

City of Horseshoe Bay
HSB City Council Comments
February 17, 2015
By Councilperson Michele Shackelford

The Horseshoe Bay City Council met on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 with Mayor Steve Jordan calling the meeting to order. Father Ruben Patino, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Chapel, gave the invocation.

During the Public Comment period, POA Board Member, Sam Morrison, encouraged all to participate in the March 30th Benefit Lighthouse Golf Tournament sponsored by the HSB Resort to be played on the Summit Rock Golf Course. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to complete the HSB Lighthouse Restoration Fund.

The Council heard reports and took action on the following matters:

New High Speed Wireless Internet Provider. After an introduction by City Manager, Stan Farmer, concerning recent discussions about the possible addition of a new high speed internet service provider in the area, Bill Shea, the Marketing Director for Skybeam Inc., presented plans for the introduction of wireless internet service to Horseshoe Bay residents within the next few months. This was received as good news by all.

City Mission Statement Adopted. The Council adopted the following mission statement for the City of Horseshoe Bay: "To serve and protect our citizens while preserving our heritage and planning for our future." The non-unanimous action was taken without opportunity for any discussion of the options offered by citizens and compiled from other sources as requested by Councilperson Shackelford. Mayor Jordan stated that it was important to get a mission statement ready by early April for use on the City website that is currently under revision, and that the statement could be changed later. The Council adopted the option that received the most support in a secret ballot vote in which each Councilperson marked their top two choices from the list of printed options.

Applehead POA Street Signs. After discussion of the request by the Applehead POA to be granted the option to upgrade the pole only street sign model to include 32 inches of sandstone at the bottom with all expenses for the extra labor, supplies and all ongoing maintenance to be the responsibility of the Applehead POA, the Council approved the request based on the facts that the request was from the POA and not individuals and that the Applehead POA has historically adopted other features unique to their area.

Committee Appointments Continued. The Council tabled consideration of the agenda items to appoint members to the newly established Long Range Planning Committee and the Information & Communication Committee until after the March 10 Council Workshop. At that time, Stan Farmer will present information to the Council concerning the use of a long-range planning committee. As a result of the continuation, the deadline for acceptance of applications to serve on either of these committees has also been continued through March 3, 2015. Mayor Jordan encouraged citizens to print the application which can be found on the City web-site at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov and return it to the City Offices before that deadline.

Outdoor Lighting Ordinance. The Council approved changes to the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance, City Code of Ordinances 3.07 that clarify and update requirements.

Library Contributions. The Council approved contribution requests of \$5,000 to both the Llano County Library System and the Marble Falls Library. In the discussion, the Council affirmed that the contribution of these funds met the legal test and the Council[s] position that city funds could be used for a public purpose on something the City does not have to provide.

Planning for Effluent Water. Jeff Koska, Utilities Director, presented a chronology and over-view of the growth of the volume of effluent water being produced as part of the water

plant system. The water is stored in two specially permitted ponds and then distributed for irrigation purposes to two of the area golf courses and other city and private range areas. During the winter months when less water is taken for irrigation, the levels in the storage ponds rise. In order to stay in compliance with TCEQ storage limits, the City has been exploring options for disposal of the water. Mr. Koska explained that the City's current plans meet the disposal needs anticipated for the next 3 years, but that other storage and distribution facilities will be needed by 2019.

In addition, the Council heard reports or took action on the following other matters:

1. Presented a Five Service Award to Fire Fighter Kyle Schmidt for his valuable work and recognized Terry White for being named the HSB Fire Fighter of the Year and Garth Davis for being named as the HSB Police Officer of the Year by the Hill Country 100 Club.
2. After receipt of a report by builder David Mitchell concerning the progress on the house being built at 419 Lighthouse Drive, the Council took action to issue a building re-permit for the project for one month at a cost of \$500.
3. Adopted new job titles concerning the employees of the Fire Department as set out in the Salary Tables.
4. Adopted a change order to add Ferguson Road to the HSB West Street Improvement Contract at a cost to the City of \$185,680 after reimbursement from LCRA of \$500,000 pursuant to the agreement between them for repair of Ferguson Road after the demolition of old power plant.
5. Adopted a City Council Usage Policy for Use of City Owned Computer Tablets for immediate application to City Council and staff members who have recently been distributed tablets to allow for the electronic transfer of City information and Council packets instead of a paper version.
6. Set a Council Workshop to be held on March 10, 2015 at 9 o'clock in City Council Chamber for the purposes of receiving a financial report on planned capital projects and a presentation on the use of long range planning committees.
7. Encouraged citizens to attend the Workshop on Aquatic Vegetation being presented by the TCEQ, LCRA, and TPWD on March 5 from 3 – 7 pm at Quail Point. Mayor Jordan gave a recap of the results of the matching funds grant program offered by LCRA to area communities for milfoil treatments. Horseshoe Bay received a \$15,000 grant for use in providing two applications to the HSB shoreline this year.
8. Announced a meeting with Council members and area contractors and developers scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at 3 o'clock in City Council Chamber.

The Council Workshop is scheduled on March 10 at 9 a.m. in the City Council Chamber. The regular March City Council meeting is scheduled on March 17 at 3 o'clock in City Council Chamber.