

The Horseshoe Bay City Council was called to order by Mayor Cynthia Clinesmith. After a welcome statement from the Mayor, Father Ruben Patino, of the Horseshoe Bay St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, opened the meeting with a prayer. After opening pledges, Fire Chief Brent Batla presented Engineer Travis McDaniel with a Ten-Year Service Award.

Travis McDaniel started his fire service career as a part-time firefighter for the Horseshoe Bay Fire Department in 2008. His accomplishments include completion of several advanced levels of live fire training including industrial facilities at Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). Additionally, he is an Instructor I, Driver/Operator and a Firefighter-Intermediate through Texas Commission of Fire Protection (TCFP). He was promoted to the position of Engineer and serves on the B-Shift at Central Fire Station. Engineer McDaniel has received the Rotary Club 911 Firefighter, as well as a Life Saving Award for a swift water incident in 2010.

Travis and his wife Annette have celebrated eighteen wonderful years of marriage. They have one daughter, Faith, who is a freshman. They love spending time together as a family enjoying watching Faith on the pep squad at football games, exploring Fiesta Texas, and relaxing at the beach.

During public comments Lew Cohn invited residents to attend the new production of the *Twisted Christmas* at the Hill Country Community Theater. He assured everyone that the performance is excellent and a “do not miss” opportunity for our Horseshoe Bay residents. Additionally, during the public comments, both Mark Bloschock and Camille Reasor addressed the Council regarding their interest and willingness to serve on the Horseshoe Bay Planning and Zoning Commission.

Patty Gillean, of Gillean and Associates Realty, provided the Council and residents with a review of the quarterly real estate statistics as well as a yearly review for Horseshoe Bay. She indicated that there were 145 homes on the market for sale at the beginning of 2019 and there are currently 167 active listings. Single family home sales for 2018 was 142 with a median sold price of \$490,000 while the 2019 statistics indicate 138 homes sold with a median sold price of \$520,000. At this time, Patty also reported that new construction properties, primarily spec homes, were on the market an average of 147 days.

A public hearing was held to address issues related to amending Zone 10 Siena Creek by adding new subsection (G) for zoning classification R-1 single family townhouse residential for certain lots within zone 10. The owner and residents requested an amendment from R-4 multi-family to R-1 single family townhouse. One resident, Mike Foutz, spoke before the Council in favor of the change. Eric Winter, Development Services Director, noted that the Siena Creek community had been properly informed and was in support of the changes. The Council voted to approve contingent upon receipt of the statement from one property owner who had given verbal approval, but not written yet.

Finance Director Margie Cardenas introduced the newly hired accounting supervisor Cara HeWitt. She joins the Horseshoe Bay staff after working as a public accountant as well as doing private accounting. Additionally, Police Chief Rocky Wardlow and the HSB police department was complimented for recapturing \$28,650 in recovered property. He was also thanked for recently providing the home security and fraud, scams, and cybercrime presentation to Horseshoe Bay residents at Quail Point. The presentation shared a new initiative where citizens may request a free security review of their home from the HSB police. Depending on the report,

some homeowners may obtain up to a 15% reduction on home insurance. But the real benefit of the report is information on how best to keep your home secure from external dangers/entry.

Council Members Jerry Gray and Kent Graham were appointed to the Public Funds for Public Purposes Council Subcommittee. They will represent the Council in making decisions regarding expenditure of city funds for various projects presented by groups within the community. Also, Council Member Randy Rives was appointed to represent Horseshoe Bay at the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) General Assembly.

Each year the various Boards, Commissions, and Committees are required to make appointments or reappointment based on rotating terms of service. The City Council made several Commission, Board, and Committee appointments in this meeting, as follows:

Planning and Zoning Commission: Brent Lane, Chair; Mark Bloschock; Greg Waldron; and Beverly Graham.

Board of Adjustment: Frank Gracely, Jr.; Bill Knox; John Minyard and Alternates Carla Rowland and Bill Carrothers.

Parks Advisory Committee: Mike Widler, Carrie Foran; and Dana Rushing

Fuchs' House Advisory Committee: Francie Dix and Mike Widler

Broadband Advisory Committee: Kim Lookabaugh and Council Member Frank Hosea will be the Council liaison for this committee.

The meeting ended with a positive reflection on a great year - and wishes by the Mayor and all for a merry and safe Christmas...and a wonderful new year ahead.

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