

COOUNCIL COMMENTS FOR AUGUST 25 MEETING

By Councilman Jerry Gray

Well, it was a full day of City business starting with a 9:00 AM budget workshop and ending with adjournment of the monthly Council meeting at 5:50 PM. It was a long but productive day.

Following Pastor Johnny White's invocation and pledges to the flags we had the pleasure of introducing our new Fire Chief, Joe Morris, to those in attendance. Joe is a wonderful addition to our City staff and, as you will learn over time, a terrific person. Bill and Lucinda Prather followed Joe's introduction with a gift to the Fire Department of three sets of oxygen masks designed specifically for pets to assist in their rescue from fire and smoke inhalation. Thank you Prather's!!

The Information & Communication committee presented a draft copy of the new City of HSB promotional brochure, which will be distributed by the Resort and the real estate community to our visitors. The very well done brochure was approved for print and distribution. Great job by this committee! Jeff Koska reminded us of the Burnet County BOPATE (Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze, Tires, Electronics) collection / disposal scheduled for September 12 at the Burnet Co. fairgrounds, 9 AM – 1 PM which is available to ALL HSB residents. Good time to get rid of that stuff sitting around in your garage!

On the "business" side of things, the first public hearing regarding the proposed 2015 Ad Valorem tax rate was held. The proposed rate again this year is 25 cents per \$100 value. Same as last year. In fact, same as the last 6 years. That's good news. Also, there will be an election for two new City Council members on November 3, 2015. Three candidates have filed for the two positions, Cynthia Clinesmith, Reagan Lambert and Chris Laird. The last phase of the street improvement project is moving along nicely and under budget. The "deer management" process will be conducted between October 1 and Thanksgiving with no more than 600 deer to be removed. The Milfoil treatment is getting its final touches this week and has proved to be very successful. If you still have problems in your area, which is doubtful, you should let City Manager Stan R. Farmer know about it. Bobby and Nora Green offered to donate the Tori Lane land to the City, which was accepted.

Dean Blaine/Grandview Homes received approval for a variance from the city building code to allow more than two speculative homes and capped at five.

There were a couple of other minor items covered then we got into the Planned Development Ordinance (PDO) for the proposed Tuscan Village project to be located within Summit Rock. This community is for adults only and you can read more about it on the City web site. If you really want to know what it is about, go to the "Tuscan Village, Lakeway" web site www.tuscanvillage.com and check it out. The Summit Rock Tuscan Village is essentially identical to the one in Lakeway. It is a self contained community of villas, townhomes and single family dwellings with its own

community/activity center. Following considerable discussion and input from attendees, the PDO was approved. In addition, we approved a final agreement with The Resort regarding the pipeline that will deliver our treated effluent to the Summit Rock and Slick Rock golf courses within the next few years. This is a win/win for the City and The Resort following several months of negotiation.

This is your City's 10th anniversary year and plans are underway for a celebration to be held on Friday, November 13. A committee is being assembled to make plans for the big event and needs volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact our City Secretary, Teresa Moore at tmoore@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov or 830-598-9943.

There you go, another day fulfilling our City mission – to serve and protect our Citizen's while preserving our heritage and planning for the future. Hope you had a good day too.