



# City of Horseshoe Bay

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

August 27, 2024

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on September 17, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thurman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Father Ruben Patiño with St Paul the Apostle Church gave the invocation, followed by pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Mayor Thurman commemorated the 9/11 Day of Remembrance, paying tribute to the lives lost and acknowledging the profound impact that day had on countless lives.

## **Proclamations**

Mayor Thurman read proclamations for May that highlighted the importance of two key observances: Source Water Protection Week and Fire Prevention Week.

Interim Utilities Director Ray Garcia presented a proclamation declaring September 29 to October 5, 2024, as "Source Water Protection Week."

Fire Chief Doug Fowler then presented a proclamation designating October 6 to 12, 2024, as "Fire Prevention Week."

## **5 Announcements and Staff Recognition**

City Manager Jeff Koska introduced new employees, Corrie Everett, a new Regulatory and Compliance Administrator, and Dylan Labounty, a Field Operator.

Fire Chief Doug Fowler swore in newly graduated firefighter Brett Hutchinson. Lieutenant Jason Blackmon pinned on his fire department badge.

## **6 Public Comment**

There was no public comment received.

## **7 Presentations**

Jim Jorden, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Coordinator and City Historian, presented the Fox Hollow Springs Park Historical Marker to the City. Mr. Jorden thanked all the committee volunteers who worked on the project: Jay Brown with Marble Falls Graphics; Charles Hixson, who organized the archaeological research and created the map for the signage;



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and the Historical Preservation Advisory Committee: Wayne Brascom, Eileen Hurd, Linda Lambert, Carol Rose, Council Member Jeff Jones, and City Manager Jeff Koska.

## **8 Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget**

A. Finance Director Molly Jester presented the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for the City of Horseshoe Bay, Texas. The Council voted and approved the budget, which is now formally adopted.

## **9 Public Hearing Items**

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate. Finance Director Molly Jester presented the item and said the agreed rate of \$0.26775 per \$100 value has been established. No public comments were received.

## **10 Business**

10A: Finance Director Molly Jester discussed Ordinance 2024-23, which reflected a tax rate of \$0.26775/\$100. The Maintenance and Operations portion of the rate will be \$0.19400/\$100, and the Interest and Sinking portion will be \$0.07375/\$100. The Council voted to approve the tax rate, and the motion was approved.

10B. Finance Director Molly Jester discussed that the staff recommended that the City Council ratify the property tax increase reflected in the adopted annual Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget. The Council voted to approve the property tax rate, and the motion was approved.

10C. Finance Director Molly Jester discussed increasing the annual fee for lot mowing twice a year from \$170 to \$190 (per vacant, undeveloped lot). The Council voted to approve the fee schedule, and the motion was approved.

Interim Utilities Director Ray Garcia presented proposed changes to the Utilities fees: Water service rates, reflect a 5% increase. This increase is to fund capital projects for the adopted 5-year CIP plan.

Garbage rates, reflect a 5% increase. This increase is due to contractual obligations for a 3.5% increase to Waste management, and an additional 1.5% to support brush and recycling operations.

Water and sewer tap rates, reflect a 10% Increase. This increase is to cover costs associated with new tap installations.

The Council voted to approve the fee schedules, and the motion was approved.



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Development Services Director Roy Jambor presented proposed changes to the building and Development Services development fees:

Add a third fee type (3) to section (a) building permits and codes for actual cost of professional services and third-party inspection costs for residential and commercial projects, with a 15% surcharge. This new fee is to address the increase in project's requiring professional services review and inspections.

Increase the fee for A3.01(b)(r) to cover actual inspection costs. Increase from \$50 each inspection to \$65.

Update A3.01(b)(t) to include actual cost of professional services review and third-party inspection fee plus 15% surcharge. These permit types typically require professional reviews and/or inspections. The permit holder must be responsible for covering these costs.

The Council voted to approve the fee schedules, and the motion was approved.

City Manager Jeff Koska presented a Lease Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for 5.9 Acres. Located on FM 2147, adjacent to the New City Center, it will include parking, water quality infrastructure and a small city park. The lease term agreement is for twenty years and costs \$1. The City and LCRA are still negotiating the lease terms. The request of the City Manager to authorize the City Manager to sign the lease once the terms are agreed upon by the City Attorney, City Manager and LCRA. Once signed construction will begin on the City Center project will begin.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2024 Workshop
- B. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2024 Regular Meeting
- C. Approval of Personnel Policy Revisions: Article V. The Compensation Plan, Section 3 and Article XIII Appendix B: Salary Table and Incentive Pay
- D. Approval of the Annual Animal Shelter/Adoption Center Agreement Between the City of Horseshoe Bay and the Hill Country Humane Society
- E. Approval of an Annual Contract Between the City of Horseshoe Bay and Belinda Basse for Animal Carcass Disposal in Blanco County
- F. Approval of the Updated Summit Rock Public Improvement District Assessment Roll
- G. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management with Llano County
- H. Approval to Award Contract to Hartford for Life and Disability Insurance Coverage
- I. Approval of a Concrete Flat Work Contract for the Reclamation Center to G2 Company



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J. Approval of Nominations for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election

K. Approval of Nomination for the Texas Municipal League (TML) Region 10 Director Election

L. Approval of Resolution 2024-22: Declaring Utilities 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

M. Approval of Amendments to the Contract for Sludge Removal at Effluent Pond #2 and Storage Bags with Synagro

## Monthly Reports

Public Works Director Tim Foran said that Aaron Concrete is progressing on the road reconstruction contract.

The new restrooms in Martin Park will be installed by the end of the week, and the pavilion expansion will follow soon.

The fall mowing program will start on October 6 and alleviate problems caused by recent rains and high grass along roadsides, which Council Member King mentioned needed attention. Tim also discussed a FY 2025 Budgeted new tractor and mowing attachment has been ordered and will be delivered in October to assist in maintaining the edge of the streets in the future.

## Executive Session

A. Claim for unpaid balance due for renting a horizontal grinder from Vermeer Texas-Louisiana (551.071).

The Council directed the City Attorney to work with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Insurance to assist with resolving the claim.

B. Relating to the Fuchs House Property (551.071; 551.072)

The Council directed the City Manager to submit the final agreement on the Fuch property to Jennifer and Paul Raley to be signed and returned to the City no later than Oct. 1, 2024.



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C. Denial of Building Permit Applications to Non-Compliant Builders, including amendments to the building regulations and enforcement action relating to the property located at 1902 Bay West Boulevard for failure to complete the building (551.071)

The Council authorized the City Attorney to correspond with the builder and his investor(s) to provide a timeline for completing construction.

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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



**From L to R:** Fire Chief Doug Fowler, new Firefighter Brett Hutchinson, and Lt. Jason Blackmon

During a Badge-Pinning ceremony, Fire Chief Doug Fowler swore in Brett Hutchinson as Horseshoe Bay's newest firefighter.



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