

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, December 9, 2024

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

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

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 Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

The mayor welcomed Camilla of Linebarger who is the company who does the collections for older citations for the city. Camilla advised this is a brief update so there are no handouts tonight. She thanked Elaine for the invitation to the Christmas event Monday, December 2, 2024, adding it was an awesome event and her and her husband and children enjoyed it very much. Camilla gave a brief overview of the number of letters sent out, monies collected, YTD totals since 2019. She advised she would be talking with Elaine and Diane after the first of the year to discuss how to possibly increase productivity.

Mayor Jennings asked about the 1020 letters sent out with only 111 citations, Camilla explained they send multiple letters every 30 days.

Alderman Bell asked when do you stop sending letters, she advised they do not stop collection efforts unless the city asked for citations to be removed or a death adding there is no such thing as a citation too old. There were no other questions.

4.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

4.1 Mayor Jennings asked the Council members if they had any announcements to make or anything to discuss.

Mayor Pro-Tem McKowen advised he was proud of the city and citizens for coming out and supporting the Christmas event last Monday. He communicated this was a double A-plus event and thanked the ladies at city hall for their efforts as it was greatly appreciated by all.

Alderwoman Ramos echoed the comments of Mayor Pro-Tem McKown adding it was a great event and next year we will expect the same and more, laughing.

No comments from Aldermen Greeson and Hoskins

Alderman Bell advised he had no idea it would be that big of an event and added the ladies did a great job.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

5.1 Public Comments

Terri Jennings, 1017 W. Forest thanked the city for the event and was blown away seeing the community coming together and would like to see more events like this throughout the year adding it was such a joyful time. She advised she had gone to church in La Porte soon after the event and people were commenting they heard how awesome our event was.

Tyler Golden, 3314 Sunrise advised he was heading home from work, passed city hall and saw the sign for the Council meeting tonight. He came back to voice his displeasure with the police department with previous reports made. He added that he was asked to get a license plate number which is hard with a vehicle going 45 mph, however; he was able to get a plate number and drove to the police department and gave it to the officer, before he got home, officers were at his residence threatening to arrest him. It was stated that he has a child and he and his wife are afraid to be out in their front yard with their child due to this continued activity. Mr. Golden added he can identify the truck; it is a jacked up white truck, and this behavior clearly is when he is coming and going to and from work

<p>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.</p>

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager's Report Harrison

Mr. Harrison discussed the Cash Report attached. He also stated the balance is low, however; the taxes are beginning to come in so you will see the balance begin to increase. There were no questions asked.

Mayor Jennings advised Court was still in the positive by \$12,000, this is good and asked Camilla again about the 1020 letters sent out. She again replied, this is due to multiple letters being sent out a month.

6.2 Monthly Police Department Report. Tidwell

Sgt. Tidwell reported as attached on the various calls/reports reported. Sgt. Tidwell reported the statistics from January to current they have written 111 citations on Shore Acres Blvd, these were written in the 400, 500, and 600 blocks of the Blvd adding these citations account for a lot of time spent on the Blvd. Mayor Pro-Tem McKown advised he is very happy with the visibility as well as his neighbors from across the street are no longer coming to his house complaining. He asked that everyone be safe over the holidays and to be vigilant as home burglaries, porch pirates and kids out of school that will be outside playing. He added that not all stops require a citation to be written and is pleased to learn that stops and citations are at the discretion of the officer.

Sgt. Tidwell also reported on the Credit Card Abuse case he has been working advising they are about to file charges on the female, however; the male has not been identified yet. It was asked what warrants not giving a citation, Sgt Tidwell advised, a verbal or written warning is given and no citation written.

Mr. Harrison advised, Sgt. Tidwell has worked many hours on this case adding that this case is part of an international gang, the female was flown in to steal this credit card. Las Vegas is about to file charges on the female as she was arrested there with using this same card there. The FBI will be contacted since this has become an international crime. Mr. Harrison also stated there was a domestic/family violence case with an arrest made. The female has moved from the city.

