

Council Comments.....

Good morning, Horseshoe Bay -

It's going to be sunny, 75 degrees and spring has sprung. It's a great day in the Bay - as was yesterday - but more to come on that.

Reverend Larry prayed and we all pledged followed by Drew Crosby inviting everyone to the monthly coffee chat at the Taste of Thyme on February 23 at 9. Speaking of the T of T, their new hours will be Mon - Wed, 11 till 3 and Thur - Sat, 11 till 7. If you're in by 6:59, dinner will be served. It's BYOB and adds a new dining alternative for dinner.

The mayor then gave me the opportunity to recognize two of Horseshoe Bay's finest. At the recent Hill Country 100 Banquet, Ben Miller, a HSB Firefighter, and Randy Lane, the PD's Animal Control Officer, were recognized as Officers of the Year in the Bay. Congrats guys!! By the by, if you're interested in joining the 100 Club, call Joe Holtslag, Mike Pickering, Craig Haydon or yours truly. We're always looking for a few good men or ladies.

Teresa Moore, your City Secretary, was also recognized by the Mayor for her completion of the Texas Municipal Clerk Certification. Way to go Teresa!

From those really neat activities, we moved on to what might be the event of the year. By a 5 - 0 vote, the Council approved the long awaited Street Improvement Plan and associated funding plan. It's been a long row to hoe but she's done. Now we need to complete the planning which will start at next week's streets workshop at 9 a.m. on February 22. Oh, and then a small matter, we implement the plans.

On an associated note, the documents to transfer 2 miles of Applehead POA streets and .9 miles (Bay West) of Applehead Island streets were approved and signed by the Mayor and POA representatives. Folks from the Pecan Creek POA then formally requested a similar action on their 1.45 miles of streets. The good news on both these actions is that their streets are in pretty good condition, already have ribbon curbs, and will require less upgrade activity. More good news is that the city has a plan to fit any newly acquired streets.

On another City Enhancement Project, Martin Park, six of our fellow citizens have volunteered to serve on the Park Advisory Committee. Their charge will include not only a more immediate plan for improving the Park, but a long term plan for other parks and greenbelts in the City. These fine folks - William Prather, Michael Wilder, Mary Daniel, Lacey Smith, Tim and Carrie Foran - submitted impressive resumes that once again demonstrate how blessed our community is with the skills and experience of our residents. Thank you, volunteers.

As required by Texas law, the council, by a 5-0 vote, approved the city's official newspaper. The Highlander, a twice weekly newspaper with a circulation of 1050 mailed copies in the Bay was approved. The Beacon, while not meeting all legal requirements, will continue to be used also since it is circulated to all HSB mailboxes.

City Manager Stan discussed our recent arctic blizzard (OK, it was just real cold!). Folks north of the Red River thought we were lucky. A lot of the city staff put in long hours maintaining roads, water and wastewater facilities. The sand spread prior to the storm's arrival utilized city

dump trucks and was shoveled by hand. As always - thanks to all the good folks who make our life safer.

It's 4:20 and we're done. A short but productive meeting. Now, on to fixin' those pesky streets. Claudia moved to adjourn and we did. Have a good post Valentine week!

Your Scribe -
Jeff Robinson