

Good Morning Horseshoe Bay –

Looks like a fine day a brewing. Yesterday was a fine day also – cloudy with a little rain, but that's always welcome in the Bay.

After Reverend Johnny prayed, we pledged to America and Texas. Ah, that pesky Texas pledge. Finally got it memorized. Timing is everything. We promptly recognized three of the Bay's finest for 5 years of service – Jami Bowles, Accounting Clerk and Jack of all trades, Lt. Don Johnson of the HSB PD and Stephanie Black, our fine FD Assistant Chief. Chief Lane then introduced his newest Sgt. Investigator, Jess Ramos. Jess is the third former Texas Ranger to sign on in the Bay and the Ranger's loss is our gain. Congrats to the "old" timers and a big welcome to Jess.

Following on last week's moving ceremony at the Church at Horseshoe Bay, presented by the church's Men of Faith, a Proclamation honoring U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Luke B. Holler of Boerne was read by incoming councilman Steve Jordan. Luke was lost to his family and nation on November 2, 2006 in Iraq. He was another of America's true heroes.

We then had another Proclamation designating October 20<sup>th</sup> as Texas Native Plant Day in the Bay. While a very worthwhile honoree, don't be confusing these "dreaded cedar bushes" as Texas natives.

The consent agenda was good to go and then your scribe led a brief discussion on his two amendments related to "signs in the Bay". After several meetings with Sam of the Corp and Ron of the Resort (that almost rhymes), Tarbet and Mitchell to the uninformed, I withdrew my amendment removing the requirement for pre-approval by the HSB ACC before approvals would be granted by the City. I was never real crazy about the change and conversations with Sam, Ron and our own City staff led me to believe the status quo was appropriate. Ron's letter to the City (with Sam's concurrence) did agree to add a citizen member to the HSB ACC. Candidates for the august position will need to be residents and property owners in the HSB or HSB West subdivisions – looks like a choice volunteer opportunity. Ron and Sam also agreed with my second amendment to allow "Space Available" and a telephone number to be used on monument signs associated with commercial buildings in which space is available for lease. This should benefit leases and lessors in getting together. The amendment passed 5-0.

A discussion tabled from last month's meeting to increase the scope of the Street Improvement Plan in HSB South continued with the outcome, agreed to by all, that now was not the time logistically or financially to return to South for more work. This would be costly and should not be undertaken at this time.

On a similar note, the proposal to form a formal street committee to administer, inform and make recommendations, was rejected. Yours truly, while liking the idea of have a 2 member committee who would be subject matter experts on these issues, felt following

comments from City Attorney Rex that a formal committee would be complicated by open meetings issues.

By a 5-0 vote, the City, with the final act of the day prior to adjournment, approved allowing Scott and White – Llano to place communications gear atop the HSB West water tower. This will allow rapid movement of pertinent health record data to and from clinics to hospitals.

We adjourned – but on a final note – earlier the Mayor presented plaques to Messrs. Owen, Rantzow and Robinson recognizing their time served (only kidding) as HSB Councilmen. Pictures, handshakes and brief thank yous followed.

On a personal note, “your scribe” will hang it up and move on to other activities, as yet undiscovered. While Becky and my once a month view of the very early sunrises in the Bay will no doubt be particularly missed, I can only express my thanks to our community for allowing me to serve – and communicate as your Councilman. You have three more good men arriving next month to serve. Thanks also to the wonderful City staff – administration, police, fire and water. You are the real reason for our City’s success. Enough of that – although in hindsight, those early morning sunrises were pretty spectacular.

Have a good one and vote early and often.

Your Scribe -

Jeff Robinson