City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 601 Shore Acres Blvd., Shoreacres, Texas with the following present constituting a quorum:

Mayor

Rick Moses

Mayor pro tem

Richard Adams

Alderman

David Jennings

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell [absent]

Alderman

Jerome McKown [absent]

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Moses at 7:00 p.m.

- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 4.1 Regular Council Meeting January 11, 2016.

Mike Wheeler moved to approve the January 11, 2016, regular council meeting minutes; seconded by Richard Adams. Motion carried unanimously

- 5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS
 - 5.1 Mayor Moses:
 - 5.1.1 <u>Update on State Highway 146 sound wall progress</u>: TxDOT continued working on the sound wall as expected.
 - 5.1.2 <u>Items of community interest</u>: No new item to report.
- 6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS,
 - 6.1 Public Comments:

Neil Moyer – 1124 N. Country Club: Suggested council deferred item 8.2 and 8.3 until the next budget planning cycle.

<u>Patrick Stanton – 128 Shadylawn</u>: Complemented the excellent maintenance of Heron Park. Disappointed in the Port of Houston for not making better use of the cruise terminal. Noticed that there are numerous dead palm trees throughout the city and speculates that it could be caused by fungus. City staff needs to find a solution to halt the fungus growth in order to preserve these palm trees.

<u>James Hester – 3523 Bayou Forest</u>: Commented that if item 8.2 is about granting a 20% homestead exemption to 65 years old & over and the disabled, then he doesn't think that it would be a big hit to the city. Agreed with Mr. Moyer on item 8.3, suggested the city to bring back the previous heavy collection plan of placing a dumpster by the Public Works building for residents to utilize, it is a better cost saving method. He also agreed with Mr. Stanton that the Port of Houston plan to turn the cruise terminal into warehouse spaces is a waste. Beautiful palm trees lining the streets are a great asset for our city, therefore we need to address the fungus issue quickly.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 City Administrator David Stall
 - 7.1.1 West Country Club Drive wastewater project status.

The wastewater line is stabilized and the ditch and surrounding area has been cleanup. A bypass pump is in operating continuously.

7.1.2 Report on meeting with the Texas Water Development Board, Region 4

Team following attendance at the annual Financial Assistance Workshop
in Conroe. Topics discussed included financial programs available for our
sewer collapse, elevated storage, sewer trunk line rehabilitation, and
water transmission line between Water Plant #1 and Water Plant #2.

Attended a Financial Assistance Workshop hosted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Also had the opportunity to meet with the TWDB finance officer, engineer, and two Houston region representatives to discuss the sewer line collapse and future improvement projects, in search of a favorable funding program. TWDB has a forgivable loan program available but Shoreacres is not eligible because our population is greater than 1,000 and our median household income is above the threshold of 75% of state median household income of \$63,000. Another alternative is a low interest loan, but even on an emergency basis the fastest funding process possible takes six months for completion and this will take us outside of a reasonable time frame. Today, I contacted our commercial banking partners, Wells Fargo Bank with a request to provide a proposal for funds to begin our repair project by February 25.

- 7.1.2 Report on repair of lightning damage to Wide Area Network radio system.

 The SCADA wide area network is back in working condition.
- 7.1.3 <u>Gateway Sign (Wide Area Network radio system) connectivity update.</u>
 A replacement radio has been ordered and work on the Gateway Sign is still in progress.

7.1.4 Local Area Network computer server report.

Our six year old local area network (LAN) server continues to suffer multiple daily LAN connection failures and it will need to be replaced soon.

7.2 Monthly Financial Report

| General Fund Checking | \$ | 99,649.98 |
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| Utility Fund Checking | \$ | 38,847.41 |
| Service Deposit Checking | \$ | 56,573.60 |
| TxCDBG Checking | \$ | 955.74 |
| TexPool | \$ 6 | 84,296.74 |
| Certificates of Deposit | \$ 2 | 255,852.00 |
| Property tax collected YTD | \$ 4 | 140,866.98 |
| General sales tax collected ME | \$ | 5,282.14 |
| Road maintenance sales tax collected ME | \$ | 1,320.53 |

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Richard Adams moved to approve payment of the invoices. Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Consideration of action to take from the table consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-191 (Ordinance No. 2016-191) granting a twenty percent (20%) residence homestead exemption effective for the 2016 tax year and each subsequent tax year.

Mayor Moses stated that "due to illness, Alderwoman Schnell has requested to table Item 8.2."

8.3 <u>Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2016-160 authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of La Porte for the purpose of receiving heavy trash collection services.</u>

Resolution No. 2016-160 failed for lack of a motion.

8.4 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2016-196 ordering the City of Shoreacres 2016 City Officers' Election; designating election precincts and polling places; providing for the use of voting machines; appointing election officials; providing for method and dates of early voting; providing for an early voting ballot board; providing for return and canvass of votes of said election; providing for notice; and, providing for filing deadline.

Richard Adams moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-196. Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 Consideration and action to excuse absence of Alderman Jerome McKown.

David Jennings moved to excuse the absence of Alderman Jerome McKown. Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending on the agenda the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 7:43 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

Rick Moses, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

City Administrator / City Secretary