

## **Council Comments.....**

Good Morning, Horseshoe Bay and it truly is a good morning. It's a little before seven and the lights are still twinkling across the lake in Marble Falls. The sun's not up but the southeastern sky is reddish gold. I'm colorblind, but I'm pretty sure that's right. It's cold outside but it will probably get to seventy degrees like yesterday. Seventy degrees on January 18 - is that not really great? But alas, no rain in sight. Maybe soon.

If you have not figured it out already, we had a very, very short council meeting yesterday. And hence, much filler is necessary. Here we go, short and sweet.

Reverend Johnny prayed and we pledged. Drew Crosby informed us that the HSB Business Alliance Coffee would be held on Wednesday, January 25, at 9 a.m. The mayor presented a 10 year service anniversary award to Joe Bates, one of our city's fine Firefighter/EMT's. Thank you Joe!

Mayor Bob then acknowledged the resignation of council lady Cynthia Clinesmith and we proceeded to the council election of her replacement. We had two outstanding candidates to choose from and Dick Rantzow will be appointed to fill out Cynthia's term through November of this year. Hopefully, David Pope, our other worthy candidate, will choose to run in the future. Thanks Dick and David. Dick was sworn in, pictures taken and he joined us for deliberations.

Jim Jorden, another outstanding volunteer, was then appointed as the HSB representative to the Llano County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Thank you, Jim. Also, thanks to Louraine Robertson for her past service in this role.

Next on the agenda, the Ordinance to establish a Parks Committee and appoint the five members. The HSB POA asked to have an appointed member, since much of our park land is in their domain. Wes Garnett, a POA Director, was nominated by the POA and approved 5 - 0 for a two year term. Volunteers for the remaining four seats included, Dorothy Crockett, Mary Daniel, Carrie Foster, Bob Glanville, Bill Prather, Lacey Smith and Mike Widler. In a single ballot vote the council appointed - Mike (2 years), Lacey (2 years), Mary (1 year) and Carrie (1 year). Mike will serve as chairman. Thanks to all our outstanding volunteers. We are blessed to have so many good ones from which to choose.

Folks, that was about it. City manager Stan updated us on the Fairways street upgrade. All is progressing in an orderly manner. The Bay West bridge construction began January 10 and while detouring is rampant, all is well.

We adjourned the regular open meeting at 3:20 (a new record) and went into executive session. After a 40 minutes discussion of several personnel items, we wrapped up the day at 4 p.m.

We begin a new year with visions of a new grocery store, better streets and bridges, a new hospital on the horizon, a new Summit Rock golf course and an improving real estate market. If we can just get a gully washer, what a fine year it will be.

Be safe and have a great day!!

Your Scribe –  
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