

## **Council Comments.....**

Good morning Horseshoe Bay –

It is 7 in the morning on June 16 and I believe I can safely forecast that the long, hot days of summer have arrived. Forecasting the obvious being one of my many talents.

Yesterday's council meeting kicked off with Father Rueben Patino of St. Paul the Apostle Chapel praying and Mayor Bob leading us in pledging. The turnout was good and the meeting was short. That's generally a good combination.

Drew Crosby of the HSB Business Alliance reminded us of their regular monthly coffee get together for the community will be at 9 a.m. on June 30 at A Taste of Thyme. He also mentioned that the Alliance would be forming a non-profit and entering a racer in this week's "Soap Box Derby" in the Falls. I don't believe those two items were related.

Mayor Bob presented service anniversary awards to city employees Rick Nolan, 10 years, and Lanny Atcheley, 15 years. Chief Fiero introduced Ben Miller as a recently hired HSB firefighter. Two resort security employees were then recognized by Chief Lane for their identification and aid in capturing a suspected thief. Security officers Morris and Curlee supported Chief Bill's officers in apprehending the culprit. A note to potential bad guys – "you can run but you can't hide" in the Bay.

Dr. Ryder Warren, in his last council presentation prior to moving on to a similar job as school superintendent in Midland, reported Marble Falls ISD has just completed a fantastic school year. Mayor Bob presented Dr. Warren with a recognition plaque, and this completed the plaques and photos portion of the meeting.

Well not quite – on a more somber note, Jimmy Davis, President of the Burnet County ESD #1, requested and received council approval to place a granite memorial plaque on the firehouse in recognition of J.B. Ellis, President of the ESD District. J.B.'s recent passing was a real loss to our community. He was a good guy and a good friend.

City Manager Stan reported the new west water tower is 30% complete and on schedule. He has also been in touch with Ben Looney, an AT&T contractor, concerning their proposed 4G cell tower. The necessary heights and locations have been provided to aid them in their determinations. Locations currently include the Skywater and HSB west water tower locations. More to come.

The council then approved 5 – 0 the bid by paving contractor, Asphalt Paving Contractor of Austin, to complete the Bay West Boulevard rehab. In business since 1978, they come highly recommended and their bid came in 21% less than the next lower bidder. They are able to bid lower because they operate their own asphalt production facility.

A proposal was then outlined by Father Rueben's representative to have Dalton Circle (street in front of the St. Paul's) modified to close the right of way between the church and their parking lot and create two cul-de-sacs at each end. You really need to see a picture. Meetings with neighbors resulted in few changes. Safety and convenience seem to be well served and the proposal was approved 5 – 0. We may have to rename the street to "Dalton Semi-Circle." Just kidding!

Much work by City staff and our two chiefs has gone into a new contract with the City of Marble Falls to provide Horseshoe Bay with Emergency Service Dispatch. Llano County, Burnet County, City of Marble Falls and our city's folks all have co-operated in an outstanding manner in this move. Thanks to all in improving this critical service.

A discussion was then held concerning four properties viewed as potential public nuisances under the City Building code.

1. Of the three units at 1008 Hi Stirrup, repairs are underway on one and the other two are to close with a new owner today (6/16).
2. The owner of the problem unit on 801 Grassy Knoll presented her upgrade plan. The city will help with the necessary clean-up to the rear and side of this project.
3. Unit 2 at 102 Falcon remains as it was 30 days ago and no improvement plan was presented. A city mandated repair order was passed 5 – 0. Either the owner will complete this order or the owner will reimburse the city's cost to complete the order.
4. A representative of the six units of the Los Palos Altos condos at 1107 Fault Line stated that all owners had met, have agreed on improvement, have two acceptable bids and work will begin in July.

Works in progress, but progress none the less.

An amendment to Chapter 14 of the City Zoning Code was passed 5 – 0. The amendment improves definitions and requirements for boat houses, boat docks, day docks, and boat slips. Those of you with plans for building or renovating such structure should have a look at the new rules.

The much discussed and revised amendment to Chapter 14 (zoning) concerning a “bar” was passed 5 – 0. The city staff along with developers Mike Walsh, Ted Burgett and Clifford Grubbs worked on this effort. Thanks to all. Again, if you have plans for a “bar” – drop by City Hall.

Skywater and IBC Bank honchos are said to have met and a letter or check is in the mail for their much discussed deposit on the Skywater Water Tank. Skepticism reigns.

Rex Baker, our City Attorney, then led a discussion concerning financial support the city might provide to the developer and/or purveyor of a grocery store in the Bay. Numerous possibilities were discussed and a resolution was passed 5 – 0 to do the following: “Instruct Stan Farmer to meet with potential developers and their potential grocer clients to evaluate their plans related to style, size and location for a grocery store in Horseshoe Bay. Determine how the city might help in this effort, through tax abatements and/or grants to insure a successful enterprise.”

Right about 5 o'clock we adjourned. All in all, a pretty good day. Hope everyone has a safe and fun Independence Day.

Your Scribe -  
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