

City of Horseshoe Bay
HSB City Council Comments
November 19, 2013

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Please Note: These HSB City Council Comments are reported soon after each meeting as an overview of the activities of the HSB City Council. The official minutes of each meeting are available after approval at the next monthly meeting. All official minutes are available at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov.

Headlines...

*New Mayor Steve Jordan and Council members Phillip Lee and Michele Shackelford take office.

*Tom Schmersahl appointed to fill empty seat on City Council upon recommendation from Mayor Jordan and unanimous support of Council members.

*Mayor Bob Lambert honored by naming the street leading to City Hall as "Lambert Lane".

*Open House honoring Mayor Bob Lambert featured several speakers, large crowd of guests, and unveiling of stone marker and plaque honoring Mayor Lambert that was donated by HSB Resort.

*Speed limit on FM 2147 changed to 45 mph all the way from Cottonwood Shores to Hwy 71 with signs to go up very soon.

Future Plans...

The next HSB City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10. It is planned to publish the Meeting Agenda in advance of each meeting in the local papers starting next month.

And the Rest of the Story...

The November 19, 2013 meeting of the Horseshoe Bay City Council focused on the transition of newly elected officials and the recognition of those who were leaving. Prior to the meeting, City Secretary, Teresa Moore, administered the oaths of office to Council Members Phillip Lee and Michele Shackelford, and to Mayor Steve Jordan.

After the Call to Order at 3 o'clock, Mayor Jordan delivered the invocation and welcomed the standing- room only crowd. There was no participation during the Public Comment Period.

Service Recognition Awards were presented to HSB employees Juan Aguilera, Cody Layton, Mike Pope, and Jeff Kosha, who have a combined total of 25 years of service.

A special award was presented to HSB full-time fire fighter Terry White by Midge Dockery, Director of the Highlands Lake Legacy Fund. Mr. White was named the 2013 Legacy Fund Volunteer of the Year because of his 19 years as a volunteer with the Marble Falls Fire Department.

A plaque of recognition for service as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member was presented to Tom Schmersahl by Mayor Lambert along with his personal thanks.

Craig Haydon was elected as the new Mayor Pro Tem. Michele Shackelford was elected to fill the position of Chief Information Officer.

The Council was briefed by City Attorney, Rex Baker, on the options for filling the empty Council position that resulted from the election of a current council member to the office of Mayor.

Mayor Jordan made the following statement: "I recommend that we appoint Tom Schmersahl to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. He has proved to be a good councilman and will bring a wealth of experience. It is my desire to remove any hint of divisiveness on the Council. Our community deserves and desires a united council and I believe with this appointment of Tom Schmersahl this will be accomplished."

Motion was made and seconded to appoint Tom Schmersahl to fill the empty position on the council, contingent upon his acceptance. The motion passed unanimously. It was determined to immediately contact Mr. Schmersahl for his acceptance and to present the option of his being sworn in immediately for this meeting. Mr. Schmersahl communicated his acceptance of the appointment and his preference to be sworn in at the next meeting.

Francie Dix and representatives of the Fox House Committee were recognized and thanked for their plans for the restoration of the historically important Fox House. The ownership of the Fox House will be transferred from the HSB Resort to the City of Horseshoe Bay at the time of the closing of the sale of the HSB Resort.

City Manager Stan Farmer briefed the Council and audience on the following matters on the Consent Agenda, all which were approved: City Council Meeting Minutes; 2013 Tax Role submitted for certification by the Llano and Burnett County Tax Assessor - Collectors; Renewal of Agreement with Llano County MUD for back-up water line interconnection and supply; Ordinance declaring the results of recent elections; and Personnel Policy Revisions that had been previously discussed at the City Council Workshop.

The Ordinance that completes the actions necessary to set the speed limit at 45 miles per hour on all of FM 2147 through Horseshoe Bay from Cottonwood Shores to Highway 71 was pulled for discussion. It was reported that temporary and then permanent speed signs will go up. Information will be put out alerting residents to the changes. The Ordinance was approved.

City Departmental Reports were presented by Mr. Farmer. He reported that letters about mowing of lots have been sent to 3200 owners. 258 deer have been trapped, and it is expected that the total will go up to the permitted limit of 300 by next week. The nets will be down by Thanksgiving.

Zack Brown, representing Willis Engineering, reported that all of the requested information concerning the Floodplain Report has been provided to URS, the engineering firm representing FEMA, and that he has been told that a prompt response will be forthcoming.

Jeff Koska, Director of Community Services, reported that the investigation of the reasons for the amount of higher water loss that was recognized in August is producing good results. It has allowed the identification and repair of several small leaks and two significant ones, and the identification and replacement of approximately 35 malfunctioning electronic meters heads. Communications are ongoing with the provider of the meter heads and the bad ones are being replaced under warranty.

Mr. Farmer also reported on the timely, steady progress of the Street Improvement Project.

It was approved to rename Gideon Trail North to Ferguson Road to avoid continuing GPS confusion and misreading.

In a surprise to Mayor Lambert, the agenda item concerning the name change for the street leading to City Hall supposedly based on GPS concerns was instead being renamed to honor Mayor Lambert for his eight years service as mayor. The motion to rename the street Lambert Lane passed amid celebration from the audience. Mission of surprise accomplished by Mr. Farmer, staff, and Council!!

It was approved to proceed with the engineering work to change the layout of a short portion of Broken Hills Street to improve safety. The Ordinance Regulating Minimum Fire Hydrant Pressures in HSB and in the City's ETJ was approved. It was reported that the fire hydrants in all of the covered areas do meet the minimum standards.

Mayor Jordan invited all to join the reception and program honoring Mayor Lambert to begin right after the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.