

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday,
February 24, 2015 at the Beach City Community Building
12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Billy Combs (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Jackey Lasater, Alderman Paul Newman, Alderman Doug Walker, Alderman Ray Smith and Alderman Dana Colquitt

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday, February 24th, 2015 at 6:05 pm.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Combs offered prayer.

Alderman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

3. Public Comments (Limited to five minutes per person)

NONE

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

Kilgore Parkway is now open.

5. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of January 27th, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

6. Financial Consent Agenda (All financial consent agenda items are considered routine by Council and will be enacted by one motion. A Council member may request an item to be removed and considered separately.)

(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: Lasater

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Combs pointed out that the financials on the table are not the ones that were emailed in the agenda packet last week.

The SUTA (State Unemployment Tax Act) and FUTA (Federal Unemployment Tax Act) deductions are not right. QuickBooks (QB) Payroll automatically calculates these numbers each month. We will have someone come in and correct this in the future.

7. Hear presentation from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) on recruiting volunteers

Debbie Dugger the Executive Director for CASA Chambers/Liberty Counties spoke to Council on how closely they work with CPS (Children's Protective Service). CASA currently has sixty-five children in foster care. CASA has sixty-four advocates and needs seventeen more. A complete background check is mandatory for all volunteers.

There will be a BBQ cook-off fundraiser at White's Park in Anahuac, April 10th-11th.

For more information, contact Debbie Dugger at: ddugger@casalctx.org or 936-334-9000.

8. Consider and adopt Resolution authorizing signatures for Capital Bank CD

Mayor Combs updated Council on the issues we have had with BBVA Compass Bank.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Lasater

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

9. Consider and adopt Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Emergency Medical Services

Corrections have been made to the agreement from the previous meetings

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

10. Consider and adopt Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Flood Plain Manager

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11. Consider and adopt Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance 2015-1 replacing Ordinance 2008-1 per the recommendations of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Council reviewed this item last month and upon further examination of the City ordinances, the City Secretary located Ordinance 2008-1, repealing Ordinance 1987-1. Most of the recommendations from FEMA have already been made in the 2008-1 Ordinance.

Mayor Combs visited with Chambers County Environmental Health Director, Rex Tunze and they have the same basic FEMA Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance that we do.

The only real difference between what we currently have and what FEMA suggests, is that we do not have any freeboard in our floodplain. After Hurricane Ike, Chambers County added a one foot freeboard to their ordinance.

Motion so moved

Motion: Newman

Second: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

12. Discussion and possible action on the West Chambers County Transportation Plan

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13. Consider enforcement action, legal and/or other, on non compliance to City ordinances. Also, discuss and consider proposed rate changes

Mayor Combs updated Council on the status of the Walker Lane property that was served a violation notice in December. The owner called and said she would list the property with a local REALTOR. Regretfully, the owner passed away in January. The property is under contract to be sold. The City has agreed to give the owner's heirs time needed to facilitate the sale of the property.

Only one of the three heirs to the Ocean Drive property have called the City and spoken to the Secretary since receiving the first and second violations notice. There are a lot of outstanding back taxes on this property. The next step is to file this property's violations with Municipal Court.

The Permit Committee, Mayor Combs, Alderman Walker and Alderman Smith, met to discuss having our DR (Designated Representative) help enforce the noncompliance, building and OSSF (On-Site Sewage Facility) permit issues. The DR will inspect and be paid \$75.00 per inspection. If there is a violation, then the violator will have to obtain the proper permit and pay the current fee of \$75.00, per building permit. Attorney Jackson added that a notice will need to be sent to the violators.

Mayor Combs proposes that there also be an additional late fee of \$150.00. This will make the total fee \$300.00. Modifications will need to be made to the existing flow chart.

Tonight's agenda does not support action on a new Resolution for this.

The Committee did not discuss the additional fee of \$150.00 for the City. Mayor Combs added it on as an afterthought. Alderman Walker heartily supports this fee.

Alderman Walker stated that the committee wanted to know if the City is exposed and vulnerable with our current DR and would it be feasible to follow along with Cove and Old River to have the County's DR represent Beach City. Mayor Combs has spoken with the County and they are in the process of hiring a new inspector.

14. Discuss and consider refurbishing the road sign, or purchasing a new sign for the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD), with possible assistance from Chambers County

Secretary Donnelly suggested that Council request Chambers County refurbish the BCVFD sign to continue improving the appearance of our community.

15. Discuss and consider new playground equipment for the Beach City Community Building with possible assistance from Chambers County

Secretary Donnelly suggested Council request Chambers County replace the existing swing set at the community building with new updated playground equipment.

16. Update, discussion and possible action on the Fallen Heroes Memorial

Mayor Combs would like to use the same granite company Alderman Smith spoke of at the last Council meeting, to replace the existing bronze plaque on the flagpole. The granite plaque will have the Resolution of Dedication on it. Council concurred with the Mayor. Mayor Combs called for a five minute recess.

RECESS: 7:30

RECONVENE: 7:35

Sue Carlile will donate her services to stain the concrete around the flagpole, and create a tile effect. Mrs. Carlile will need a full week with no forecast of rain or cold weather.

17. Report and update from Mayor Combs

Mayor Combs sent flowers to the Standridge family on behalf of Council. Mayor Combs met with one of the owners of Cedar Point Industrial Park, which owns the property on FM 2354 and Fishers Road. The owner will have someone come and trim the trees back to enhance the view for the motorist traveling from Fishers Road onto FM 2354.

18. Council Comments

Alderman Walker noted that the Rotary Club will host its annual fish fry fundraiser on May 2, 2015 at the Raceway Park Tower Club from 11:00-3:00. Alderman Walker and Mayor Combs are both selling dinner and raffle tickets. Council may be interested in the possibility of using electronic pads for future Council meetings.

19. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

Approved: **March 24, 2015**

Billy Combs, **Mayor**

Attest:

Evonne Donnelly, **City Secretary**