

By Councilperson Michele Shackelford

The Horseshoe Bay City Council met on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 with Mayor Steve Jordan calling the meeting to order at 3 p.m. Larry Sherman, Minister of Music at The Church at Horseshoe Bay, gave the invocation which was followed by the pledges to our great country and state. The Council received reports or took action on the following key matters:

**I. Maintained the Same Tax Rate.** The Council approved the 2014 Tax Rate at \$0.02500 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation. This is the same tax rate as for year 2013.

**II. Adoption of FY 2015 City Budget.** The Council approved the City's FY 2015 Budget with the adoption of an ordinance that does the following: (1) includes all changes as to the revenues and expenditure of the Proposed Budget that the City Council recommended at the Public Meeting held on August 26, 2014; (2) reflects slightly more property tax revenue compared with FY 2014 Budget; (3) provides for a Total All Funds Revenues of \$18,510,000 and a Total All Funds Expenditures of \$23,136,250; and (4) includes the attached FY2015 Budget Summary which covers all the traditional expenses including salaries, operations and maintenance, debt service, reserves, the annual capital program, the street improvement plan, two utility capital projects, and contingency.

**III. Adopted Utility Rates Effective October 1, 2014.** The Council approved the Ordinance setting the FY 2015 Utility Fees as follows: (1) utilized the rate stabilization fund to offset the reduction in revenues due to the Stage 3 water conservation measures; (2) increased the water and sewer service rates minimally on only high volume users; (3) set new fees on certain tap fees; (4) increased the garbage rates by 3% based on an increase in expenses charged by Progressive Waste.

In addition, the Council heard reports or took action on the following other matters:

1. During the Public Comment Period, Dianne Jones voiced concerns that the one-time costs for the renovation of the Light House cannot be borne alone by the POA and should be considered as a project worthy of more support from the City Council.
2. Presented Ten Years Service Awards to Robert Parsley and Gary Wilkes, both Field Operators.
3. Recognized Officer Joe Lorette and Assistant Fire Chief Stephanie Black for being selected by the Marble Fall's Rotary Club as the recipients of the 2014 Patriot Award.
4. Discussed the establishment of Long Range Planning committee.
5. Received an update that the City is still waiting for FEMA notification that the new floodplain maps are in effect.
6. Approved the City's Five Year Capital Plan, Investment Policy, and Personnel Policy Revisions to the Salary Tables and Merit Tables.
7. Approved the updates of the 2014 assessment rolls for the Summit Rock and Escondido Public Improvement Districts.
8. Approved the renewals of various interlocal agreements and professional services agreements.
9. Approved the renewals of contracts to provide fire service to several surrounding communities, and directed the Mayor to send a letter to Deerhaven POA emphasizing the importance and need for immediate clearing of overgrown areas.
10. Approved the renewal of contracts with the local Emergency Services Districts

11. Received the Administrative Reports which included information that work on the new Horseshoe Bay Monument Sign at the intersection of Hwy. 71 and 2471 is almost complete and soon will be providing light to help citizens identify the turn. Also, the City has been notified that Pedernales Electric Co-op will be inventorying the electric equipment in the Horseshoe Bay area during the next few months and will need access to all PEC equipment on your property, i.e. little green boxes and vaults below ground. PEC has retained Davey Resource group to gather comprehensive data on every piece of PEC equipment and infrastructure. This inventory will help PEC provide even more reliable electricity and respond to outages more quickly. Note: *Landscaping may need to be trimmed or cleared from the equipment doors to gain access to this equipment.* If you have any questions or concerns please call 1-800-868-4791 ext-7207 or 7220.
12. Approved a motion to leave standing the tree on Apache Tears that remains as part of the finished street project. Discussion points included that the tree does not present safety hazards, emergency vehicles can travel around the tree, and that a recent trimming of the tree has eliminated low branches that were hitting the tops of vehicles passing by.
13. Received a progress report on the Street Improvement Project that another team will be added by the contractor resulting in the recently approved upgrade for the northern portion of Bay West Blvd being started sooner next week.
14. Received the report on the good monthly results of the City's Conservation Program Efforts.
15. Received updates on the proposed rule petition to TCEQ for the effluent project and continuing efforts to work with LCRA on the milfoil issue.
16. Approved a two year extension for obtaining a building permit for the Shoppes at Hi Circle South Planned Development.
17. Approved two replat requests for properties located in the 300 block of Horseshoe Bay North Blvd. North; and 1100 and 1200 block of Stampede and the 1200 block of Brush Fire.
18. Granted two requests for variance for properties located on the La Bonita Cue-de-Sac and at 100 Cielo.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for October 21.