

Hello Neighbors!

YOUR City Council and citizens in attendance at today's council meeting had the special honor of welcoming six Texas Rangers, alongside our own former Texas Rangers – Police Chief Rocky Wardlow, Assistant Police Chief Garth Davis and Detective Steve Boyd. They showed up in force (Stetson hats and all) to exhibit their appreciation to the Horseshoe Bay community for the Proclamation and remembrance of Ranger Stanley Keith Guffey. Thirty years ago, Ranger Guffey was killed in the line of duty responding to the abduction (and safe recovery) of a two-year-old girl in Horseshoe Bay. All citizens are encouraged to join the ceremony in front of the Police Department on Saturday, January 21st at 2 pm, followed by a reception at the Fire Department. It gives us all an opportunity to give thanks for the blessing of those who stand in harm's way on our behalf.

The council heard of the City Manager's efforts to improve workplace safety. He has asked law enforcement teams to prepare an Active Shooter exercise in the coming month, as well as an Emergency Operation Center drill for senior staff. These targeted actions ensure our Police, Fire, and EMS teams are fully prepared as the need arises. Aren't we blessed!

The Mayor referenced the detailed discussion of the new Long Range Plan held at the January City Council Workshop. Some highlights included:

- The Parks Advisory Committee, headed by Mike Widler, will begin reviewing the existing Parks Master Plan.
- The council appointed Broadband Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on Jan. 23rd to begin seeking solutions to internet access and speed barriers experienced by much of the city.
- The commitment to "managed growth" discussion considered the need for safe roads for natural growth and traffic (i.e. turn lane for FM 2147 through to Hwy 71), as well as determining the city's position regarding considerations for a new bridge that would move traffic from Hwy 1431 (near Granite Shoals) onto FM 2147 (at the Marina/Subway intersection). The City Manager and Mayor will be meeting with Texas Department of Transportation and CAMPO representatives to obtain more details and express concerns for the impact on Horseshoe Bay.

Larry Anderson, the city's Finance Director, presented the first quarter financial activities in both the General and Utilities funds. Overall revenue at the quarter was right on track with 28% overall intake. Expenditures all fell within or below the 25% benchmark, except those whose expenditures which occur early in the year (example: animal control). Capital expenditures were covered too. The staff was commended for honoring the trust for fiscal accountability.

Development Services noted emerging activity in the form of requests for information in preparation for anticipated projects. Among these were engineering requests regarding clubhouses for Cap Rock and Summit Rock, something members have been patiently awaiting. The resort has submitted plans for the replacement of their marina.

All expressed thanks for the rain and assurance of the city operating safely and positively.....as a full reminder that it is definitely always a great day to live in Horseshoe Bay.

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