

Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments for September 17, 2013

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Mayor Bob Lambert called the meeting to order promptly at 3:00 P.M. The Reverend Johnny White of the Church at Horseshoe Bay led us in prayer followed by Pledges to the U.S and Texas flags. My favorite part of each meeting, as these simple actions remind us of then freedom we all share.

During public comment, Bill Wines addressed two issues. The first the City's failure to accept responsibility for damage to HSB POA facilities along Horseshoe Bay Blvd. The second addressed the City Salary Planning review which was in response to his questioning about using private industry comparisons versus other units of government. He characterized it as an attempt at justifying our planning and a poor start at addressing the issue.

We then moved on to addressing three agenda items relative to the 2013-2014 Budget. We held a Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Budget at which no one signed up to speak. We then adopted the Budget and tax rate of \$.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation which is the same as last year.

Our next action was to adopt Amended Services and Rates for the Utility which raise the fee for usage over 10,000 gallons per month by approximately 3%. This action was taken to encourage conservation for our higher usage customers and goes into effect on October 1, 2013.

Our final action prior to the consent agenda involved passage of a resolution expressing Intent to Borrow Funds from the General and Utility Funds for the Capital Project Fund in Order to Postpone Issuance of Debt for Financing Capital Projects for approximately one year. The resolution authorizes Staff from time to time to move no more than \$6,000,000 in excess funds from the General and Utility Funds to the Capital Projects Fund. Such action will delay the issuance of additional debt until late 2014 or early 2015. The City anticipates that approximately \$3,000,000 of loaned funds will be used to fund the Hi Circle South Street Improvement Plan, which is currently in progress and \$3,000,000 to fund part of the 12 miles of Horseshoe Bay West Street Improvement Plan which will be our next project.

The consent agenda contained nine items all of which were passed with no discussion. The exception were the minutes of our August 27 City Council meeting which was amended by Councilman Jordan who added three sentences taken from a letter Mr. Stan Smith gave to the City Council concerning the repair to lighting on Horseshoe Bay Blvd.

There was considerable discussion around the Monthly Statistical Departmental Data reports. City Manager Stan Farmer reported on the extension of Summit Rock Blvd, Progress on weed spraying along roads, right-of-way mowing and dead tree and cedar removal efforts. Dead Tree and Cedar removal will shift from HSB West to HSB South next week. Eric Winter, Developmental Services Manager, reported that he has flowed up on our Flood Plain modification package which was submitted to TWDB who passed it on the FEMA. FEMA has a 90 day deadline for action which runs until October 7, 2013.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Schmersahl asked Jeff Koska, Utility Director, to comment on continuing efforts to reduce loss water percentages after production, LCRA future water curtailment time lines, replacement

of electronic water meters and quality problem. The final item discussed, Fire Chief Jim Fiero was asked to indicate his thoughts about the quality of water flow from fire hydrants in Oak Ridge Estates. The Chief indicated that when last tested in 2012 all hydrants in Oak Ridge supplied adequate flow rate to meet State Fire Marshal standards.

City Manager Stan Farmer updated the Council on the status of the Street Improvement Plan. The Fault Line Drive Project is complete under budget and ahead of time. Allan Keller, street contractor has begun work on The Hi Circle South project and it is progressing. On another Street Improvement item, Mayor Lambert announced that Council would go into Executive Session at the end of the agenda to discuss legal matters relative to the final determination of HSB West Streets to be improved. See final determination at the end of this article.

Finally, The Council acted upon several property matters, three replats, granted one variance for a monument sign and granted a variance for movement relocation of a front yard fence. One other Variance request was continued until the next meeting and a Public hearing on a setback amendment was also continued. Both until the October 15 meeting.

The Council took a short break at 3:48 P.M. and reconvened into Executive Session at 3:57 P.M. to gain legal opinion on matters concerning the Final Determination of HSB West Streets. After Executive Session they returned to Regular Session at 4:28. The Council approved a final list of streets to be improved in HSB West based on a questionnaire prepared for this discussion. Streets included on that list include: Purple Granite East, Up There East, Emerald Way West, Little Joe, Rainbow, Eagles Nest, Custer's Last Stand, Sapphire, Turquoise, Falcon and all streets with homes in Pecan Creek. This list includes only those HSB West streets that were involved in our final review/planning prior to final engineering and going out for bids. For a complete list of HSB West streets in the project see the Street Improvement Plan.

Final Adjournment took place at 4:46 P.M.

Our next Council meeting is October 15, at City Hall Beginning at 3:00 P.M. Hint, Hint, try to attend as this is Mayor Bob's last official City Council Meeting.