

Hello Neighbors!

A full house of citizens was present for YOUR City Council meeting. It was a special delight to start off the meeting, following invocation and pledges, with a recognition by Mayor Jordan of City Manager, Stan Farmer. Stan is celebrating his 10th year with HSBay City AND his completion of the Executive Master's Public Leadership Program through the University of Texas at Austin LBJ School of Public Affairs. Stan's completion of this graduate work adds to the depth of professional competency in your city staff. Congrats Stan, we are proud!

Public comments were made by Peter Jones, Pct. 1 Llano County Commissioner, who invited all to his 1st Quarterly Town Hall meeting at Quail Point, following the Council Meeting, which was also well attended with much good information, questions, and exchange of ideas. Additional comments were made by Tessa Schmitzinsky from PEC inviting all to the PEC Annual Meeting on June 23rd at Smithson Valley High School. She reminded us that the board representative for our area is up for election this spring – with online/mail in voting scheduled for May 24th- June 15th. Additional guests included Carrie Pickering, part of the consultant taxing firm of Llano County bringing a check (\$\$) from recently auctioned lots...and a greeting from Candyce Speidel the District Representative for Senator Dawn Buckingham to remind everyone the Senator will be in Horseshoe Bay at 1:00 pm (Quail Point) to share and gain feedback from local citizens.

The staff report included several items of interest:

- Chief of Police, Rocky Wardlow, introduced Dennis and Theresa Hardman (and their son, Patrol Officer Jeremy Gristy) to thank them for their generosity in supporting the City in acquiring a remote-controlled drone with high resolution/thermal imaging. This will assist in search/rescue, evidence collection, and pursuit in areas of danger w/aerial coverage. Officer Gristy is a licensed pilot already – and 4 additional police officers will be acquiring licensure.
- The City Manager reiterated the City's commitment to the Monarch Pledge. While mowing will start next week in the city – staff has mapped out areas where the Monarch Milkweed (the only plant Monarch will use to lay eggs) is located and will not mow these swaths until mid to late June after seeds drop.
- Also, the city is aware of the beginnings of milfoil and hydrilla and will be joining LCRA in inspections to determine intervention levels. Please alert the city if you see areas of concern (and if you know of unidentified areas of the milkweed to protect).
- Multiple lots on the Burnet County side of HSBay were approved to be placed on auction to recoup delinquent funds not paid by owners.
- Neighbors who continue to be concerned about the challenges of living near homes under construction had several items of relevance addressed.
 - The city has proposed an ordinance to ban building/construction on Saturday's of holiday weekends. Representatives of builders who understand the frustration caused by some builders have asked to bring a compromise plan forward at the July meeting. This plan would respect the need to ban noise/high traffic, while allowing some non-

intrusive work (indoor painting, etc.) to continue to maintain sub-contractors on project. The city will review the proposal and take action in July.

- A discussion regarding city ordinances specific to connectivity of free standing casitas recognized that the city was essentially enforcing the preference of each POA. A motion was approved to remove this from the city's authority and place the determination in the hands of the Architectural Control Committees of each POA. (Note: This ordinance change only addresses casitas, not other free-standing buildings).
- A 4th permit was issued (with large \$\$ penalty) for the completion of a house on 306 Apache Tears. This home has been a point of frustration to neighbors for a long time and it appears that the current foreman will be able to complete the final work (driveway, landscaping, garage doors) within 60 days.

The council adjourned to executive session to discuss land matters pertaining to the acquisition of property along Golden Nugget to create a safer road between Golden Nugget and FM 2831. This could also provide an opportunity for a small entry designation as this is the western entrance into HSBay.

The meeting closed as many, including council members, headed over to the County Commissioner update...with an eye to the sky for much welcomed rains! Blessings abound as we breathe in that it is ALWAYS a great day to live in our Horseshoe Bay. Wishing you cooler days ahead!

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