

COUNCIL COMMENTS
DECEMBER 16, 2014

Well, the December 16 meeting of your City Council began promptly at 3 PM and it's my pleasure to recap the meeting content for you. Will try to make this one shorter than last month's. Following the invocation delivered by Larry Sherwood, Music minister for The Church at Horseshoe Bay, who is retiring at the end of this year, we pledged to the USA and Texas flags then got down to business.

Llano County in cooperation with TxDOT, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute has been authorized to develop a transportation and economic development plan for Llano County. Step one is the establishment of two Advisory Committees, one for Transportation and one for Economic Development, each consisting of 10 to 12 members. Interested parties can submit an application to be a member of these committees. You may contact the Llano County Commissioners Court to obtain an application. Your Council voted to have our City Manager, Stan Farmer, assigned to the Transportation Committee and Councilman David Pope to the Economic Development Committee to assure Horseshoe Bay is represented.

We then moved on to discussing the City's position relative to dealing with the Milfoil issue on Lake LBJ. Following a procedure developed by Councilwoman Michele Shackelford, it was determined the City should have an active role in addressing the problem due to the impact it has on our residents' use of the lake and the potential negative economic impact of lost revenue from rental units, rental watercraft, etc. In addition, there is concern about safety issues related to this "weed". Mayor Jordan presented a recap of what had transpired on the issue to date including offers from LCRA (matching grant) and Texas Parks and Wildlife to participate financially in the appropriate treatment of the plant. Jim McNabb, President of the Applehead POA, expressed appreciation to the Council for approaching the problem and indicated their POA would be willing to offer some financial support as well. Following considerable discussion on the pros and cons of the City's involvement a motion was made and approved unanimously for the City to direct a community wide milfoil treatment project for 2015 to include financial participation by the City, LCRA, Texas Parks & Wildlife along with voluntary participation by residents and POA's with the City's share not to exceed \$15,000. It is anticipated the City's cost will be considerably less than this amount. Mayor Jordan and City Manager Farmer will begin to execute this approved motion to assure treatment is completed in time for the 2015 summer season.

Stan Farmer then presented information relative to the new street signs and an update on the street paving project. It is expected that the street signs for the remaining North side of 2147 in Horseshoe Bay proper will be installed by year end with the South side being done early in 2015. Teresa Moore, City Secretary, announced the order had been entered with Apple for the iPads to be used by members of the City Council and City Department Heads for City business only. Hopefully, they will arrive in time to be used for next month's Council meeting. This will save a lot of paper and binder assembly time.

Eric Winter, Development Services Manager, announced the City has received the final effective date of November 26, 2014 for the Horseshoe Bay FEMA revised flood maps. With this effective date citizens can now call the Development Services Department at 830-598-9970 to

get on the list for a letter to take to their insurance company and request a refund for flood insurance cost.

Next on the agenda was final consideration of the proposed “special events ordinance”. This was postponed from last month to allow for you to make input and a few of you did so. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve this new ordinance with modifications as recommended by those making input.

The Council then moved on making appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Parks Advisory Committee and the Fuchs House Advisory Committee for terms beginning January 1, 2015. Norm Long, Greg Claeys and Neil Andrew were selected for P&Z, Michael Widler, Phil Schoch and Neil Yonker were selected for the Parks Advisory Committee. Following approval of a resolution to allow Michael Widler to serve on two committees, he, along with Francie Dix, Donna Bateman and Elsie Thurman were selected for the Fuchs House Advisory Committee. Nineteen residents submitted an application expressing a willingness and desire to volunteer for serving on a City committee. Other committees will be formed early next year and most, if not all of these volunteers, will be selected to serve. Thank you to the 19 who submitted applications.

At 4:50 PM, the Council adjourned into Executive Session. From this session came the action to approve a contract with Freedom Ranch to accept effluent (wastewater) based on the City’s need to dispose of same from time to time.

Returning to Executive Session at 6:07 PM, the Council reviewed certain staff performance appraisals. No action was taken. The meeting returned to open session and was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

That’s it for this session. Time for dinner and some good wine!

Jerry Gray