

By Councilperson Michele Shackelford

The Horseshoe Bay City Council met on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 with Mayor Steve Jordan calling the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Father Ruben Patino, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Chapel, 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. Effective Date for New Flood Plain Map:** Eric Winter, Development Services Manager, reported that FEMA has set October 31 as the effective date of the HSB Revised Flood Plain Map and Letter of Map Revision. This effective date is very important because it authorizes the City to be able to prepare the documentation that homeowners are required to present to their flood insurance carriers to seek changes or relief. This final effective date is the culmination of 22 months of work by the Mayor, City Council, City staff, and Willis Environmental Engineering to convince FEMA to revise the prior flood plain map. God bless Texas!

**II. City Reaches Goal on Water Conservation:** Jeff Koska, Utilities Director reported the City has achieved a goal to reduce the annual consumption of city water by HSB customers by 20% of the 2011 usage demand. This is the amount that LCRA would require HSB to curtail its raw water purchases from Lake LBJ if the combined volumes of Buchanan and Travis drop below 600,000 acre feet. This success has been met through efforts and compliance of HSB residents with the Stage III Drought Restrictions. The City has worked hard to encourage compliance through its education, audits, and enforcement activities. Great job by all!

**III. Resolution of Support for Amendment of TCEQ Rule Change:** The Council approved a Resolution for Support for the "Petition for Adoption of an Amendment to a Rule to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality", filed by the City. This is a request for a change in the TCEQ Rules to allow for a project specific placement, and subsequent withdraw of same prior to the lake pool level, of highly treated reclaimed water by the City into the "Dry Branch Creek portion of Lake LBJ's natural drainage areas. The project is designed to create additional water supplies for golf course irrigation that will reduce existing demands currently taken from our dwindling water supply stored in Lakes Buchanan and Travis. It is anticipated that the petition will be reviewed at TCEQ Commissioner meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

1. During Public Comments, Peter Jones, speaking in his capacity as Llano County Commissioner, reported on the transportation service that is called The HOP and is operated by the Hill Country Transit District. The HOP provides public transportation service in Llano County to everyone, particularly the elderly and disabled. There is no charge for persons over age 60 and a minimal charge for others. Designations include medical facilities, shopping, schools, day care and others. The service is door to door and must be reserved in advance by calling 1-800-791-9601 ext. 5005. Mr. Jones encouraged all to spread the word to Llano citizens who might benefit from this service.

2. Presented a Five-Year Service Award to Fran Shull, Police Department Dispatcher.
3. Heard a presentation by Johnny Campbell, Manager of the Marble Falls Emergency Medical Services concerning the work of the non-profit to provide emergency care and transfer to residents in the Horseshoe Bay and the surrounding area.
4. Mayor Jordan and Patty Gillean, President of Highland Lakes Association of Realtors, are hosting a “Let me speak to the Mayor” event with invitations sent to all area realtors. The purpose is to listen and learn how the City can help make the sale.
5. Stan Farmer, City Manager, presented information on the International Dark Sky Community Award that is a presented to cities found to meet the goals of promoting and preserving the dark skies through their lighting ordinances and design.
6. Stan Farmer, City Manager, reported on the following: the new street signs are in and the installers will be starting soon; the HSB West Street Project continues on schedule and under budget; 470 letters have gone out to homeowners whose required outside light is not burning urging repair or bulb replacement. If the homeowner does not correct the problem, the City has the authority to replace the bulb and charge the homeowner \$50.
7. Upon the request of Nancy Ritter, General Manager of the POA; and recommendation of the Advisory Council, the City Council took action to amend the Garage Sale Ordinance to allow the POA and the two Horseshoe Bay churches to be able to hold up to two city-wide garage sales a year by each entity. These garage sales are governed by the same requirements currently in effect for other garage sales.
8. The Council also took action upon request of Nancy Ritter to participate in the Holiday Lighting Project sponsored by the POA and agreed to a plan to light the outlines of the City’s three main structures on Hwy 2147. The project is to encourage the HSB businesses along Hwy 2147 to put lights up on their buildings as part of a holiday lights corridor to be enjoyed by all. The total estimated cost for the City is \$1200.
9. Jim Fiero, Fire Chief, announced that a Senior Official Workshop for All-Hazard Preparedness is being scheduled for December. The goal of this six hour training program is to help prepare the Council and senior City staff to be able to respond effectively in any emergency or disastrous situation.
10. After discussion and comments from persons representing both sides of the issue, the Council denied the request by Peter Jones, acting in his capacity as President of the Golf Ridge Condominium Association, for an amendment to the Parking Ordinance that would allow parking on the cul de sac median on Dawn Street.
11. Discussed plans, proposed by Michele Shackelford for changing the terms of members on current City Boards and Commissions over to calendar year terms, and plans for a January Workshop to consider any new City Boards and Committees to be established.
12. Approved a motion presented by Tom Schmersahl, Council Member, to include the addition of a Long Range Planning Committee in the discussion and planning for new City Boards and Committees at the January Workshop. Diane Jones, spoke to the need for the Council to listen to

what the citizens want in any long range planning efforts and to use the expertise of the residents in such planning.

13. Discussed the on-going communication with LCRA to develop a plan to reduce the growth of Milfoil and other aquatic weed in the HSB area and took action to table any action at this time.

14. Took action to table the agenda item concerning reuse of effluent from the City's wastewater plant due to the presentation of new information at the Council Meeting that had not been made available for prior review by the Council's attorney or members.

15. Granted the request for a five foot variance from the front yard setback requirement to allow construction for a residence in the 1000 block of Gillespie Court.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for November 18 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.