

City of Shoreacres

MINUTES OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the
City Council
The City of Shoreacres, Texas held on.
Monday, August 14, 2023

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Members Present and Absent Quorum

1.1 Mayor Jennings, Mayor Pro-Tem McKown, Alderman Greeson, Alderwoman Ramos, Alderman Bell, Alderman Hoskins - Absent

2.0 PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Texas Pledge:

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Chad Burke with Economic Alliance Annual Report Presentation. Mr. Burke introduced his guest Karen Gregory and gave her background and advised she came from CenterPoint Energy and is now in the Contracts Department. Mr. Burkes discussed the many projects they have been involved in and upcoming projects and grants that could be available. Great presentation.

4.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

4.1 None

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

5.1 Public Comments – None. Mr. George Ashworth was the only citizen present.

This is an opportunity for the public to address the council. Dialogue, deliberation, or discussion, with council members on items that are not on the agenda is prohibited by law. Time for each speaker is limited to five minutes.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 **City Manager's Report** – Updates on city activities, staff, budget, public works, police.

Mayor Jennings advised the Council of the passing of Chuck Haist, a longtime resident who did a lot for the community, especially the pier. Thinking of something nice to do for him.

Mr. Harrison began with the financial report attached. Mr. Harrison added you see a drop in the balance due to the monies transferred to the TexPool account as planned.

Mr. Greeson commented on the budget report and the legal fees which has since been fixed, however questioned the software costs leading into discussion on subscriptions and dues. Mr. Harrison advised they have had several meter issues and the cost is very expensive due to having to order a case at a time. Mr. Greeson asked that we look at these items that are over budget for adding funds for this next budget.

Ms. Ramos questioned the Tax Cut and how this would affect us. Mayor Jennings advised this had nothing to do with us and we would not be affected.

Mr. Harrison gave an update on the Police Department – see attached report. General discussion with the increase in citations being written and the deaths in the city averaging 2 a month.

Public Works has been very busy with the water leaks some have been emergency repairs, we are averaging 3 a week with La Porte averaging about 7 a week.

Discussion/update on the street repairs was held advising that Baywood would be the 1st street to be repaired.

7.0 BUSINESS - Discussion & possible action to be held on the following:

- 7.1 **Approve Minutes** from the July 10, 2023, meeting. Goodman
Mr. McKown made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a 2nd from Ms. Ramos. No questions and/or discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- 7.2 **Ordinance 2023-08-01 changing Sec. 10-58. - Length of time permit is valid.**
Ms. Ramos made a motion to discuss Ordinance 2023-08-01 changing Sec. 10-58 with a second from Mr. Greeson. Discussion was held and Mr. McKown proposed to amend the motion to swap A and B to reflect A being New Build and B being Repairs as well as making the length of time for a repair to be 8 weeks instead of 6 weeks as proposed with a second from Ms. Ramos. All voted Aye and the Motion passed unanimously.
- 7.3 **Ordinance 2023-08-02 changing Sec. 10-92 - Building contract services— Contract.**
Mr. Greeson made a motion to discuss Ordinance 2023-8-02 changing Sec. 10-92 with a second from Ms. Ramos. Discussion was held with Ms. Ramos amending the motion to read All photos must include the applicable permit with a 2nd from Mr. Greeson. All voted Aye and the Motion passed unanimously.

7.4 **Budget schedule** Jennings

Mr. Greeson made a motion to discuss the budget schedule with a second from Mr. McKown. A discussion was held with the mayor asking that the website be used to discuss any budget issues and advising there will be in person meetings as well asking that everyone check their schedules to determine dates and times. The next meeting will be on September 11th at 6:00 pm. During this meeting there will also be the Audit Report. A general discussion was held on the sales tax with it being determined that this would bring in sufficient income to purchase an emergency vehicle. In the next fiscal year, we should have 3-4 new homes added to the tax rolls. The Municipal Court was mentioned to advise that the funds are just not there at this time. Mr. Greeson asked if the budget would be posted, and it was decided that it would be posted on the bulletin board. It was determined that the 1st Budget Workshop would take place August 28, 2023, at 6:00 pm. In the conference room.

7.5 **SETH Funds Applications** Jennings

Mayor Jennings advised there was only 1 Seth grant submitted for this month. Mr. Greeson made a motion to discuss with a second from Mr. McKown. Mayor Jennings gave a brief history of the family and the need for this grant and asked that consideration be given as well as waiving the 5% deductible. Discussion was held and voted on, all voted Aye, and the Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Jennings advised there was now a balance of \$1980.00 remaining.

7.6 **Schedule a Regular Meeting for August 28, 2023,** Jennings

It was determined that there was not a need for another meeting on August 28, 2023, for the budget. No motion needed.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT** Jennings

Mr. McKown made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mr. Greeson. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the governing body of the City of Shoreacres, Texas is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at City Hall on ., at a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times; to remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATED THIS.



SHOREACRES, TEXAS

By: *David Jennings*
David Jennings – Mayor

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).



David Jennings, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine Goodman, City Secretary

	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Mayor David Jennings			
Mayor Pro Tem Jerome McKown			
Aldersperson Felicia Ramos			
Aldersperson Bo Bunker			
Aldersperson Paul Greeson			