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January HSB City Council Comments

The Horseshoe Bay City Council met on Tuesday, January 21st for the first regular meeting of 2014. Mayor Jordan welcomed the citizens in the audience and encouraged them to keep attending. The Council addressed the following items:

1. Reported that the first meeting of the Advisory Committee composed of representatives of the HSB POA, the City and the Resort will be held on January 29th and the first meeting of the POA Advisory Committee composed of representatives of the City and the Subdivisions Property Owners Associations is scheduled for February 19.
2. Re-appointed Mike Widler and Carrie Foran to the Park Committee with two year terms.
3. Approved the Code Enforcement Officer moving from part-time to full-time employment status and requested that attention be directed to identifying houses where the required outside light is not working and to give notice to the homeowner. This is important because the outside light enables first responders to be able to find an address faster.
4. Jeff Koska, Utilities Director, reported that a continuing drought condition might trigger new LCRA mandated water curtailment requirements as soon as July 1. Staff is currently being trained to be ready to conduct water audits, work with citizens to reduce usage, and to enforce the tighter requirements. The new requirements will be explained in an article to be placed soon in the local newspapers.
5. Eric Winter, Development Services Manager, reported that the Flood Plan remains under review at FEMA. There has been no request for additional information which is taken as a good sign. The FEMA deadline for review is March 2.
6. Fire Chief Jim Fiero reported that fire fighters would be conducting CPR Training as often as interest demands with the first session planned for Saturday, February 8th. The eight hour hands-on course is limited to nine trainees. For questions and requests to schedule a class, please call the Fire Department at 598-6953.
7. Received information from Jennifer Douglas, the City Financial Advisor, regarding current financial market conditions and interest rate trends to assist in the development of a financing strategy for street and utility projects. It was determined to take no action until after staff presents a cash flow and debt issuance analysis at the February Council Meeting.
8. Approved the street plan recommended by staff for the intersection of Out Yonder and Hi Stirrup to meet both the safety concerns and the public interest in preserving the 200 year-old live oak tree that is located in the middle of the road. The plan changes Out Yonder into a cul-de-sac right before it intersects with Hi Stirrup and closes the intersection. The action was taken after careful review of the routes that will remain available to the residents.

9. Appointed the following members to the Street Sign Design Committee with the understanding that another woman member will be added: Jackie Gill, Jon Harshaw, Ron Mitchell, Sam Tarbet, Tim Foran, and Chairman Stan Farmer.

10. Directed staff to proceed with trapping an additional 98 deer authorized under the current permit that expires March 31, 2014 with the remaining unexpended budgeted funds in the amount of \$14,900 and suggested concentrating in the area of high deer traffic near 2147 and west of Ferguson Road.

11. Approved changes in the Zoning Ordinances to remove parking regulations because these have been replaced with the amended parking standards included in the Parking Ordinances passed at the last Council meeting.

12. Approved three requests to re-plat lots.

The next Regular City Council Meeting is set for February 18, 2014.