

Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments

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Most of your Council members welcome an occasional brief while eventful City Council meeting. The May 21, 2013 meeting was one. Reverend Johnny White, from the Church at Horseshoe Bay first prayed for our neighbors in Moore, Oklahoma then for all of us and our system of governance. Our freedom allowed us to pledge our allegiance to this great country and state.

During public comments, Bruce Andersen thanked the city for taking the lead to seeking correction of poorly thought out FEMA Floodplain Map expansions and encouraged haste in completing the project as many HSB property owners may only have until 2014 before they experience dramatic flood insurance premium increases, even though many should not be paying for flood insurance at all. Later in the meeting we were given a verbal update on the progress of the city's FEMA Flood Plain Map challenge project. The Pecan Creek Area is mapped and provided to the TWCB for review by FEMA. This template is being used by TWCB for other cities under the auspices of the Colorado Flood Plain Coalition. The Slick Rock Creek area will be completed within the next 10 days for submission. Great progress!

The Council adopted the Parks Master Plan for the City. The Master plan was developed by the Park Committee Chaired by Michael Widler and members Alan Kettlehut, Carrie Foran, Diane Land and Neal Yonker. The Master plan was heard for public comment during the past three City Council meetings and is based on a needs assessment of our citizens. It will be used to guide future park plans and as a tool to seek grants to fund various projects. The entire community owes these volunteers our thanks.

One item in the Parks Master Plan is the establishment of a Dog Park. We approved a resolution, which establishes a process where the City can accept donations for construction of this amenity. We will hear more about this additional amenity at our June 18 City Council meeting.

The City is seeking TxDOT approval to place a Welcome monument at the South entrance to the city at the intersection of Hwy 71 and RR2147. The TxDOT approval process takes a long time and today we passed a resolution to accompany our application to place a Welcome monument in TxDOT right-of-way.

Our Consent Agenda contained several items and was approved without objection. A list of these items can be found in the agenda which is contained on the city website.

City Manager Stan Farmer updated the Council on several items during his Monthly Statistical Departmental Data Reports section. The report included: 3200 lot mowing request letters mailed, plans to mow City right-of-way before July 4TH and the Summit Rock elevated storage tank is progressing with tank lifting in July. Also new security fences have been placed around some City maintenance facilities, replacement of the water line along Hi Circle South to be bid in July with a 90 day construction period, and annual chip seal of some city streets was completed in HSB South via contract with Burnet County. In addition the Fault Line Street improvement project is progressing quickly and as a result the next

phase, Hi Circle South, will be bid in July to begin in August or September. The Monthly reports were concluded by Julie Oakley, Finance Director, who summarized monthly financials.

Mayor Pro-tem Schmersahl reiterated a challenge he made last fall that he hoped staff could come to the budget sessions that begin July 1 with innovative ideas on how the City can make further progress on water conservation either on behalf of the City or our utility users. The 2013-2014 Draft City Budget will be developed by City Staff for all City services for review by Council in open sessions on July 1, August 27 and September 3. All Budget workshops are scheduled at 9:00 A.M.

We were then provided an update on progress of our Street Improvement Plans. The N 2147 phase is complete with a total cost of \$3,181,448 for the 8 mile multi-section phase from Ferguson Road, and RR 2147 including the Yacht Club, Quail Point and The Marriott Hotel. The 5.6 mile Fault Line Phase is well underway with curbs down along quite a bit of Fault Line and paving began today down on Wenmohs Place.

Your City Council adopted an Ordinance to require the Knox Switch Rapid Entry System on approximately 125 Security Gates within the City and contract areas. Conversion to this system will cost gate owners approximately \$250 to upgrade to this switch system which will eliminate incidents where Fire, Police and EMS Units are delayed in responding to emergency police, medical, and fire calls because access codes on gates had been changed and those new codes not provided to first responders. Security gate owners will be notified in writing and have six months to have the Knox Switch Rapid Entry device installed.

Finally, we dealt with several property matters. They included accepting deed to a couple parcels of right-of-way from Lake LBJ Improvement Corporation, replat of two lots along Uplift in Horseshoe Bay West to create four lots for a duplex on each lot and approving the preliminary and final plat of Summit Rock Blvd to allow for the continuation of Summit Rock Blvd to the entrance of Hwy 71.

We adjourned at 3:50 P.M. Come see us at our June 18 City Council Meeting.