

## **Council Comments.....**

Good Holiday Eve to All -

This year's December meeting was quite short and rather uneventful. Not to say the issues raised, discussed and voted on were unimportant. You may begin to notice a bit of filler as we move forward with our dialog.

Reverend Pete prayed and we pledged to America and the great state of Texas (filler). The Mayor recognized Lynette Willms for her 5 years of service in Human Resources and Firefighter Brad Casey for his 10 years. Thanks for your service to our community.

Drew Crosby of the HSB Business Alliance told us the recent Holiday Event was quite successful and that their next community leader event would be held on December 28 from 9 to 10 at the Spanish Trails Assisted Living Complex on Hi-way 71.

Peter Jones, HSB citizen, announced his campaign for County Commissioner, Precinct 1. Todd Smith, the Visicom lead man, informed the council that they had opened an office in the La Bahia Building, telephone number - 693-5557 and are prepared to offer a variety of high-speed internet packages beginning at \$49.99. They intend to cover 100% of the Bay with multiple antennas.

The discussion then turned to filling the empty chair at our council table. With Cynthia's impending resignation, we are faced with an eleven month vacancy. We can call a special election in May or appoint a volunteer citizen to complete her term beginning in February. All agreed a prompt resolution would be favorable. So to all of you good citizens, now is your opportunity to serve without the drudgeries of a campaign. You'll only need 3 votes. Call Teresa Moore, City Secretary, at 598-9943, present your qualifications and obtain 3 of the remaining council member votes and you're in. Hours are short, company is outstanding, and the pay - nil!

The next opportunity discussed, pay also nil, was the identification of 5 - 7 good folks to volunteer for the HSB Parks Advisory Committee. Again, call Teresa and she'll put you on the list for consideration at the January council meeting.

We're also still looking for that volunteer to serve on the Llano Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Any of you tax appraisal experts out there looking to improve your resume, give Teresa a call. (Teresa is going to be one busy lady). If no one steps forward, Louraine Robertson has graciously agreed to labor on.

A final decision on curbs surrounding trees in the roadway (something of an oxymoron) remains a work in progress. Ribbon curbs will remain for now.

A change was suggested and approved to amend the November meeting minutes to emphasize that the dratted cedars would be removed "subject to cost considerations to the city."

Okay, we platted and replatted and we did some zoning housekeeping, all on 4 - 0 votes (we need a 5th). If I gave you the details it would be "filler".

We then adjourned at 3:30 to go into Executive Session (secret stuff to you newbies). Not really, it was time for personnel evaluations and compensation discussion. You guys remember those times when everyone was especially nice; especially to their boss.

Well, that's it for 2011. Y'all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be Safe.

Your Scribe,  
Jeff Robinson