

COUNCIL COMMENTS
APRIL 17, 2018

Today's City Council meeting was one of the shortest on record, 50 minutes, so these comments will be short as well.

Pastor John Duncan of The Church at Horseshoe Bay opened our meeting with a much appreciated invocation which was followed by pledges to the USA and Texas flags. Four Proclamations were then read into the record recognizing April 15–21st as International Dark Sky week, May 6-12th as both Public Service Recognition Week and Drinking Water Week, and the month of May as Older Americans Month. These proclamations honored the dedicated service of our City employees as well as other public employees at the State and National level; the importance of protecting our precious water supply and our view of the night sky, and the value of older Americans (isn't that all of us?) to our City. These "older Americans" in Horseshoe Bay provide much needed experience and expertise to virtually all of our special committees. By the way, if you are 55 or older, this honor applies to you.

We then recognized Terry White for his 5 years of service as a member of our Fire Department. He has over 30 years experience as a firefighter and a sterling reputation for service over those years. Thank you, Terry, for your service to our City.

Horseshoe Bay resident Gilbert Bennett spoke to the Council and offered a well thought out recommendation to modify our ordinance regarding working hour restrictions for contractors to not allow work being performed during major holiday weekends. The Council will be addressing his request during our May meeting. Three personnel policy amendments were approved dealing with Harassment, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). City Manager Stan Farmer provided an update on accomplishments of action items regarding the Long Range Comprehensive Plan Implementation. Progress on implementing the LRP is going very well.

The six-month financial performance to budget was presented which confirmed that the City is on, or better than, target for both revenue and expenses in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. In fact, the City was presented a "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" by the Government Finance Officers Association for this year's budget. Congratulations to our Finance Director, Kristen Woolley and her staff on receipt of this important recognition. Well done! As final business of the day, Council reviewed and approved awarding an additional street paving project covering upgrades to 1.5 miles of existing streets to Aaron Concrete.

It is important to note that all financial performance details, monthly statistical department reports and full disclosure for all of today's Council business are available for your review on the City's web site under the City Council agenda meeting packet for April 17, 2018.

So, there you have it, short and sweet. All is well with the City of Horseshoe Bay.

Jerry Gray, Council Member