

The Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Gray. After canvassing the election results from the November 5, 2019 election, a motion was made and passed to accept the election results. At that time the newly elected Mayor, Cynthia Clinesmith and new Council Members Randy Rives and Frank Hosea were sworn into office and issued Certificates of Election. In addition to newly elected officials being sworn in, Jerry Gray was re-appointed as Mayor Pro Tem and Elaine Waddill was appointed Public Information Officer. With all new officials in place, the City Council meeting officially began with a warm welcome from our new Mayor to the many Horseshoe Bay residents in attendance.

The Mayor expressed appreciation to all voters for joining in the decisions about the future of our City. She underscored a desire to set a tone of respect that reflects the clear desire of the citizens toward managed growth. Council action supporting the City motto will allow for a pace of welcoming new neighbors and businesses that does not interfere with the quality of daily living for the citizens. The calendar was discussed noting that meetings will continue with the Presidents of the POAs, the builders, and the realtors to ensure there is mutual support and an opportunity for shared collaboration. The Mayor indicated she will add to this an annual meeting with the Business Alliance members and the Faith Community/Ministerial Alliance to reach out to all factors of the community that impact the daily quality of living in Horseshoe Bay.

The first order of business for Mayor Clinesmith was presenting a Ten-Year Service Award to our own Chief of Police Rocky Wardlow. Chief Wardlow received his Ten-Year Service Award and many thanks from the City and residents of Horseshoe Bay for clearly outstanding service and commitment to the safety and security of our residents. Chief Wardlow graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy in 1980 and served as a Trooper in the Shamrock and Granbury areas before being promoted to DPS Sergeant of the Texas Highway Patrol. During his career, he received thirty-four (34) commendations and was nominated by his peers for Texas Ranger of the Year. Chief Wardlow is happily married to his wife Angie and has four children and two grandchildren in their blended family. He has brought new innovations in policing, as well as, provided superior management and mentoring for the officers serving in our police department. He continues to protect and serve our community in every way possible, but the word on the street is that he also has a great recipe for BBQ.

Council and residents of Horseshoe Bay had an opportunity to meet and hear from a number of individuals who are currently serving or have an interest in serving on one of the various Boards, Commissions, or Committees. There were nine individuals who spoke and indicated an interest in giving their time and skills to support the Horseshoe Bay community. Our community appreciates and depends on these quality individuals who generously give their time and expertise to serve. Appointments for the coming year will be made at the December 10th City Council meeting.

Two residents, Brent Lane and Dr. C.A. Islas spoke during public forum. Mr. Lane asked the Council to support its existing ordinances that limit speculative building in the community as part of a fuller initiative to manage growth in a meaningful way. Dr. Islas shared her experience with a builder of her new home and requested the City review this builder who has two other speculative homes on the market. She indicated significant challenges – including major roof leaks in her 10-month old home – that were left to her to repair. The City Manager requested the Director of Developmental Services review the case in detail. The City of Horseshoe Bay retains a list of vetted builders allowed to build in

Horseshoe Bay and removes this opportunity if it is found that a builder is not building with integrity and in accordance with expected standards.

A Public Hearing was held on a replat of Gotcher's Trace at The Parks at Horseshoe Bay near the corner of Hwy 71 and FM 2147 which was approved unanimously. The Council also discussed a request from the Developer of Gotcher's Trace to eliminate the Impact Fee per the City Impact Fee Ordinance. One citizen, Janet Rogers, spoke against approval of waiving the Impact Fee, citing that existing homeowners would bear the cost instead – and it would set a precedent for future development responsibility. The Council discussed the issue and voted 5 – 0 to deny the request, respecting that this Horseshoe Bay fee is within the range of other cities to offset the impact on water and wastewater management by developments. The City Council completed the meeting in Executive Session to discuss several internal issues and was adjourned for the day.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony being held on Thursday, December 5th. More details about this special event will be provided soon (and posted on the City's website). It will take place around sunset next to the Police Department building at 1 Community Drive. We will share hot cocoa, cookies, candy canes, Christmas music and SANTA as we celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. Your City Council will meet next on December 10th. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the ending of another wonderful year in the best little town in Texas!

Thank you for taking a moment to read this summary of the November Council meeting. You can find the official minutes of this meeting on the City's website after they are approved in December. We cordially invite you to attend the December 10th meeting of your City Council and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

Elaine Waddill, Council Member and Public Information Officer