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 213 Mayapple, Legends Communities, Applicant. The council voted, and a 60-day extension was approved.

Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 400 Mayapple, Legends Communities, Applicant. The council voted, and a 60-day extension was approved.



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Consent Agenda

The Council voted, and all Consent Agenda items were approved.

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2023
- B. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2023
- C. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Fourth Quarter Investment Report
- D. Approval of Resolution 2024-02: Designating an Official Newspaper for Fiscal Year 2024
- E. Approval of Annual Renewal of Agreement to Provide Firefighting Services Between the City of Horseshoe Bay and Llano County Emergency Services District 4, Llano County Municipal Utility District 1, and Deerhaven Water Control and Improvement District
- F. Approval of the Public Funds for Public Purposes City Council Subcommittee Recommendation of Approval for Requests for Funding from CASA for the Highland Lakes, Phoenix Center, Burnet County Child Welfare Board and Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center from the Child Safety Fee Fund
- G. Approval of the Updated Summit Rock Public Improvement District Assessment Roll
- H. Approval of the Annual Animal Shelter/Adoption Center Agreement Between the City of Horseshoe Bay and the Hill Country Humane Society
- I. Approval of an Annual Contract Between the City of Horseshoe Bay and Belinda Basse for Animal Carcass Disposal in Blanco County

Monthly Reports

This was Mayor Clinesmith's last council meeting. She thanked the city employees for all their hard work and dedication. She made one final request that we have a bench placed at the new City Hall for citizens to sit down and have conversations. "Community starts with a conversation," said Mayor Clinesmith.

City Manager Jeff Koska thanked Mayor Clinesmith for all her hard work and dedication she had provided for her nine years of service. She has always been professional and taken care of the City's employees. "We believe the work Mayor Clinesmith performed has always set us on a path for a better future and has held the city to a higher standard for providing exceptional service," said Koska.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14, 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 weekend.



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From L to R: Interim Chief Rhea Cooper, Fireman Will Herron, City Manager Jeff Koska



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Mayor Clinesmith's hold a bouquet of flowers at her last council meeting. She leaves the City on a path for a better future and has held the city to a higher standard for providing exceptional service.



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