

Horseshoe Bay City Council Notes – March 19, 2013

As we have come to expect, Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order promptly at 3:00 P.M. Reverend Larry Sherwood of the Church at Horseshoe Bay prayed to God for direction and we pledged our allegiances to our country and great state. No doubt they both need all of us during these continued troubled times, especially when it comes to budget matters.

James Oakley spoke during the comment period to tell all of us that he was a candidate for the PEC board. James is a former Burnet County Commissioner and spoke briefly about wanting PEC to supply reliable electricity at a reasonable price while supplying excellent customer service. Good luck James.

We were blessed with the opportunity to thank one our own first responders, Fire Fighter Lanny Atchley on the occasion of his retirement after 44 years in Firefighting. Lanny was the first paid fire fighter with the Lake LBJ Mud and retires after 18 years with Horseshoe Bay Fire Department. Thank you Lanny.

An important day in Horseshoe Bay each year is Earth Day or as we have come to know it, Cleanup Day is Monday, April 22. Get your gloves and trash bags ready. If you have not already done so, call the HSB POA and volunteer to help your neighbors clean up the city. We passed a resolution declaring Monday, April 22, HSB Cleanup Day.

City Manager Stan Farmer offered updates to the Monthly Statistical Departmental Data Reports provided to the Council each month. Deer trapping continues and will be wrapped up by March 31. The plan is to complete trapping of up to 600 deer for the fiscal year. The alarming part of his deer trapping report involves recent felony vandalism to the trappers' nets. It appears that someone in our community so strongly disagrees with the need to decrease the deer population in HSB that they have taken it upon themselves to destroy the contractors' property. Someone who is willing to commit FELONY DAMAGE. Consider if they did not like something about your actions or home, would they feel free to damage your property. If you know who they are please call the police department and turn them in. We do not need such folks in our community.

Other updates included the Summit Rock water tank being on schedule and on budget with completion in September, the new 12 inch Horseshoe Bay Blvd. water main line is 95% complete, the City's Flood Plain Map revision project is progressing on schedule, residents can dispose of Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze, Tires and Electronics at the Charley Taylor Rodeo Arena on HWY 281 South in Marble Falls from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M, Saturday, April 20.

Council received an update on the progress of the ongoing Street Improvement Plan which is nearing completion of the North of 2147 phase on Horseshoe Bay Blvd. The completion of this phase will see 27.4 miles of the 53.5 mile program completed. The contractor will begin work on the 5.6 mile Fault Line Drive phase on April 22 followed by the 6 mile Hi Circle South phase beginning in October 2013. Can you say PROGRESS!

Michael Widler, Chairman of the City's Park Committee, again offered the Parks Master Plan Draft for public comment. Discussion centered on the plan being a 5 – 10 year plan that sets priorities for City

projects. One of those projects is the establishment of a Dog Park. Mayor Lambert announced plans to evaluate establishing the Dog Park on a 200 by 750 foot parcel of City land out by the Recycling Center off Blister Gold. John and Jo Ann Indrieri have agreed to chair the Informal Dog Park Study Committee with its initial meeting at City Hall on April 10 at 3:00 P.M. If you are interested in the establishment of a Dog Park please attend. The plan will be offered for discussion again at our next meeting. Council deferred naming additional members to the Parks Committee until next month. If you are interesting in serving please call City Secretary Teresa Moore, 598-9943.

A good portion of the remainder of the meeting was dedicated to a group of four REPLATs of lots on Applehead Island. Ken Martin owns five lots he wishes to replat and excavate lakeshore to create five lakefront lots. This Replat was opposed by several Applehead Island residents and the POA citing impact on property values, lake view and boat traffic impact and concern for the aesthetics of certain portions of the project. While several Councilmen spoke in support of the residents, the City Attorney reminded the Council that the Council's only choice in the replat was to approve it if the application was complete and made according to law. Staff pointed out that the application was correct and it was therefore approved with the hope that the Applehead Island Architectural Control Committee and City Development Department can oversee the project to get the best result for the Island when the project comes to the permit phase.

The final public action was the passage of an Impact Fee Ordinance which will be another development tool for the City in dealing with future developers. This ordinance is a work in progress and will not become legally effective until after the work of a Capital Improvement Advisory Committee on Impact Fees with P&Z Members, Norm Long, Jerry Gray, Sharon Hull and Realtor/Developer G.A. Smith. In addition the Council named an Impact Fee Study Committee to direct the effort composed of Bob Lambert, Tom Schmersahl, Steve Jordan and City Manger Stan Farmer. Completion of the Ordinance may take up to six months.

At 5:26 P.M we adjourned to Executive Session for discussion of legal matters regarding MidCom Development Agreement and Personnel Matters regarding The Director of Finance Position.

We returned to Regular Session at 5:55 P.M. having no actions to record from Executive Session with final adjournment at 5:56 P.M. Our next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 at 3:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers. See you there.

One last note, look for our own Stan Farmer in KEYE TV's Road Trippin' promos highlighting 13 areas of the Hill Country beginning March 21 on their 5:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. newscast and the Sunday March 24th We Are Austin program.

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