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City of Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments

January 16, 2024

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on January 16, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thurman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. The invocation was given by Reverend John Duncan with The Church at Horseshoe Bay, followed by pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Announcements and Staff Recognition

Mayor Thurman gave Linda and Dale Amstutz a certificate to recognize their hard work and efforts to collect gift cards for first responders.

Public Comment

With the Linebarger Law Firm, Carrie Pickering presented the City with a check for \$3,360 for delinquent property tax lot sales.

Alen Fletcher introduced himself as a candidate for Llano County Justice of the Peace.

Marie Primm introduced herself running for the Republican party nomination for the 33rd/424th Judicial District Attorney's Office position.

Adrienne Feild introduced herself as a candidate for Burnet County Tax Collector.

A resident commented that a car crashed into a tree during the middle of the night on Bay West Blvd. and asked when the damage would be repaired. Mayor Thurman said a city employee would contact her to discuss the matter.

Presentations

A. Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Financial Report

Interim Finance Director Margie Cardenas reported that for the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 2024, general fund revenues exceeded expenditures by over \$2.2 million. The Utility Fund revenues exceed expenditures by over \$720,000. Both major funds are doing well at this time of the year.

Business

A. Ordinance 2024-04. The City of Horseshoe Bay will issue Tax and Revenue Certificates of



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Obligation for \$9 million. The sale aims to fund water and wastewater infrastructure projects, street improvements, and construction costs for Fire Station #2. The repayment of this debt will not impact the current tax rate.

- A. Jennifer Ritter with Specialized Public Finance reported that the Bank of Oklahoma (BOK) won the bid with a strong low bid of 3.39% interest rate for the City's 2024 bond.
- B. Ordinance 2024-05. City Manager Jeff Koska said the city will pass an ordinance to start a charter to create the Land Use and Development Advisory Committee to decide what footprint the city will establish for developers and growth moving forward for the future, mainly in the City's extrajudicial jurisdictional areas around the City. This committee will collect information and public input to develop the future land use map as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan that staff will develop over the next year.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2023
- B. Approval of Resolution 2024-11: Amending the City Council Rules of Procedure
- C. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Investment Report
(C.) continued, Interim Finance Director Margie Cardenas reported that she corrected a minor error in the report and provided the Council with an updated report. The average interest rate for the investment of City funds is at 5.35% and complies with the City's Investment policy.
- D. Approval of the Annual Summit Rock Public Improvement District Debt Payment Summary Report
- E. Approval of a Pipeline Engineering Services Contract – providing additional capacity to transfer water across the City to the growing western areas of the City.
- F. Approval of a Tap Services Contract – for services to install new water/wastewater connections of new construction.
- G. Approval of Aaron Concrete Construction Street Upgrades Contract Change Order – extend construction services (FY2023) for additional construction with existing contract for budgeted and planned (FY2024) that will save mobilization cost estimated at over \$200,000.
- H. Approval of Ordinance 2024-05: Amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations Section 3.02.008(B) Public Hearing, Chapter 14 Zoning Ordinance Section 14.02.157 Joint Meetings, Section 14.02.225(C) Notice and Public Hearings, Section 14.02.265 Public Hearing and Notice, 14.02.305 Procedures for Approval of Conditional Use Permits; Providing for Findings of Fact, Repealer, Penalty, Savings, Severability, Effective Date, and Public Notice and Meeting



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(H.) continued, Development Services Director Sally McFeron said the ordinance amendments establish public hearing notice timeline requirements for Planning and Zoning, City Council, and Board of Adjustment applications to conform with State of Texas Local Government Code requirements. The adjustments will reduce costs and confusion about extended time and distance requirements. The notice's timelines and distance requirements are set to coincide with State of Texas regulations.

I. Approval of Ordinance 2024-06: Approving and Adopting an Amendment to Budgeted Funds for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023, and Ending on September 30, 2024 – additional funding to replace Central Fire Station and City Hall emergency generator with a fixed base unit and resale the mobile until to offset new generator expense after until is installed and operational.

Monthly Reports

City Manager Jeff Koska mentioned that Public Works Director Tim Foran salted roads to inhibit freezing during the weekend freeze. Koska introduced Utilities Director Rick Williams, who reported that the generators were tested last week before the freeze, the staffing level was A+, and there were no reports of low-pressure water levels in the city. Koska also reported that once the freezing weather is over, staff will look for any residents who may have a pipe burst due to the freeze, both visually and by monitoring Water Smart for higher-than-normal consumptions.

A resident commented that after placing a support call Sunday night after 11 p.m., Michael Aponte, also known as “Q-Ball,” came out to a resident’s house at midnight and replaced a grinder pump. She said he went above and beyond to fix their emergency.

City Manager Koska said more freezers are expected this week, and the city will monitor the WaterSmart software for leaks and abnormalities during all subsequent freezes this winter.

Public Works Director Tim Foran said the 2023 paving phase is now completed. With this project (FY23) completed, he thanked the City Council for approving a change order for additional work planned for (FY24) to save mobilization fees. He is also completing the documents for the remaining FY24 paving project items.

Development Services Director Sally McFeron said the MGO software runs despite a few rough edges. Additionally, the Short-term Rental hotline number will be open next week. When there



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is a problem with a STR rental, the software provider, Granicus, will contact the owner's property manager and see that the problem is resolved. If not resolved, the issue will be forwarded to the City to ensure compliance with regulations and resolution.

City Manager Koska said the first phase of installation of fiber optic cable hubs will start this month, beginning on Fergeson Road and following Hi Circle North to Hi Circle West to Hwy 2147. This will allow feeder connections to be utilized for neighborhood installations. More information will be sent to affected areas as the project moves forward.

Executive Session

Council Member Jones motioned to enter into a contract with the Bojorquez Law Firm for City Attorney/Legal Services for HSB and to authorize the city manager to contract with Baker & Robertson for special legal services as required. Mayor Pro Tem Waddill seconded. VOTE: 4-1 in favor. Council Member King voted No, and the motion passed.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2024, 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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Mayor Thurman, Linda and Dale Amstutz, City Manager Jeff Koska