LONG JOHN SILVER’S Grand Opening

It is official, Long John Silver’s has opened up its new Goose Creek location. The store is officially open and ready for business. The Grand Opening was held 3/20/2018 at 1:00 PM. A soft launch/VIP Event was held on 3/19/2018 and featured samples of the newest menu items.

This is an anchor business in the newly redesigned corner area of the McMahen owned commercial shopping plaza that is located in the City of Meadow Vale.

A newly installed drive-thru is ready to accept on the go orders and the interior of Long John Silver’s is new and vibrant and ready for your business.
OPEN MEETING
The January Commission Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Morrow, approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Month of January Memo document. Generally, the budget is on track. Expenses for legal will be over but overall the expenses will be ok. Road fund is on track if we have no more snow plow needs. Police department is on track. Revenue is up due to the new Rolling Hills Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Roberts will do the budget oversight procedures checklist. Questions asked about specific budget lines and long-term savings/investment options. 2 Year C.D.’s discussed and will be brought up in March. Discussion about budgeting road resurfacing. Motion to approve the Treasurers Report by Commissioner Morrow, Second by Commissioner McAllister, approved unanimously.

Report from Police Chief: January MVPD Report reviewed. 20 total calls for service. 10 miscellaneous activities, no accident reports.

Discussion about how the recent arrest from the stolen car has resulted in the suspect being released on bail. Discussion about recent activity at the shopping plaza and Hounz Lane Park.

No further questions from Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS/Open Issues:

Mayors Report:
Commissioner Roberts has agreed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem; motion to approve by Commissioner Sweeney, Second by Commissioner Morrow, approved unanimously.

Trainings completed for Roberts Rules and Minutes Taking were discussed.

Gray Police Cruiser is back and fully functional. Gray Police Cruiser maintenance the budget amount will stay the same, the internal areas will be changed by taking the money from areas not being used.

Adam the legal aide is helping to organize the ordinances.

Pat Teeter will help put together the monthly newsletter.

Westwood Ethics Ordinance discussed. Counselor Ritsert will look at the fine details such as an annual fee for this agreement and a fee for using the city clerk. Tabled to the March Meeting.

Mayor trustee plague completed and ready to be hung in City Hall.

Mayor Hornek is having a meeting with Councilman Stuckel and if anyone has anything to bring up, let her know. She has some ideas to discuss with him such as Hounz Lane Park lighting and rental fees.

The parked car and “honey” sign at Mr. Tom Fishers house update. The car parked in the front driveway is sold and gone. The honey sign was grandfathered in before the pertinent ordinance was passed. Motion to approve and affirm that this “honey for sale” sign is grandfathered and not attached to the street sign by Commissioner Sweeney, Second by Commissioner Morrow, approved unanimously.

LEGAL: Motion to move to discuss and read the Nuisance Ordinance #8 Series 2017-2018 by Commissioner Roberts, Second by Commissioner Morrow, passed unanimously. Summary first reading done by Counselor Ritsert.

Municipal Order will be used later to determine and set the fines regarding the Nuisance Ordinance. Discussion about how the fines would be structured.

Financial Disclosure Forms for 2018: All turned in and filed.

Garbage lawsuit: The ruling was handed down for Metro Vs. Small Cities garbage. One solid waste plan. Appeal submitted by multiple agencies and we are included along with the appeal.

Commissioner Roberts is sworn in as Mayor Pro Tem by Mayor Hornek at 7:54 PM.

City Commission Monthly Activity:
Commissioner Sweeney -Safety/Police: nothing to report that hasn’t been already discussed.
Commissioner McAllister - Streets/Signs/Lights/ Social Issues/ Events: Snow Removal by Gary will no longer be an option for next year, (he is retiring). The new bids from contractors will begin soon for next winter. Discussion about contractors and ideas about contacting some different contractors that we haven’t contacted before. Lights and Signs are up to date. Bob will touch up the bolts on the back and remove the rust on the bolts. Graffiti removed from barrier along berm by Bob.
Commissioner Roberts-Drainage/Website: Nothing to report on Drainage. Website links checked. Small corrections to be sent to Byron.
Commissioner Morrow-Social Issues/ Events: Social Events Advisory Committee met. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in March 24 at 5:00, catered by Goose Creek Diner. Ice Cream Social Saturday June 9th at Hounz Lane Park, we have the balloon guy and get quotes from ice cream vendors. Movie Night (Possibly Saturday, September 15) and Yard Sale events will be coordinated with the other nearby cities and the dates will be determined. Recycle events and shredding events TBD by availability of the shredders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Planning: KLC offering a 2-day training, application sent out by March 1st. Cost is $1,500 and only 5 cities selected, so we may not be selected to attend. No cost to apply for the selection process, recommended we apply.

Employee Handbook Revisions 2018: Updates to be completed with Clerk Hammond and the new laws added to bring us into compliance.

Commissioner Roberts moved that we adjourn the meeting at 8:23PM; second by Commissioner McAllister. Approved by unanimous vote.

**These are unofficial meeting minutes pending Commission approval**

Next Commission Meeting February 19th at 7pm at City Hall
Greetings,

I trust our residents and commercial friends had a wonderful holiday season. There are a few things to share and many goals to achieve as we begin a new year.

Our social committee is at hard at work planning several events for 2018. The first, and one of my favorite events, is volunteer appreciation dinner. If you or someone you know has volunteered their time or efforts on behalf of the City, please contact Cathy Morrow via email at: cathymorrow64@gmail.com. You are also welcome to contact Pat Teeter at City Hall by calling (502) 412-5500 or emailing Pat at: meadowvaleoffice@gmail.com.

I would like to take a moment to recognize our police officers, Chief Yates and Officer Wilder. During the holidays, I received several calls and emails commending the job they have done the past couple of months. Our residents appreciate seeing them around the city and have witnessed some of their actions. In these times, being a police officer can be tough. If you want to show your appreciation or share positive comments about them, send an email or note to the station at City Hall.

Commissioner Sweeney and our police department are pulling together to find ways to insure our officers have the equipment and training they require regarding their safety in addition to ways of improving service to our citizens.

There are two training sessions scheduled for our city commission and officials to assist them in their duties and legal obligations to the city. Participation in the training helps each person in being more effective in carrying out responsibilities.

In looking back, I am pleased to see that we have made many strides the past four years to bring the city into the 21st century. All along the way we have operated on a balanced budget and not drawn from reserve funds set aside for unforeseen expenditures. There have been many challenges to overcome and they have been accomplished. Having said that, I will point out that probably the greatest obstacle is helping people understand we are a city that operates under state statutes and not a homeowner’s association operating under bylaws of such an organization.

One of my objectives for the year is to conduct a town hall meeting later in the year in which the Commissioners and I gather input from you on ways to keep or improve our city making it a wonderful place for living and doing business.

I also want you to be aware that you are always welcome to email me anytime: mayor@cityofmeadowvale.org.

~ Mayor Hornek