

December 9, 2025 Council Comments

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The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on December 9, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Jeff Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Jones gave the invocation.

Announcements and Staff Recognition

City Manager Jeff Koska introduced newly hired team member Pamela Turner, who joins the Police Department as an Administrative Assistant.

Jason Thames, Utilities Plant Operator II, received his five-year service award.



Pictured are City Manager Jeff Koska, Utilities Plant Operator James Thames, Plant Operations Supervisor Joel Green, and Utilities Director Ray Garcia.

Several City employees were recognized for receiving Texas Tech Leadership certifications, including Utilities Crew Lead Dalton Poe, Utilities Interim Crew Lead Bryan Rodriguez, and Finance Accounting Clerk Susan White.



Pictured are Utilities Director Ray Garcia, Field Operations Supervisor George Watson, Utilities Crew Lead Bryan Rodriguez, Utilities Crew Lead Dalton Poe, Finance Accounting Clerk Susan White, and Finance Director Molly Jester.

Public Comments

Rob Hardy, Mayor of Sunrise Beach, greeted the council members and expressed his appreciation to them for their service. Hardy announced that he is running for Llano County Judge.

Rick Overholt expressed concerns about postal kiosks in the proposed Richter's Ranch subdivision. Staff member Rick Williams shared that this issue is being addressed.

Business

The Council appointed Samuel Lee, Leo Boutte, and William Reinders to the Planning and Zoning Commission, with Samuel Lee appointed as committee chair.

The Council appointed Ron Christesson, Thom Fairleigh, and Michael Appleby to the Board of Adjustment, and Dale Amstutz was reappointed as committee chair.

Freese and Nichols presented a report to the Council regarding design standards for housing developments and regulations for subdivisions, with an emphasis on moving away from references to other municipalities' codes and instead adopting regulations that are specific to Horseshoe Bay. The Council authorized Freese and Nichols to proceed with the project. Freese and Nichols will continue to work with City staff on recommendations for changes to ordinances and any updates that may be needed to comply with state and industry regulations. A final plan is expected to be adopted in June 2026.

The Council approved the use of public funds for public purposes requests and awarded \$1,500 each to CASA of the Highland Lakes, the Phoenix Center, Llano County Child

Welfare Board, and the Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center from the Child Safety Fee Fund. This fund can only be used to support programs designed to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition, including child abuse prevention/intervention, and drug/alcohol abuse prevention, or programs designed to enhance public safety and security.

The Council approved a resolution confirming authorized City employee designee(s) for a new account already previously established with Regions Bank and authorizing all necessary documents.

The Council approved the awarding of a contract for cleaning services for City properties, including City Hall, City Center, and the Police Station, to Davis Moving and Cleaning.

The Council denied a request from the Waters Homeowners Association to reduce the monthly water allowance per unit from 5,000 to 2,000 gallons and directed City staff to continue a comprehensive water rate analysis for presentation during the July 2026 budget process, to include an example of how the Waters HOA request would be addressed through the rate study.

Public Hearing Items

The Council approved a request for a sign variance, allowing a seven-foot-long by three-foot-high sign for the new Horseshoe Bay Resort Live Oak Event Pavilion located to the west of Horseshoe Bay Boulevard on Buffalo.

Monthly Reports

Utilities Director Ray Garcia reported on a recent scheduled water outage for the Tres Vistas subdivision. While impacted residents received a flyer from the developer or through a CivicReady alert, not all residents were signed up to receive the information or may not have received the printed notification. Garcia shared that additional communication methods will be undertaken in the future to ensure all impacted residents receive vital alerts. Citizens can also sign up for the free CivicReady service by visiting www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/alerts. Garcia also reported that progress continues on the High Zone Transmission Main pipeline project and full remediation of the streets will be completed by March 2026. More information about the project can be found at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/highzone.

Public Works Director Tim Foran reported that several streets in Horseshoe Bay South have been paved with more expected to be completed soon for a portion of Mountain Dew that serves high volumes of traffic in the area, weather permitting.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 4:47 p.m. No action was taken during the executive session. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers located at 1 Community Drive. To learn more, visit www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov

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