

CITY OF TONKA BAY ITEM NO. 4A

MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING April 14, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Tonka Bay City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mayor De La Vega, Councilmembers Anderson, Ansari, Clapp and Grothe. Also present were City Administrator Kohlmann and City Attorney Penberthy.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Anderson moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented approving:

A. Regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2015

B. Special meeting minutes of April 8, 2015

Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

5. **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Dean Pierson, 115 West Point Court discussed the issue with wild animals in the City. He understood from the survey people do not want anything done in the way of hunting. He stated the neighbors urged the City Council to enact a no feeding ban. He stated Shorewood has been very successful with their feeding ban, and they also do the hunting. He discussed his concerns about a neighbor who continues to feed deer despite the neighbors' protestations. He stated the situation with the deer and turkeys is also a health and safety issue. He stated his research has shown the DNR is urging residents not to feed deer.

Deanna Erhart, 105 West Point Court agreed with Pierson's comments. She stated the turkeys are now on the roofs eating the asphalt shingles and damaging skylights.

De La Vega asked if the aerial survey was done. Kohlmann stated there wasn't enough snow cover to have the survey. De La Vega noted the money has been

budgeted for the survey, but there needs to be snow cover. He believed the deer are concentrated in certain areas of the City.

Pierson asked what the residents can do. De La Vega stated one of the things that would help move this along is a petition from the residents. Pierson discussed his conversations with the City of Shorewood regarding enforcement of their feeding ban ordinance.

Penberthy asked what the down side would be to introducing a non-feeding ordinance and possibly bringing Shorewood's to the next meeting. He asked what the negative would be – is it a health issue, is it a safety issue?

Clapp stated he wants more information – how many people are feeding the deer and if that is possible to even find out, how many deer are there?

De La Vega stated we have to define it as a health and/or safety issue as the first step. Clapp stated he would like to see Shorewood's ordinance.

Penberthy stated we should be able to gather enough information in a reasonable amount of time after reviewing Shorewood's ordinance.

Staff was directed to bring back the Shorewood and any other ordinances to consider. Grothe asked that additional information be included about when it was enacted and minutes from the meeting. De La Vega asked for information from the DNR. Kohlmann stated he could also provide a copy of the survey results again.

6. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

None

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Backhoe**

Kohlmann reviewed quotes for a new backhoe scheduled for replacement in 2015. He reviewed the low quote for a Volvo backhoe.

Anderson moved to approve the low quote from Volvo in the amount of

\$63,950. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

B. 2015 Seal Coat Rock Quotes

Kohlmann stated the project was rebid. He reviewed the two quotes received.

De La Vega asked if there were any communications with the residents on Woodpecker Ridge Road regarding the seal coating and its durability.

Clapp stated he would like to not see Woodpecker done until 2016.

Kohlmann stated he could contact the person who applied it who lives on Woodpecker.

Anderson moved to approve the low quotes from Allied Blacktop in the following amounts: \$40,313.00 (includes Woodpecker Ridge Road) or \$37,440.00 (does not include Woodpecker Ridge Road). Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Penberthy asked what the time frame would be to remove Woodpecker Ridge Road from the project following Kohlmann's discussion with the contractor.

C. Cityscape

Kohlmann stated he met with Councilmembers Ansari and Clapp regarding the City's cityscape. He reviewed a plan created of Wekota Park showing possible dynamics. He discussed financing options.

Ansari stated we wanted to take the opportunity pre-budget to take a look at the City aesthetically. He stated most projects have been done in response to another event, in a reactionary way. She stated she would like to see a plan for improvements over the years.

Clapp agreed. He stated if we can't do the monument sign on the south end, let's do the one at the north side. He stated he has his own wish list for the parks.

Ansari discussed looking to the future to make the City even better than it is now. She stated when there is a plan, decisions will be easier.

Clapp stated there should also be a wish list from the residents as well.

De La Vega discussed action taken by the Park Committee. He believed it might be a good time to resuscitate the trail along County Road 19. He stated the Park Committee set priorities when it met, and part of this process should be to revisit that. Critical to this is the inclusion and participation of residents. He stated the Committee approach is an appropriate one. He suggested a mention in the newsletter and a couple phone calls to recruit participants. He discussed the monument signage and possible locations.

Grothe asked about other signage in the report. Kohlmann stated it refers to signage at the parks which would conform to the monument design.

Councilmembers discussed the monument signage and possible locations on the south side of the City.

The Park Committee will meet as soon as possible.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Michelle Tesser, an application for the City Administrator position was present and introduced herself and gave a background on her education and experience.

11. REPORTS

- A. **Administrator** – Kohlmann stated the pay equity report was passed without incident. There is a meeting on April 30 at Southshore Center regarding the LRT Trail crossing.
- B. **Anderson - Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology** – no report
- C. **Ansari – EFD, Sanitation and Recycling, Southshore Community Center** – no report
- D. **Grothe – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds, LMCC** – no report
- E. **Clapp - Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks** – no report
- F. **Attorney's Report** – no report
- G. **De La Vega - Public Works, SLMPD, Administration** – no report

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk