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City of Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments

April 16, 2024

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on April 16, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thurman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. New Pastor Scott Vermillion with the Church at Horseshoe Bay gave the invocation, followed by pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Proclamations

Mayor Thurman read proclamations declaring support for the following proclamations for May 2024:

- A. Proclamation Declaring May 5-11, 2024, as "Public Service Recognition Week."
- B. Proclamation Declaring May 5-11, 2024, as "Drinking Water Week."
- C. Proclamation Declaring May 12-18, 2024, as "National Police Week."

Announcements and Staff Recognition

Fire Chief Doug Fowler introduced Carlos Almaguer, a 10-year Service Award recipient.

Finance Director Molly Jester recognized Beth Kuentz, Finance Supervisor/Court Administrator, for winning the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center's 2024 Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives Award for the City of Horseshoe Bay's Municipal Court.

Assistant Police Chief Jason Graham introduced Hill Country 100 Club "Officer of the Year" Award Recipient Officer Len Snyder and Hill Country 100 Club "Meritorious Service" Award Recipient Officer Lin Thorp.

Fire Chief Doug Fowler introduced Captain Kyle Schmidt (not present), the recipient of the Hill Country 100 Club "Responder of the Year" Award.



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New City Team Members:

Utilities Director Rick Williams introduced new staff members: Gavin Ramirez, a Field Operator, and Marla Ivey, a Development Services Administrative Assistant.

Fire Chief Doug Fowler introduced the City's two new Firefighters, Tyler Bryant and Race Landers (not present).

Public Comment

There was no public comment received.

Presentations

A. Fiscal Year 2024 Second Quarter Financial Report. Finance Director Molly Jester provided an overview of the second quarter's financials and said the finance report was presented, representing six months or 50 percent. Revenues and expenses of the FY2024 budget are within budget expectations. The presentation is available to review on the City's website for more details.

B. Deer Trapping Program. City Manager Jeff Koska reported that the city has not trapped deer in the last two years, 2022 and 2023, due to drought; the deer population has rebounded, and this year, trapping will resume. Assistant Police Chief Jason Graham presented the proposed use of corral pens as a best practice method of trapping the deer and said that city animal control staff would be used to perform trapping. He recommended utilizing FY2024 budget funds to purchase equipment and budget for remaining equipment and revising the current part-time animal control officer to a full-time one in next year's budget.

Business

A. Ordinance 2024-10: Utilities Director Rick Williams said the City has updated the drought contingency plan to reflect new LCRA drought requirements as a mandate effective May 1, 2024. The current low lake levels and lack of needed inflows to refill lake storage volumes continue to plague the central Texas area, which is LCRA's reason for advancing restrictions. The City will develop a communications campaign to inform residents of the new restrictions. The Council voted and approved the ordinance.



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B. Ordinance 2024-11: Finance Director Molly Jester explained mid-year budget adjustments based on actual revenue and expensed line items for the first half of FY2024. She requested approval of the changes to the existing adopted budget via amendments to city general and utility funds. The Council voted and approved the ordinance with revisions.

C. Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 39 Applehead Island Drive, Westway Custom Builders, Applicant. The Council voted and approved a 60-day extension for \$5,000.

D. Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 222 Sun Ray, Southern Legacy Building Group, Applicant. The Council voted and approved a 60-day extension for \$5,000.

E. Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 1217 Apache Tears, Zbranek & Holt Custom Homes, Applicant. The Council voted and approved a 60-day extension for \$5,000.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2024.
- B. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Second Quarter Investment Report.
- C. Approval of the Amended Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Investment Report.

Monthly Reports

City Manager Jeff Koska reported the city was well prepared for the eclipse and was fortunate to have fewer eclipse watchers and visitors than expected.

Utilities Director Rick Williams said the Granicus Short-term rental (STR) software is currently functional and active. It notifies the registered property manager of complaints and requires them to respond within an hour of the notification call.

MGO permitting software has some technical issues, and Development Services has challenges with extracting data. Legacy software is now up and running parallel to MGO and will remain online until MGO issues are mitigated and the software is fully functional. Staff is working with the software vendor to resolve the issue.



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City Manager Jeff Koska commented that the Land Use Committee met last Monday for its third meeting and is steadily progressing towards setting committee plan goals and initiation action items.

With mixed emotions, the City Manager announced the retirement of Police Chief Rocky Wardlow, effective May 15, 2024. Rocky will enjoy a well-deserved retirement but will surely be missed by the Staff, the Council, and our community. Chief Wardlow concludes a remarkable journey of public safety spanning over 40 years, dedicating the past 15 years to our community in Horseshoe Bay. His career spanned DPS, Texas Rangers, and our blessed community. The city staff is planning a celebration to honor Rocky's service to our community. If citizens want to thank Rocky for his service, cards or letters can be dropped off at the City Hall office or the Police Station.

