

The Horseshoe Bay City Council met on Tuesday, April 15th. The Council received updates and took action on the following key issues:

I. FEMA Flood Plan Study: Good news! The FEMA technical review by the contracting engineer, URS, of the HSB Flood Plan Study and request for a Letter of Revision has been completed with a favorable recommendation for changes to the flood plain maps. Once the City publishes required notices in the local newspapers, the matter will be forwarded for the final FEMA in-house review. It is expected the final FEMA review should take 3-4 weeks to complete and then HSB should receive the revised flood plain maps. It was also reported that the City of HSB could issue building permits once those maps are received even though the public comment period will extend for 90 more days.

II. Llano ISD May 10 Bond Proposal: Ronnie Rudd, President of the Llano ISD School Board and Casey Callahan, Llano ISD Superintendent, highlighted the following facts concerning the May 10 Bond Proposal:

- Approximately 65 – 70% of the LISD budget comes from Horseshoe Bay property owners. It is critical that HSB voters get out and support this bond proposal that will allow LISD to meet its current critical constructions needs.
- May 10th is the date for the Bond Proposal Election. This is a separate election date from the run-off elections to be held later in May.
- There will be no tax increase as a result of the bonds because the school district has been successful at reducing the current debt to a level where the new bonds can be added without an increase.
- If the bond proposal should fail, there will be no tax savings because the district will continue to pay off debt.
- If the bond proposal should fail, more expenses will have to be picked up by the M&O budget which will result in the need to cut staff positions.
- The money from these proposed bonds is exempt from Robin Hood re-capture by the state so the full amount will be kept by LISD.
- 66% of the bond funds will be used to replace the 1950's Llano Elementary School and to add needed classroom space to Llano Junior High. 13.5% of the funds will be used for sports related improvements and the rest will be used for technology, transportation, and safety and security improvements.

III. Resolution to conduct public hearings regarding annexation. The Council passed a Resolution Declaring the Intent of the City to Annex 18 Tracts of Properties in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction into the City Limits. The properties being considered for annexation include several isolated patches of land that include only two residences, area around the Ferguson Plant, areas in the Ram Rock and Apple Rock Golf courses, and areas close to the intersection of FM 2147 and Hwy 71. The properties to be considered for annexation are listed on the website of the City of Horseshoe Bay at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov.

The City will provide written notice to the owner of each property being considered for annexation. Per state statute, those property owners who currently have an Agricultural Exemption on the property will be offered the opportunity to enter into a Development Agreement with the city.

Prior to annexation, the city will hold two public hearings to provide the opportunity for persons to speak to the proposed annexation plans prior to any Council action. The first public hearing will be held on May 20, 2014 at 3 o'clock in the council chambers at City Hall. The second public hearing will be held on June 10, 2014 at 3 o'clock in the same location.

Other agenda items included the following:

1. Street Improvement Project Report: The work on the HSB Circle South Project is soon to be completed. Work on the next project, HSB West, is scheduled to begin on May 5. A Town Hall Meeting for the residents of the first four mile phase of HSB West will be held on April 24th at 3 o'clock at Quail Point. The project will work north to south beginning north of Douglas and work down Apache Tears to Mountain Leather.

It was reported that the cause of the break-up of some areas of the new road on Hi Circle South has been identified as a failure of the asphalt. The work is under warranty and will be repaired at no additional cost to the city.

2. Report of Mountain Lion Sightings: Chief Lane reported on the sightings and kills of an animal that is believed to be either a mountain lion or black jaguar. Chief Lane remarked that last year he called the cat a visitor and now it looks like the cat is a resident. It is likely that the cat has followed the deer herds into our area. Police are patrolling the golf course areas at dawn and dusk and are prepared to handle the situation. Chief Lane encouraged the public to be alert if out walking during these times.

3. Request from Friends of the Lighthouse: A request for a donation from the City to the Friends of the Lighthouse for the restoration of the lighthouse was again discussed. POA General Manager, Nancy Ritter reported that it has been confirmed that LCRA is the owner of the lighthouse land. While not willing to deed the land over, LCRA is willing to enter into a long-term ground lease. The Council expressed concerns about the funding for the long-term maintenance of the lighthouse, the amount and source of any City donation, and the need for the Resort to help with funds for the project. Action on any donation was tabled. The matter will come back before the Council for any decision after there is information concerning the Resort's participation, safe-guards on the long-term maintenance plans, and solutions for legal closure on all ownership issues.

4. Discussion and consideration regarding amendments to Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.06 Signs concerning Vehicular Signs: The Council discussed the issue of signage added to commercial vehicles parked along FM 2147. Roy Busse addressed the Council about the planning, need and use of the Busse Group truck. Any action was tabled to allow the staff to work with legal counsel on possible language to meet both the needs of the community and the commercial citizens of HSB.

5. Update on Water Conservation Efforts: Bill Teeter, the new Water Conservation Inspector, was introduced. It was reported that the office has met with two of the POAs, and had successful resolution during seven consultation visits. The office has met with the Resort and the Tower Hotel staff concerning water conservations efforts. Meetings are being held with the highest residential users. The police force has been trained and are patrolling and turning in observed violations to the office for follow-up.

It was reported that due to concerns raised during the meeting of the POA Presidents' Forum, the City requirement that swimming pools be covered has been removed.

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