

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, **April 22, 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

ABSENT: Ray Smith

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Evonne Donnelly

I. Call to order:

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 6.03 pm.

Mayor Combs offered the prayer and Alderman Newman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

II. Citizens Comments:

Linda Polk, President of the West Chambers County Pilot Club, presented a check to Mayor Combs for a donation to the City of Beach City Fallen Heroes Memorial.

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

See Attachment

IV. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 25, 2014.

Motion to approve minutes:

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

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**

Mayor Combs noted that there is an updated Expenditure sheet on the table for Council.

Motion to approve the financials:

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

VI. Discussion and possible action on Appeal from Aqua TX.

No update at this time.

VII. Hear update from Gulf Utilities/Nerro Supply concerning their Water and Sewer Utilities in Beach City.

Gulf Utilities operates one sewer and two water systems in Beach City; Bayridge Subdivision and Oaks of Houston Point. Charlie Gasper, President of Gulf Utilities, updated Council on the current status of the recent water well issue in Bayridge Subdivision. Mr. Gasper stated that they inherited some issues with the system when they purchased it. There was a recent failure of the water well in Bayridge but, it is up and running again. In order to install a new well Gulf Utilities will have to acquire additional land. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), requires a one hundred and fifty foot sanitary control easement; which means there is not enough land around the existing water well to dig a new well. Gulf Utilities reportedly also inherited some issues with the Waste Water system with inflow and infiltration (I&I) problems. Gulf Utilities is at approximately seventy percent of their goal in repairing the holes and reworking the pipe. Mr. Gasper stated that the higher priority for Gulf Utilities is drilling a new water well.

VIII. Discussion and possible action on Regional Mutual Aid Agreement from H-GAC.

Mayor Combs read aloud the letter from Chambers County Emergency Management Coordinator, Ryan Holzaepfel offering the City the option to join the Regional Mutual Aid program through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC).

Motion to accept and sign the Mutual Aid Agreement from H-GAC.

Motion: Lasater

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

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

Aldermen Newman and Colquitt agreed to serve on a committee to review the current City On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Ordinances or Orders pertaining to OSSF maintenance contracts; along with the current TCEQ guidelines.

X. Select Budget Committee for 2014/2015 Budget.

Mayor Combs along with Aldermen Walker and Lasater will make up the Budget committee.

Council Break: 19:20

Council Reconvene: 19:25

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

Motion to approve the Records Management Plan.

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

XII. Discussion and possible action on updating Personnel Rules and Regulations.

Mayor Combs told Council that the original Personnel Rules and Regulations was typed on a typewriter and therefore a redline copy could not be presented for comparison to the updated Personnel Rules and Regulations.

Motion to approve the new Personnel Rules and Regulations.

Motion: Lasater

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

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

Mayor Combs and Secretary of the Fallen Heroes Memorial Account, Alderman Colquitt, gave Council an update on the status of the account.

XIV. Hear Report and Updates from the Mayor.

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

XV. Council Member Comments.

Alderman Walker stated that he has received a complaint from a homeowner on Cedar Gully Road about a large amount of cars being parked at a property and in the road.

Alderman Newman questioned if anyone else's tax appraisal has gone up approximately ten percent like his has.

XVI. Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn at 7:58pm:

Motion: Newman

Second: Lasater

Approved: 4-0

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED BY:

City Secretary
Evonne Donnelly

Mayor
Billy Combs