

Council Comments.....

Good morning, Horseshoe Bay -

Sun's not up yet. Cloudy - could it rain? No, not likely. Could it be smoke from west of north Texas? Maybe. Be careful. We don't need any wildfires in the Bay. Having said that, I'm real glad we've been clearing and mowing lots the past two years. OK, on to the scribing.

Reverend Pete prayed and we pledged. Steve Jordan, HSB POA Prez, reminded us of Wednesday's dedication of the Founder's Pavilion at Quail Point. Sorry, that has now already occurred. Hope you didn't miss it. It is a tribute to Wayne and Eileen Hurd and Norman and Dorothy Hurd. Phase 1 of the expansion and renovation at Quail Point is complete and is stunning. Congrats to all the POA folks involved.

A nearby neighbor of the Bay West low water crossing, Gordon Denton, asked that the crossing be dried up in the months' prior to the bridge completion. Motorcycle tip-overs, truck spinouts and unnecessary splashing of pedestrians continue. A more serious accident could occur. While the City does not make this decision, Mayor Bob will talk to the appropriate folks about drying it up.

New water works employee Nancy Stuckert was then introduced by her new big boss Jeff Koska.

A 5 - 0 vote then approved a resolution to authorize and issue a notice of intention to issue a max of \$10 million of City of Horseshoe Bay Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation to fund street improvements and water/wastewater utility projects over the next several years. Construction and funding plans are now approved to get on with the much anticipated street improvements. Lots more communication to come on this big project in the next 60 days.

In Monday's 3 1/2 hour streets workshop, the approval of the aforementioned C. O.'s will mean the city has approximately 80% of the funds in hand to complete the Street Improvement Project. A maturity of 20 years as opposed to 30 years was approved. This will result in a lower interest rate and a saving of just less than \$1 million over the life of the bonds.

As an adjunct to the SIP (Street Improvement Project) the purchase of a lateral boring machine was approved. This will dramatically save labor expense and reduce future street cuts as we remove real old technology (Polybutylene Pipes) in HSB South and HSB (original).

Also approved was the improvement of a low water crossing on Mountain Dew. This should allow improved resident access during the rainy season (whenever).

Again by a 5 - 0 vote, the council approved the expenditure of the funds necessary to complete Phase 1 of the Martin Park improvements. Kudos to our Parks Advisory Committee. The approximately \$40,000 over and above the budgeted \$50,000 was moved by a 5 - 0 vote from contingency to the Park Improvement line item. In the near future, you will also be asked to complete a Needs Assessment Survey on future City Parks projects.

The new HSB water tank is up and running ahead of schedule and the old tank removal will begin next week.

The number of deer and corresponding number of deer killed on the Bay's streets continues to decrease as the deer removal plan continues.

The new HSB PD building is nearing completion (June). The council approved by a 5 - 0 vote the 8 ft. wall that will be located between Cardinal street and the building's back parking lot. The design will be consistent with the building itself.

The Visicom Communications folks continue to work with the city to place high speed internet antennas on the west water tank. The 2 small antennae boxes will be barely visible once installed. The contract for this project will be considered at the May council meeting. I continue to collect names for a residential test of this offering by Visicom.

In March, a letter concerning the city's monetary requirements for water/wastewater infrastructure at Skywater was submitted to the Bankruptcy Court hearing the case. The Mayor recently testified and the judge plans on one more day of testimony, April 29. After that he will make his ruling on the disposition of the property. Claudia moved - Cynthia seconded, we 5 - 0'd and the day was done.

As the long hot summer begins - stay cool.

Your Scribe -
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