

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday,
May 20, 2014 at the Beach City Community Building.
Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs
MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater
ALDERMAN: Doug Walker; Dana Colquitt; Paul Newman; Ray Smith
CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson
CITY SECRETARY: Evonne Donnelly

I. Call to order.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:06 pm.
Mayor Combs offered the prayer and Alderman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

II. Citizens Comments.

Dan Dubiel informed Council he is no longer President of the Barrow Ranch Home Owner's Association (HOA) Sections I-III.
Chief Campise stated that the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD) has recruited some new members and collected several donations from their recent mail out. The BCVFD needs to replace the Engine they had to retire last year.

III. Hear report and update from Chambers County Commissioner, Rusty Senac.

See Attachment

IV. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of April 22, 2014.

Motion to approve minutes:

Motion: Newman **Second:** Smith **Approved:** 5-0

V. Financial Consent Agenda:

- a) Review and approve the Financial Statements for previous month.**
- b) Review and approve Investment Update**
- c) Review and approve Expenditures for the current month**

Motion to approve the financials:

Motion: Walker **Second:** Newman **Approved:** 5-0

VI. Budget Workshop for City Budget Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Mayor Combs reviewed each line item of the proposed Budget with Council. The FY 2014-2015 Budget will be voted on at the June 24th Public Hearing and Council Meeting.

VII. Update on Beach City Citizens Survey.

Alderman Colquitt told Council that all but twenty-four of the City Survey's have been delivered to the residents. Alderman Colquitt gave the addresses of the remaining twenty-four residents to Secretary Donnelly, who will mail the remaining surveys out.

VIII. Update, discussion and possible action on Appeal from Aqua TX.

No update at this time.

IX. Discussion and possible action for modification to our OSSF Ordinance for maintenance contracts.

Alderman Newman and Alderman Colquitt gave an update on their findings of the current Beach City On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Ordinances. After reviewing the ordinances pertaining to OSSF maintenance contracts, Aldermen Newman and Colquitt have determined that without Council implementing and enforcing an ordinance that goes above and beyond the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ's) current rules and regulations, there is no need to make a change.

Mayor Combs will invite Sidney Lewis from Chambers County Environmental Health & Permitting to the next Council meeting to provide some insight to the County's OSSF permitting regulations.

X. Discussion and possible action on Hurricane and Disaster Workshop for Beach City residents.

Mayor Combs will ask Ryan Holzaepfel, with the Chambers County Office of Emergency Management, if there is someone he can recommend to speak to the residents of Beach City for the Hurricane and Disaster Workshop.

Motion for Beach City to host a Hurricane & Disaster Workshop at a date to be determined.

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

XI. Discussion and possible action on Policies and Procedures Manual.

Mayor Combs would like " Permits" to be the next Policy & Procedure completed for the City.

XII. Discussion and possible action on creating a Face Book page for the City of Beach City.

Mayor Combs asked Council if they would be interested in having a Face Book page for the City. This would provide another avenue for getting information to our Beach City residents.

Chief Campise stated that the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD) has a Face Book page and it works well for them.

Motion that the City of Beach City creates a Face Book page, for the City of Beach City.

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

XIII. Update, discussion and possible action on the dedication of the Fallen Heroes Memorial.

The City is waiting to hear if it will be receive a donation from the NRG Charitable Trust Fund.

XIV. Hear Report and Updates from the Mayor.

Mayor Combs provided a written report to Council: See attachment.

XV. Council Member Comments.

Alderman Smith stated that he has recovered from a serious virus or possibly food poisoning, that sent him to the hospital for three days. He is doing well and getting back to normal. Alderman Walker commended Alderman Colquitt for going door to door to deliver the City surveys.

XVI. Adjournment:


Motion made to adjourn at 8:30pm:

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

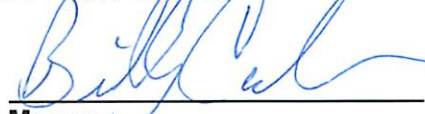
Approved: 5-0

ATTEST TO:



City Secretary
Evonne Donnelly

APPROVED BY:



Mayor
Billy Combs

Beach City Council

Commissioner Senac's Report May 19 2014

Highway 146 HGAC is going to perform an Access Management Analysis to consider raised medians and other traffic control measures for Highway 146 from Cedar Bayou to the Liberty/ Chambers County Line . Chambers County (CC) and City of Baytown (COB) are working with Alan Clark to develop the scope of the study. 146.

TxDOT considering extending the exit ramp 798 eastbound from I-10 to Hwy 146 and adding a longer right turn lane. According to TxDOT, the timing on this project maybe one to two+ years away. Estimated Cost \$800K. COB and CC is working on partnering to increase mobility through the East Bound I-10 feeder road at Highway 146 that may eliminate, or delay the need for the Exit 798 construction. See maps Projects "A" and "B"

TxDOT also considering extending the right turn lane from southbound Hwy 146 to westbound I-10 in Mont Belvieu. Project "C".

