

Council Comments.....

Good - Brrrrr it's cold - Evening to all in the Bay –

We had a very short council meeting today. Right at one hour. So, let me be brief.

Reverend Pete prayed and the pledges were said. After 4 years, I've almost got the Texas pledge mastered.

Drew Crosby of the HSB Business Alliance announced the Spring Fling event will be held on April 14 from 5 to 7 in the evening. Johnny Campbell, lead man of the Marble Falls EMS, commended our own Asst. Fire Chief Stephanie Black for finding and turning in a substantial amount of cash to the folks at Wal-mart who located the very thankful owner. Probably made for a Merrier Christmas for those folks. I've said many times our good public service folks who serve our community are the best and they are. Way to go – Stephanie.

Manager Stan reported that in a response to neighborhood concerns concerning speeding on Gazelle Street in HSB South, four "Children at Play" signs have been placed. Speed bumps could be next – so slow down! Forty-three deer were netted last night bringing the total to the 200 permitted thus thinning the population for their sake – and ours. The new PD Building is on schedule for a June completion and well short of original cost estimates.

By a 5 – 0 vote, lot clearing will proceed with the next 400 lots in HSB South. With the impending drought, this should damper brush fire dangers. Also by a 5 – 0 vote, the Council approved a budget of \$50,000 for a sprinkler system, a fence around the park, and the initial purchase of playground facilities in Martin Park. A respite for weary grandparents in the future. Volunteers will be sought to aid the City Staff in planning these and future upgrades. If you're interested in participating, please contact our City Secretary Teresa Moore at 598-9943 or tmoore@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov.

In order to more comfortably accommodate citizens attending Council meetings, an expenditure was approved to have complete architectural drawings rendered to increase the size of the Council Chambers by 540 square feet (6 rows of chairs to accommodate an additional 60 folks). More to come.

Two potential "orders for repair" were discussed. One involved a new home construction at 2401 Saddle Gun and roof damage on a garage at 1303 Prospect, both in HSB South. It was decided that owners of both properties, per their request, would be given additional time to remedy their issues. Both will be inspected by Inspector Light on a regular basis and progress reported to the Council.

Concerning everyone's favorite topic – the streets, a Street Improvement Plan Workshop will be held at 9 A.M. on January 17 to discuss implementation details with the Plan to be considered for approval at the February Council meeting.

On the same issue, David Pope, HSB POA Director, commended the Council, especially Council Guy Phil, on the plan to spend \$15 million over the next 5 – 6 years to improve 50 miles of streets (comprising 97% of improved properties) owned by the City.

I got that all in one sentence. Thanks, David. As he accurately reminded us, this was one of the major objectives of Incorporation. He also reported that the Quail Point expansion and renovation was on schedule and looking good. He thanked the City for support of this much needed project.

Claudia quickly moved to adjourn, Cynthia seconded and we were out of there. Until next month – stay warm – be happy – have a great 2011.

Your scribe -
Jeff Robinson