

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

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By

Councilman Jerry Gray

Beginning with a pledge to the American and Texas flags followed by the invocation from Gerry Kessler, Music Minister, The Church at Horseshoe Bay, your council got down to the business of fulfilling our new City Mission: To serve and protect our citizens while preserving our heritage and planning for the future.

Mr. Keith Neffendorf presented the final 2014 audit report noting compliance with the four key issues of fund balances, investments, debt service payments and performance to budget which all support the City's AA+ bond rating. Your City money is well managed. Mayor Jordan announced a proclamation declaring April 22 as Horseshoe Bay Clean Up Day. That's when our residents get out and pick up litter along our roads and then come to Quail Point to enjoy some great BBQ. Hopefully, you will be part of this effort to keep our City beautiful. Please note that on this same date between 3 – 5 PM a Citizen Appreciation event will be held at Martin Park to allow us all the opportunity to say "thank you" and for you to meet our various and valuable City employees. At this time you will also be able to check out the new display garden at City Hall which features low water requirement plants that you may wish to include in your future landscape plans. Norm Long was approved as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission for another term. Thank you Norm for your continued service in this capacity. We were updated on the Milfoil treatment plan, which will be done in April and July. There have been questions about lawn watering following this treatment for those pulling lawn water directly from the lake. Texas Park & Wildlife's contractor hired to apply the product will issue information, prior to the application, to those residents regarding watering restrictions following application, if any.

Fire Chief Fiero announced the City's application to be a part of the CAPCOG Regional Emergency Notification System which should be approved within the next 60 days. Once approved, residents can sign up to be notified by telephone, text message or email anytime there is an emergency within our area. Stay tuned for more information on how to register for this terrific system. Chief Lane informed the Council of pending closure of the Christ Yoder Animal Shelter/Adoption Center operation, which accepts our captured animals. Burnet and Llano counties along with Horseshoe Bay and other local communities are in discussion to find a replacement for this important service.

We then took up and approved the awarding of the next Street Improvement phase (Highlands Blvd and Clayton Nolen section) to Aaron Concrete for \$3,355,482 based on their performance record to date on other phases. Funding of this phase will be via existing cash on hand until such time as it might become necessary to issue bonds. This allows us to save the interest expense that would occur between now and that time.

The Horseshoe Bay POA presented a request for approval of their plan to provide new off-street parking for the Lighthouse and overflow parking of Lighthouse Drive residents. There being no expense to the City and recognizing the safety and convenience benefits, approval was granted. Nancy Ritter, HSB POA Executive Director also announced the funding for Lighthouse improvements had reached over \$90,000 and they planned to proceed with the project shortly.

We then moved to formation of the new Long Range Plan Advisory Committee and the Information and Communication Advisory Committee and approval of the members of these two committees. Appointees John Bird, Bill Gaylord, Nancy Ritter, Jim Long, Lynette Morrison, Michael Thuss, A. G. (Bud) Nichols, Ted Hess, Larry Stahl, Steven Varga, Sharon Jenkins and Forrest Covin will serve on the LRPAC and Phil Schoch, Lee Peterson, Linda Baker and Jan Busse on the ICAC. Their service is greatly appreciated and you can expect to hear more from these committees over the next few months. A sign ordinance variance, a replat and a lot set back variance request were considered with the sign variance being denied but the replat and set back request were approved. Renewal of a building permit for 2401 Saddle Gun was discussed and approved. The Council then approved an authorization for the Development Services Manager to handle minor platting requests from this point forward. We then moved in to Executive session to discuss and consider action regarding reuse of effluent from the City's wastewater treatment plant.

At 6:25 PM the regular meeting was reconvened and the following motion was made and approved: To authorize the City to expend funds to pay for the construction of a pipeline to deliver effluent from the wastewater plant to the pond on #17 of Summit Rock Golf Course to be reimbursed from the Summit Rock PID assessment funds for the actual cost of the pipeline. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.