

City of Beach City
City Council Special Meeting Minutes

The City of Beach City Council met for a Public Notice Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the Beach City Community Building.

Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Paul Newman; Doug Walker; Dana Colquitt;

Ray Smith arrived at 6:14pm

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Evonne Donnelly

I. Call to order:

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday March 19, 2013 at 6:07 pm and offered prayer. Mayor Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

II. Discussion and possible action for the retirement of the City Secretary:

Rita Standridge gave an update on the plans for Margaret Gainer's Retirement Party set for Sunday, March 24, 2013; from 2:00-4:00pm.

Council, Mayor, family and friends are invited to speak at 3:00pm.

Discussion among Council on purchasing balloons for the party and a gift, such as a plant, for Ms. Gainer.

Alderman Colquitt offered to assist in the purchase of the balloons and gift.

III. Workshop for Statement of Intent of The Natural Gas Company, LLC to Increase Rates Within the Incorporated City Limits of Beach City, Texas:

Mayor Combs along with Aldermen Newman and Lasater have had several meetings with Mike Lannou of The Natural Gas Company to review the proposed rate hike. The Mayor reviewed the committee's findings and the rate filing worksheet with Council, via an Excel spreadsheet presentation. Alderman Walker questioned Mr. Lannou on why the cost of his internet bill was \$3,584.00 per year. Mr. Lannou stated that his costs also covered a new router, hard drive, or anything associated with his computer. Alderman Walker also questioned the \$2,916.00 cost allotted for telephone service.

Mr. Lannou stated that he has a landline and a cell phone, and his secretary also has a cell phone. Mr. Lannou added that he is required by the State to answer his phone(s) 24/7. If he cannot answer his phone, then it is transferred to his secretary.

Alderman Colquitt questioned Mr. Lannou on how many employees he has employed at TNGC. Mr. Lannou replied that he has one contract guy employed. When questioned further from Alderman Colquitt about the secretary mentioned earlier, Mr. Lannou said that they are both part-time. Alderman Smith commented that he would like to see a comparison of other natural gas companies that provide service to approximately the same amount of residents as TNGC.

After much discussion amongst the Council and Mayor, TNGC Committee (Mayor Combs, Aldermen Newman and Lasater) recommends a \$2.50, approximately a 9%, monthly increase to the Monthly Minimum Charge, with NO increase to the Commodity Charge.


IV. Council Member Comments:

NONE

V. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

ATTEST TO:


Evonne Donnelly
Assistant City Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Billy Combs
Mayor