

June 19, 2012  
Horseshoe Bay City  
Council Comments

Written By: Tom Schmersahl for Jeff Robinson who is out of the Bay

As with the past couple meetings we had another short but very eventful meeting. After Reverend Pete Christy prayed we pledged. Mayor Bob opened the meeting for public comment.

Our first order of business was to recognize Assistant Police Chief as he retires from 42 total years in law enforcement. The Mayor read a proclamation declaring June 19, 2012 As "Glen French Day". "Glen French has served the citizens of HSB with distinction as Assistant Police Chief of HSB for 13 years", the Mayor said. Glen added that his time here would not have been successful without the great police staff and nothing without the citizens of HSB. Thank you Glen, you will be missed.

The other major item on the agenda involved several actions concerning the Summit Rock development. After several months of work by Summit Rock, HSB Resort, Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council and City Staff, the City Council approved the planned development agreement for approximately 1600 acre Summit Rock Communities. The Mayor emphasized that this ordinance was the result of several months of work and hours of public meeting including an over four hour joint P&Z and Council workshop on May 15.

Summit Rock Vice President Ron Mitchell thanked all the parties for their hard work in bringing us to a mixed use development that can be successful. Mr. Mitchell summarized the development plan as reducing the number of total residential lots and emphasized the nearly 30% green space. After detailing the concept plan and phased timeline which is contained in the development plan, council and public comment was taken.

The main sentiment seemed to be that everyone wanted this development and all development in HSB to be successful.

Other actions concerning Summit Rock included plans to update the Public Improvement District documents and the removal of a couple of smaller tracts from the development.

City Manager Stan Farmer offered several updates to ongoing activities. Four mowing crews are working in the city to mow lots and road sides. The Summit Rock Water Storage Tank contract will be awarded in July and is funded by the developer. In addition the bid for the next phase of street upgrades will be awarded in August.

The money allocated for cedar and dead oak tree removal at last meeting is being used to remove and shred trees in HSB West. This effort will provide input for budgeting during the July and August budget workshops. It was emphasized that the dead oak trees being removed are being shredded as it is cheaper than cutting into firewood.

Lastly, we voted to place radio repeater on the west water tower so that we can eliminate dead spots in the Fire and Police Departments radio systems.

Next council meetings include a Budget Workshop on July 2 at 9:00 A.M. and a City Council meeting on July 3 at 3:00 P.M. Don't we all love progress in Horseshoe Bay.