

Council Comments.....

Good evening, Horseshoe Bay.

Don't you wish we could have four Octobers instead of June- September. 68 degrees at 5 o'clock - WOW!!

We had a good council meeting today. It was short and very productive. Reverend Pete prayed and we pledged. Drew Crosby announced this month's HSB Business Alliance will meet at 9 on 10-26 at Taste of Thyme. Meetings will move around in the future. Arrowhead Bank in November, City Hall in December.

We then said farewell (just from the council) to Mayor Pro Tem Claudia. In her four years, Claudia counts the streets transfer and upgrade plans as major achievements, as she should. Three years on the POA Board and four years on the council - time to take a break girl. She will be missed.

We then recognized Bobbi Baird, Muni court clerk, field operators John Morrison and Jeramy Kennedy and PD officer Javier Castro for 5 years of service to the City. Officer Javier is also the Marble Falls Rotary Club's Patriot of the year. He was also the man for our Horseshoe Bay National Night Out. Thanks lady and gentlemen for all you do!

Yours truly then led a discussion on my desire to eradicate cedar trees in Horseshoe Bay. Firefighters refer to them as gasoline on a stick and with current drought uncertainties; we can do without more combustibles. Their biggest problem though is water consumption. Live oaks consume about 19 gallons of water per day and cedars 33 gallons. Let's see, cedars or live oaks?? That's an easy call for me. More to come on this next month.

Chief Lane then led a discussion of 5 trees in the streets he deems unsafe. These trees, of the 74 total in our streets are candidates for removal. Lynn Jenkins then requested that a 150 year old oak at Hi Stirrup and Out Yonder be granted a stay pending further review. By a 5 - 0 vote, 4 unsafe trees will be removed, and Lynn's tree will be subject to other safety precautions and reviewed again in the future.

The Bay West Bridge bid packages are nearing completion. Packages should go to contractors this week, resulting in a November bid award, hopefully. Both the double arch and the single span bridges will be offered for bids.

Manager Stan reported that all is well with street improvements in the Fairways. Bomagging continues, a lot of curbs are up in Section 1 and Project Manager Tim, Allen Keller Contractors and the block captains all receive high marks from the neighborhood. Just getting started, but so far-so good. He also reported that following a request last month from several citizens (Annette Burton, Jim Short and Linda Rusk), a draft policy is nearing completion on the maintenance of medians.

Changes to the city's Development Policy were approved 5 - 0. In the future, developers that provide false or incorrect information will find their projects slowed considerably until corrections are made and improved.

The Shoppes at Hi Circle Planned Development Agreement was once again extended for another year.

There is no longer a Skywater. Ron Mitchell informed all that the development will now carry the name Summit Rock. A discussion was held concerning the re-platting and rezoning of 22 out tracts from recreation to residential. As part of this discussion, a question was raised as to the number of LUE's the IBC Bank (current owners of Summit Rock, the development) had remaining of the 200 originally granted by the city. The city grants LUE's (Living Unit Equivalents), houses to you and me, based on our ability to provide water and wastewater facilities. The two previous developers, now bankrupt, and the current developer, IBC Bank, have each been informed that no additional LUE's would be allowed until the city and the developers had a signed contract and an initial cash payment of \$2-3 million received by the city. A remaining substantial amount, plus interest, would be paid over time as the water and wastewater facilities were upgraded.

This discussion began 5 years ago and to date, no contract has been signed nor dollars paid to the city. Mayor Bob has pursued resolution diligently with each of the three development entities during those five years. It was suggested by the council that the Mayor and Lawyer Rex immediately present a contract to the bank and emphasize that no additional LUE's would be granted till the contract was signed. In light of the apparent more aggressive marketing campaign on the horizon, those LUE's will be necessary as lots are sold. Fortunately, Ron Mitchell, was in attendance and informed all present that the Bank and the Resort are working long hours to complete new development plans and as soon as completed, would be presented to the council and the public. He reiterated several times that he had told the bank several times that those additional pesky, but necessary LUE's would not be forthcoming from the city until the contract and initial payment were done. Thank you, Ron.

The council then directed the Mayor and Lawyer Rex to present the draft contract as soon as possible to the bank with a goal of completing the transaction in the next 30- 60 days. It is important to our community that Summit Rock be a roaring success and the sooner we clear some of the initial hurdles, the sooner all involved can move forward. As always, there will be more to come.

Several plats, re-plats and zoning changes were passed 5 - 0 and we were ready for Claudia's final motion to adjourn. She did and we did and thus ended a busy day. Councilman Tom Schmersahl will be joining us next month and the "bidness of the Bay" will go on.

Enjoy Fall while it lasts!

Your Scribe -
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