

Hello Neighbors!

YOUR City Council met today to conduct the business of YOUR city, reluctantly leaving the gorgeous October outdoors. A short agenda, however, promised a quick return to the autumn experience.

Following invocation and pledges, the council recognized the service of exceptional staff:

- **Josh Hisey** received his 10-year service award, as well as a standing ovation for his continuous personal and professional growth in his current role as overall supervisor of both the water and waste plant operations. Director Jeff Koska spoke to the dedicated work Josh does to save the community tax dollars while also ensuring high quality waste processing and safe drinking water. It was a special treat to have his wife and new 1 month old little girl join the applause.
- **Don Johnson** brought his seasoned record of prior years in law enforcement and received his 10-year service award for work in Horseshoe Bay. Police Chief Wardlow underscored the extensive advanced levels of credentials, including expert fraud analysis, Investigator Johnson provides the city. In addition to his over 23 years of police service, Investigator Johnson holds the highest level of Peace Officer certification recognized by the state.
- It was great fun to celebrate Police Patrol Lt. **David Vaughn** who won over \$20,000 in the recently aired Wheel of Fortune episode. He was a great ambassador for the city showing both his warmth and energy (and quick thinking skills)!

The presentation of the plans/renderings of the Caprock and Summit Club houses was postponed until next month while some final architectural improvements are determined.

The only public forum comments were from Ron Cunningham who is seeking office in the coming year as County Judge. Mr. Cunningham shared that he has over 20 years in law enforcement, is a former DPS officer, is a current Llano ISD School Board member, and owns a ranch in south Llano county. He shared his commitment to collaboration with the City of Horseshoe Bay alongside the priorities of other Llano County communities.

In the monthly statistical reports, City Manager Stan Farmer updated a few timely issues:

- Deer Management season has begun and already the size of the current herds (based on capture and automotive accidents) shows a continual increase in the population. All efforts continue to maintain a balance in caring for and ensuring a healthy herd for our hill country, while managing the safety of the community.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Citizens' Academy has kicked off with a full slate. Mike Maine was present to share he is already learning deeper understandings of how his city works. The nine (2 hr. weekly) session academy has hopes of creating a network of well-informed neighbors to assist in communications across our city.

Finance Director Kristen Woolley presented the required quarterly financial report, showing a strong fourth quarter finish for fiscal year 2017. Council Members thanked the staff for their diligence in adhering to the budget without sacrifice of service. Director Woolley was particularly complimented for

the new Budget Packet made available to any interested citizen – located on the front page of the city website ([www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov](http://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov)) – while on the site, take a look through to learn more about “Things to do in the City of HSBay”, city departments, and city staff. An overview of the broader work/accomplishments/plans of the city are also highlighted in this week’s Beacon in the State of the City message by Mayor Steve Jordan. This annual message written by the Mayor is also available on the front page of the city’s website.

The council moved to executive session to discuss contract negotiations with TxDOT as allowed by the local government code. The council reconvened to the open meeting to consider and then approve giving the city the authority to commit up to \$120,000 to the anticipated cost of \$2.240 million to complete the development of a turn lane and asphalt resurfacing of the county road on south FM 2147. This conversation has been ongoing for over a year and made giant strides through the work of the Mayor, TxDOT leadership, and the much-appreciated intervention and support offered by former representative Tom Craddick. It is hoped that within the next two years, HSBay will have a smooth surfaced road from the north city limit to the southern entry to Bay West Blvd., along with the real focus of a continuous safe turn lane to accommodate the growing and active retail areas.

It didn’t take Mayor Pro Tem Craig Haydon long to call for adjournment as all happily exited to the cool, crisp evening ahead, reminding us that it is always a great day to live in Horseshoe Bay.

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