

Council Comments.....

Good afternoon, Horseshoe Bay.

It's five o'clock, and Becky's driving and we're on our way to Austin for dinner and a Broadway show. Since T Boone will be here early in the morning, I'm writing on the road. Oh well, it's why I get the "big bucks".

Reverend Johnny prayed (for moisture), we pledged and off we went.

A representative of Keyon Communications, formerly ERF, informed the Council that they had been asked by the HSB POA to remove their antennae from the That-A-Way location and needed a new site from which to serve their customer in the Bay. They will be negotiating with City Manager Stan to relocate to the west water tower.

HSB PD Officer Barry Moore was recognized for 5 years of service. Thank you Barry!

Bids for the HSB West bridge were opened on September 13 and were out of line with expectations. The Council voted 5 - 0 to re-bid the bridge. Our engineers, Bury Partners of Austin will work on the bid package and more time will be given contractors to bid the project. The intention of the council is still to meet a spring completion date.

Ted Burget, local realtor and partner in Midcom Development, presented plans for the development of 112 acres at the corner of Hiway 71 and FM2147. There will be 28 acres of parkland with an emphasis on green space. Midcom has retained former councilman Jim Babcock to work with the city on plans and agreements. The multi-use project will include retail, office and restaurant space. An initial piece of the project, an assisted living facility, will open soon. Ted emphasized a desire to build a project that HSB could be proud of.

Concerning the November city election, there won't be one. Mayor Bob, Councilman Phil and soon-to-be Councilman Tom Schmersahl were elected unopposed. Welcome Tom!!

Annette Burton and Jim Short brought to our attention a large plot of city property on Powder Horn (the Fairways) that is Xeriscaped, but in disarray. Long story short, as the city proceeds with the Street Improvement Plan, conduit will be placed to allow water and possibly electric to these 40 - 50 locations that contain trees, plants, etc.

The contract to provide fire fighting services to Oak Ridge, the Hills, Blue Lake and Deerhaven was approved 5 - 0. You might recall that last year's contract included requirement that Deerhaven improve their reflective address signage and water infrastructure to improve fire fighting capabilities. The signage and lot clearing is underway and plans and engineering are complete for infrastructure improvements. Hopefully those improvements will be complete by contract time next year.

The Council then approved by three consecutive 5 - 0 votes, the city's 2012 budget, tax rate and water/wastewater rate structure. The tax rate will again be \$.25 per \$100 valuations. The same as this year and down from \$.50 prior to the city incorporation. The rate includes the \$.028 repayment of recently sold bonds for street improvement. Our utility rates allow for a

totally self-sufficient utility operation and repayment of certificates of obligation for major capital projects.

The next phase of lot clearing will begin soon north of 2147 in HSB. Waterman Jeff announced that water usage is down 13% from the same period in August, with expectation for more reductions. Keep it up folks, Sunday's rain wasn't much. By the way, for you folks on the water, LCRA contracts call for a max of twice a week lawn watering when using lake water. If you don't have a contract yet, the LCRA is seeking you out.

On a 5 - 0 vote, the Council approved Skywater's temporary Pro Shop and Cart Barn. Progress at Summit Rock is a good thing.

OKay, Claudia moved to adjourn and we did. Have a good week, enjoy the cooler weather and pray for more rain.

Your Scribe -
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