

City Council Meeting Minutes

A City Council Workshop of the City of Horseshoe Bay was held Tuesday, August 29, 2017, beginning at 9:00 AM in the City Hall, #1 Community Drive, Horseshoe Bay, Llano County, Texas.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor and City Council Members

Mayor Steve Jordan

Mayor Pro Tem Craig Haydon

Council Member Cynthia Clinesmith

Council Member Kent Graham

Council Member Jerry Gray

Council Member Reagan Lambert

Mayor Steve Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00am. All present. Mayor Jordan opened the meeting with a prayer and a message of condolences for Council Member Reagan Lambert, whose father passed away yesterday, and all Texans dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

2. Business

Discuss, Consider and Possibly Take Action Regarding:

- A. FY 2018 Proposed Budget Overview - City Manager – City Manager Stan Farmer provided an overview of the proposed budget. No action taken.
- B. Five-Year Capital Budget - City Manager Stan Farmer provided an overview of the five-year capital budget. No action taken.
- C. Debt Capacity Discussion - Jennifer Douglas Ritter, Financial Advisor – The city’s Financial Advisor Jennifer Douglas Ritter provided a presentation regarding the city’s debt capacity. No action taken.
- D. City of Horseshoe Bay Employee Health Insurance Renewal - Lee Cameron, Health Insurance Broker – The city’s Health Insurance Broker Lee Cameron provided a presentation and recommendation regarding the employee benefits renewal, which is on file. Council Member Kent Graham motioned to approve the recommendations from Mr. Cameron for medical, HSA contributions, dental, LTD, and Life/AD&D employee benefits. Mayor Pro Tem Craig Haydon seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Jordan briefly discussed the history of the City’s efforts to build pickle ball courts near Martin Park, and announced that the City has received approval to build. Bids were reviewed for various designs and costs for the courts. The Sam Martin Trust has offered to donate \$77,000 to cover the cost of building two pickle ball courts.

- E. FY 2018 Proposed Budget Filed with City Secretary on August 11, 2017 – City Manager Stan Farmer stated that the proposed budget was filed with the City Secretary, as required by state law, on August 11, 2017. No action taken.
- F. Changes from July 17 Workshop Draft Budget to Proposed Budget – City Manager Stan Farmer reviewed changes that staff made to the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget per Council’s direction after the first budget workshop. No action taken.

- G. FY 2018 Proposed Budget with Changes Highlighted – Council Member Kent Graham made a motion to remove the contingency of \$75,000 out of the proposed budget because those funds have to be approved by Council before being used anyway, which can be accomplished with a budget amendment if needed. Mayor Pro Tem Craig Haydon seconded. Vote: 3-2 in favor, Council Member Cynthia Clinesmith and Council Member Jerry Gray voted Nay, motion passed.
 - H. Tax Rate Comparisons with Other Cities – City Manager Stan Farmer reviewed data comparing tax rates in Horseshoe Bay to other cities in our area. No action taken.
 - I. Utility Rate Comparisons with Other Cities – City Manager Stan Farmer reviewed data comparing utility rates in Horseshoe Bay to other cities in our area. No action taken.
 - J. Expenditures Comparison with Other Cities – City Manager Stan Farmer reviewed data comparing expenditures in Horseshoe Bay to other cities in our area. No action taken.
 - K. Merit Compensation Adjustments - Mayor Pro Tem Craig Haydon motioned to set aside \$130,500 or 2.9% for merit compensation for the next 12 months, beginning January 1, 2018. Council Member Cynthia Clinesmith seconded. Vote: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.
 - L. Fiscal Administration Policy Review and Proposed Amendment – City Manager Stan Farmer stated that the last time this policy was reviewed was 2009. Council Member Kent Graham motioned to approve according to staff’s recommendations. Mayor Pro Tem Craig Haydon seconded. Vote: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.
 - M. City Council Meeting Schedule – City Manager Stan Farmer reviewed the schedule of meetings related to the adoption of the fiscal year 2018 budget and 2017 tax rate. No action taken.
3. **Adjourn** – Mayor Pro Tem Craig Haydon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Reagan Lambert seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:09pm.