Mr. Harrison advised Morgans Point it has had 60 home burglaries in the last month, we are fortunate to say we have not had this happen here.

Mayor Pro-Tem McKown stated he wanted to give a shout out to the Houston Yacht Club who extended an invitation to all the officers working on Thanksgiving Day, a hot meal free of charge. Thank you, Houston Yacht Club.

6.3 **Monthly Public Works Department Report.** Harrison

Mr. Harrison gave the report on public works advised report attached, maintenance has been completed and he has worked very closely with Lawanda of IUO, on the Lead and Copper report required by the federal government, she has done most of the work. David Sutton is not here tonight because he is sick with Strep Throat, so John is here tonight to give a report on his behalf. John reported they have replaced the valves in water plant #2 so basically this is a new plant. The valves replaced were from the 60's. Alderman Bell, Hoskins had no questions, Alderman Greeson asked questions on the report on water bought and sold and was wondering is this because we pumped more than is leaking. Mr. Harrison advised David Sutton is set to be here next month to explain this report, he also stated that the pumps are ragging up badly on a regular basis, he added, they found a beach towel in the pump this month, now how does that get in there as this is something that is too big to flush down a toilet, very interesting.

6.4 **Emergency Medical Service** Harrison

Mayor Jennings advised he did not receive a report again tis month from Windsor. He stated he hopes that La Porte will have its reports sent to us in a timely manner.

7.0 BUSINESS

7.1 **Minutes from November 11, 2024, meeting.** Goodman

Alderman Hoskins made a **motion to accept** the minutes as written with a second from Alderwoman Ramos. There being no questions and/or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7.2 **Contract with City of La Porte for Emergency Medical Services** Jennings

Alderman Hoskins made a motion with a second from Mayor Pro-Tem McKowan to discuss to EMS services from the City of La Porte. The mayor advised he would be remiss if he did not mention to the council that Windsor came back with a counteroffer for the same amount of money that we will be paying the City of La Porte. They would provide an and EMS Unit full-time from 6a-10p in the city and from 10p-6a they would respond from the Clear Lake office. The mayor advised the council they could choose to opt and table the vote on the ordinance on the agenda tonight or move forward with a vote tonight. Discussion was held Alderman Hoskins stated the counteroffer would still only be providing a box (EMS Unit) adding that La Porte EMS would provide a better response time and personnel.

Mayor Pro-Tem McKown stated that this counter does not help the situation with personnel and the council needs to move on with the City of La Porte.

Alderman Bell stated they have been discussing this as well as inviting the Citizens of the city to come in and voice their opinion on this change including a tax hike adding that he has heard very little negativity and appear to be ok with the cost and asked that we not table the approval of the ordinance on the agenda.

Mayor Jennings advised the consensus to not table the ordinance vote and asked for another motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Hoskins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-12-01 with a second from Mayor Pro-Tem McKown to terminate the services with Windsor and execute the contract with the City of La Porte. There being no questions or further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Discussion & possible action on IUO rate increase. Harrison

Alderman Greeson made a motion to discuss the possible action on the request for a rate increase for Innovative Utility Operations with a second from Alderwoman Ramos. Mr. Harrison advised many others are to have requested a rate increase and IUO is requesting a 15% rate increase over three year, 5% a year. Mr. Harrison gave a brief overview of the services IUO does for the city as well as explaining that IN February there was to be an increase, however; they failed to implement that increase until it was noticed recently. There was no other questions Alderman Hskins made a motion with a second from Alderman Greeson that a 15% annual increase for the 1st year only and the contract renewals be increased based on CPI. There being no questions and or discussion the motion passed unanimously.

7.4 Second Regular Meeting in November. Jennings

The Council was polled and there would be no need for a 2nd regular meeting in December.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT Jennings

Alderman McKown made a motion with a second from Alderman Hoskins to Adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jennings adjourned the meeting at 6:42 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 December 6, 2024, 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: December 11, 2024



SHOREACRES, TEXAS

By: *David Jennings*

David Jennings – Mayor

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BY: _____

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