

Council Comments.....

Good evening. Another good day in the Bay. I had coffee in Kingsland, attended a Republican women's meeting at the Point (after all it is election year) and had a short and productive council meeting. All with a high of only 88 degrees.

Since the meeting was short, comments will be brief. Reverend Johnny prayed and we pledged. Mayor Bob recognized Steve Spence for his two very good years of service on the council. He will be missed. Also recognized were Tommy Burton and Jason Graham for 10 years of outstanding service to the City. Tommy is the Plant Operations Supervisor who keeps the water and other stuff flowing. Jason, one of Chief Lane's finest, was also recognized by the Marble Falls Rotary Club with their Patriot Award. Thanks to all!

On to the bidness of the Bay. The new PD Building, originally estimated at \$1.525 mil, will price out at approximately \$1.1 mil. The low bid was \$1.006 million and by a 5-0 vote the council approved Kendnel Kasper Construction of Fredericksburg as general contractor.

Austin Bridge and Road was low bidder on the Bay West Bridge at \$710K. Further negotiations and modifications will result in a cost of approximately \$650K. The council approved the bid at that amount by a 5 - 0 vote.

Manager Stan reported that the new HSB West water tank will be painted (baby blue) and raised in December. That sounds like a champagne event - you know, like a ship launching. Stan also reported that the Bay made the cut at number 48 as one of 50 new Verizon cell tower locations. Mayor Bob's good work could result in locating the tower in the LCRA right-of-way. Discussions continue between all parties to co-locate AT&T facilities at the same location. Still a work in progress, but progress nonetheless.

The City's Medical Insurance Plan with an increase of 11.2% (ugh) with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the City's Dental Plan with a decrease of 4.8% (yea) with Mutual of Omaha were approved by 5 - 0 votes. Figure for yourselves the reason for the 11.2% meds increase.

Preliminary and final approvals of the replats of the 7-11 tracts were approved by 5 - 0 votes. The replats will allow for expansion and remodeling of the existing facilities. Thanks to developer Mike Walsh's good planning, one of the three driveways (the dangerous one) will be closed.

I told you this would be brief. We adjourned at 3:50. A record was achieved and comments are ready to go to press. Don't forget to vote. Have a good Halloween. OK – no more filler – have a fine evening!

Your Scribe -
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