TxDOT and Enterprise agreed to an extension of FM 565 North that now deadends at the 207 Loop to connect with Hwy 146. The current Loop 207 will be turned over to Enterprise. The new intersection will be signalized. The signal at Loop 207 and Hwy 146 may be removed or altered to only turn green when Enterprise traffic approaches from the loop, or may be flashing red light for traffic coming from Loop 207 (TBD). Timing on the completion of this extension was to be this summer. Per Enterprise, little to no progress has been made. (See map)

Addition of a KTN north-south Road Connector (if constructed) would connect FM 565 to Kilgore Parkway and help divert some traffic from 146. Still under review – negotiations with KTN moving very slowly.

The Highway 146 Committee will reconvene in August or September prior to opening of Chambers Town Center.

FM 565 S curve and expansion; will require an USACE Permit... Oct 2014 contract letting will be delayed...ROW will require USACE permits. Obtaining permits will impact the time schedule for at least 18 months.

The State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) Segments H & I SB 1420 Committee Meeting has not yet met for the second time. The first meeting held on September 6, 2013 is the only meeting thus far. TXDOT wanted to perform a more thorough revenue study before proceeding with the next 1420 Committee meeting.

Trains Blocking FM 565 for Extended Periods. Commissioner Senac arranged a meeting with Union Pacific, TxDOT and EDF in April. UP said they would make operational changes so their trains would not block FM 565 traffic for more than ten minutes that Beach City Council Commissioner Senac's Report May 19 2014

the trains would clear the intersection to allow traffic to flow. There appears to have been good improvement thus far and a reduction in extended blockage of traffic. We will see if this is a long term fix. CC scheduled a follow up meeting with UP on May 30th at Senac's Office.

Kilgore Parkway construction is proceeding ahead of schedule for segment 4 & 5. Pouring cement. Looking great. Construction could be completed in Q-3 2014

Baytown Sand and Clay (BSC) Issues Buddy Smart
Greenbrier and FM 2354 residents' complaints have been reduced about sand trucks. Two known complaints to TCEQ both dust complaints on April 20th and May 9th . BSC installed the mud shaker in early April. Senac talked to Buddy Smart and he has not received any new complaints. Senac has handed over these issues to Commissioner Abernathy since that is his Precinct.

Status of Beach City Request for FM 2354 Road Study is not yet known.

CDBG Projects in Beach City.

- A. Bayridge S/D – Contract was let since the property ROW and acquisition has been completed via Property Acquisition Services.
- B. RWJ- Still possible.
- C. Point Barrow – Probably a dead project. USACE issues and people with adjoining property are opposed to it. Have not seen any hard report that this is a critical project. 90% chance that this project is dead.

The State and the Federal Government made this process so complex and have changed the rules so many times that it will be a miracle if our citizens receive \$ 0.10 for every \$5.00 spent. I wonder about many of these government projects as they are driven by engineering firms and law firms.

Beach City 350' Communications Tower Pending FAA. No update yet available from FAA according to Pat Burleson at Harris County Radio as of today. The FAA sent a letter to RWJ area residents requesting their input.

Beach City Sign will proceed. Timing not yet known – Bobby Hall will send out survey crew to mark the road TxDOT ROW.

Fiber Optic. The Comcast meeting scheduled with the WCCCC Communications Committee last week was cancelled due to an illness and will be re-scheduled. HDZ (a cable contractor) is installing fiber optic cable for ATT along FM 2354. We are attempting to find out if ATT intends to offer broad band service or simply adding a cell tower for cellular service.

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Enderli Property We do not police. Grass is growing and is looking like maintenance is not keeping up with the rate of weed growth.

Miscellaneous

- Roof Replacement Project for BC Community Building; quote \$24,000. BC Solar Panels issue – Believes that leaks are near panel attachments?? 3200 SF – 740/SF.
 - Length of Time –
 - Noise Disruption –
 - Solar Panels –
- Elections
 - May 10 Joint Election BC voted 114.
 - Cost SD4 – AISD Comb COA
 - Brandon Creighton & Steve Toth Runoff – Tuesday Aug 5.
 - 24,663 Voters 1284 Cast
 - 5.21% Voted
 - \$40,000K Cost – 1284 votes = \$31.001
 - Vote cast
 - County may make a request to the SS to allow paper ballot.
 - Sample Ballot – R & D League of Women's Voter Guide
 - Houston Chronicle Suggestions.

Mayor Update & Report, *MAY 20, 2014*

1. FM 2354 from Fisher Road north to FM 3180
 - No new update from TX-DOT
2. Telecommunication Interest
 - Comcast is waiting on our survey results
3. Bayridge Water System
 - I was told by Charlie Gasper that they now believe they can drill a new well on their existing land.
4. Walker Road Property
 - There is still an issue with the property on Walker Road. The owner has not maintained the property and it is a health hazard.
5. Need to reactivate Permit Committee.