Executive Session

The council provided the following motion on Executive Session item A - Relating to the Fuchs House Property (*Consultation with City Attorney 551.071; Deliberations about Real Property 551.072*). Council Member Jones motioned for the city to proceed with issuing a permit to demolish the Fuchs House with the following provisions: 1) Lawrence Paul Raley and Jennifer Raley pay for the demolition to take place, 2) the original steps to the post office, not be demolished and remain in the possession of the City of Horseshoe Bay, and 3) that one corner of the house be maintained in its original configuration, with that corner being selected at the discretion of the Raleys. Mayor Pro Tem Waddill seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

Item B: No action

Item C: No action

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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PHOTO IDs



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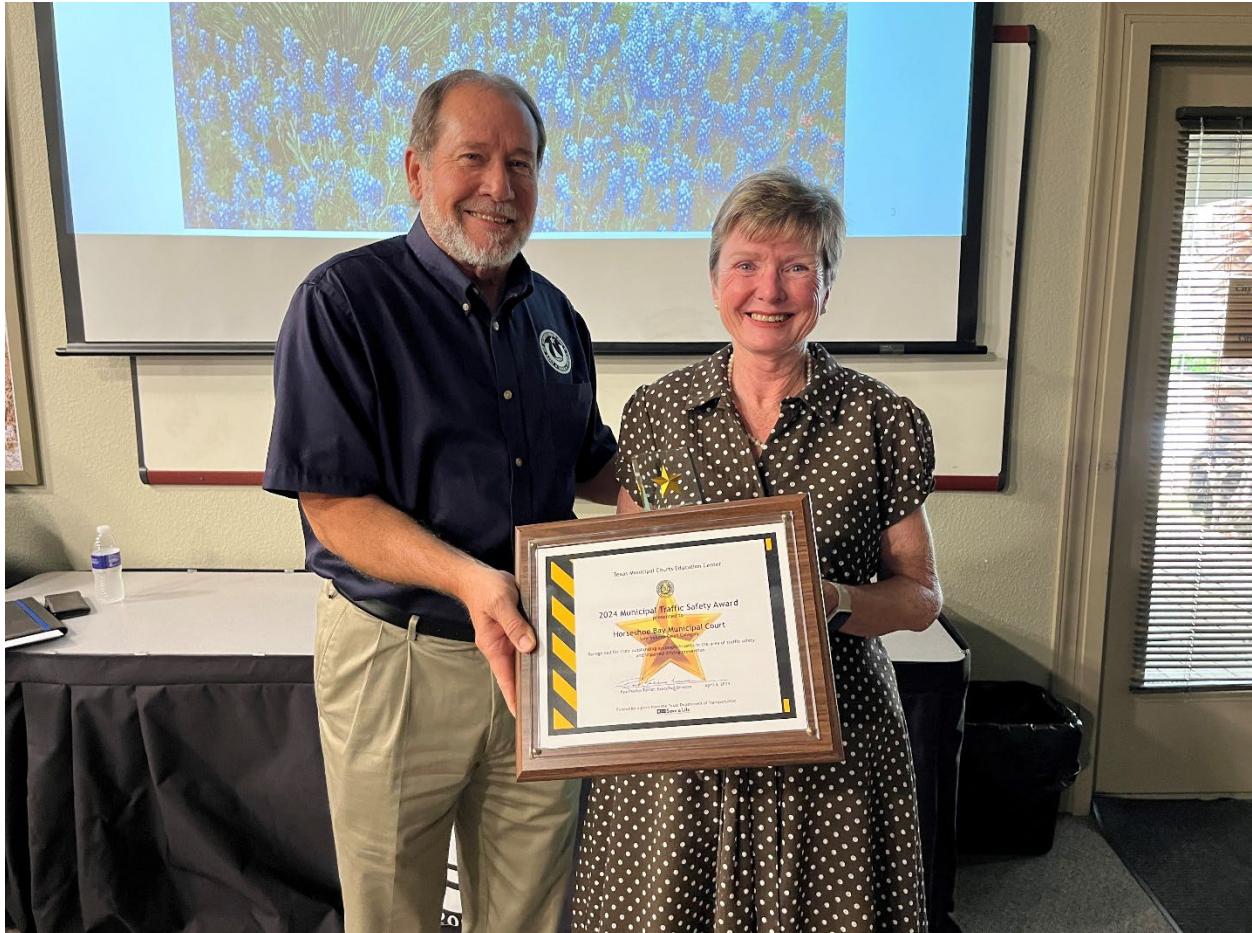


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