

COUNCIL COMMENTS
MAY 19 MEETING
By
Councilman Jerry Gray

This month's meeting started as usual at 3:00 PM with a prayer (by Pastor Malcolm McQueen, The Church at Horseshoe Bay) and pledges to the USA and Texas flags. It ended up being a fairly quick meeting adjourning at 4:46 PM. Terrific!

First item on the agenda was to recognize Janice Atkinson for completing 5 years of employment with the City. Congratulations, Janice, and thanks for your service in our Financial department as "the bill payer". The Information and Communication Advisory committee presented the Council with a report outlining their thoughts for what should be included in the brochure they are developing. The Council agreed with the proposed content and this tri-fold brochure promoting the City of Horseshoe Bay is expected to be ready for the printer following Council approval in July.

A re-permit was issued to SBS Construction for two houses under construction at 312 and 316 Nattie Woods with a 90-day expiration and a strong warning that failure to complete in that time would be detrimental to any further extension. SBS stated they felt certain they could meet this deadline

Jeff Koska, Manager of our Utility Department updated the Council on issues raised regarding our water conservation ordinance. He reiterated the value of the FREE irrigation system survey available to all residents and noted the average water usage reduction to date resulting from those audits was 30 percent. We're talking some real savings here! Give the Utility Department a call 598-9973 to schedule your audit and take advantage of this money and water saving service. Jeff also discussed the collection of rainwater for use in watering plants and lawns. Check the City web site for more details on how to do this for your home. Our Financial Manager, Larry Anderson, presented his monthly report plus one of his quarterly "education sessions" on how the City handles its finances.

Stan Farmer reported that Northland Cable has notified the City that it will not be replacing the lines servicing customers in The Highlands area. According to Northland Cable it is not cost effective for Northland Cable to replace shallow lines compromised in the Street Improvement project. If you live on any of the following streets and use Northland Cable, you should begin looking for a new provider immediately – Highland Blvd up to Full Moon, Twin Sails East and West, Right Lane, Left Lane, Full Moon, Thanksgiving Mountain, Mountain Dew from the Mausoleum over to Grassy knoll, Hi Ridge, Dalton Circle, Scott Drive, Clayton Nolan from top of hill by Quick Draw South, Quick Draw, Cimarron, El Paso, Air Park and Prospect Circle. Northland Cable was informed several months ago by the City of this pending issue but just now informed us of their decision. We understand this affects approximately 40 of their customers. The paving project for this area is expected to begin June 1 following completion of the Ferguson Road section.

The milfoil spraying project was completed May 9 and will be spot-checked after Memorial Day for any re-spraying needs. The next full application will be done in late July or early August as needed. After approving the contract award for the additional water line to serve The Trails and Sandy Harbor areas we approved the committee members who will conduct our search for a new Fire Chief. Their first meeting will be May 20.

Our final item was a short discussion on the status of the agreement with The Resort regarding the new effluent line over to the Summit Rock holding ponds. No action was taken but it is expected to be finalized with a special session within the next couple of weeks. It will be great to get this issue put to bed. That's it for today's one hour and 46 minute meeting! All is well within the City of Horseshoe Bay.