

## BEACH CITY COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were.

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Paul Newman

Vaughn Bercaw

Douglas Walker

Ray Smith – Absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:03 P.M. Mayor Combs lead a prayer and Alderman Newman lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags. Mayor Combs welcomed all the guests.

#### I. Public Hearing for citizens comments concerning FY 2012/2013 Budget.

Mayor Combs stated that he was going to suspend the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing for Citizens Comments. He had extra copies of the budget for any citizen that wanted one. There were no Citizen Comments.

Mayor Combs closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:06 P.M.

#### II. Citizens Comments.

There were no Citizen Comments.

#### III. Hear presentation from Beach City Volunteer Fire Department.

Tracy Lippe, President of the Beach City Volunteer Fire Dept., reported that the Fire Dept. is doing very well. He presented a budget to Council for \$99,605 in expenditures for FY 2011-2012 . He also reported that engine #82 is out of service pending repairs. They have a total of 11 active members and 5 as a support group. He reported on the progress the Department has made in the last 5 years.

#### IV. Review and consider approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

The Minutes reviewed prior to the meeting by Council.

MOTION made to accept the Minutes as presented.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

Discussion: Alderman Newman made four corrections to the minutes.

Minutes accepted as corrected

APPROVED: 4 – 0

#### V. Financial Consent Agenda

##### A. Review and approve of the Financial Statements for month ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Mayor Combs reported that he had audited the Employee Tax Withholding for the current year and presented a worksheet with the audit to council. He went on to say in 2011 the-Internal \$ Revenue Service reduced the employee contribution amount of Social Security holdings from 6.2% to 4.2% but the City continued deducting the 6.2% from Ms. Gainer's paycheck. The total amount of Employee Contributions paid were \$942.36 but should have been \$638.37. \$303.99 will be added to her check to correct the error.

**B. Receive and review Investment rate/security update.**

No discussion.

**C. Review and approve Revenues and Expenditures for current Month.**

The Revenues and Expenditures for current Month were reviewed prior to the meeting. Mayor Combs reported on the revised version of the Expenditures. The total expenditures for this month are \$7,159.70.

MOTION made to approve the Financial Consent agenda as presented.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 4 – 0

**VI. Hear recommendation from Investment Committee and authorize renewal and/or transfer of maturing CD's.**

Alderman Newman and Alderman Bercaw met prior to the City Council Meeting. Alderman Newman let the City Council know that the highest they could find was 1.75%.

MOTION made for the Investment Committee to consult with Mayor Combs about moving 2 CD's into a new FDIC Insured Account.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 4 - 0

**VII. Consider and approve purchase of emergency radios.**

MOTION made to authorize the Mayor to purchase two emergency radios if they can be upgraded to match and communicate with changes the VFD plans to make to their radios at a cost of \$500.00 or less per radio.

MOTION: Lasater

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 3 - 1

Let the record show that Alderman Walker disapproved of this Motion.

**VIII. Review and approve the City Budget for fiscal Year 2012/2013.**

The Regular Meeting Reconvened at 8:12 P.M.

The Mayor informed Council that there was one change in the budget since the workshop. Trinity Bay EMS informed the City that they didn't need City funding and asked that they not be included in the City's Budget this year. The Mayor moved the \$3,000.00 that was allocated to the EMS into Account # 3800-Misc. Expense.

MOTION made to accept the City of Beach City's 2012-2013 Budget.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 4 - 0

**IX. Consider and approve entering into a mutual aid agreement with Chambers County and the cities within Chambers County.**

MOTION made to enter into the mutual aid agreement as represented.

MOTION: Newman

SECONDED: Bercaw

APPROVED: 4 - 0

**X. Hear update from committee for city policies, procedures and rates for permitting.**

Nothing to report.

**XI. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government code, Section 551.071, Concerning the legal action in the city's efforts to overturn the actions of TCEQ in the T&I Taylor rate case.**

**XII. Consider and approve Ordinance 2012-01 finalizing an agreement with Nerro Supply and establishing new sewer rates for rate payers of Nerro Supply within Beach City.**

MOTION made to accept Ordinance 2012-1 as presented.

MOTION: Lasater

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 4 - 0

**XIII. Authorize council to enter a dismissal or non- suit in Cause No. D-1-GN-11-001956 in the 419<sup>th</sup> District Court in Travis County, Texas**

MOTION is so moved.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 4 - 0

**XIV. Public meeting and presentation of a Living Shoreline to be constructed at McCollum Park.**

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:10 P.M. for a Public Meeting.

Commissioner Senac introduced Lee Ann Wilde with the Galveston Bay Foundation. She gave a presentation on A Living Shoreline, a way to provide Habitat for Fish and Birds and protect the Shoreline. The County is considering the installation of a Living Shoreline at McCollum Park. Ms. Wilde discussed funding and construction for a project at McCollum Park.

**XV. Council Updates; From the Mayor and County Commissioner.**

Commissioner Senac reported that a lot of new jobs in this area will be starting soon due to large industrial projects in the area. The Commissioner wanted to let everyone know that July 31, 2012 is the Election Run-off Date and that early voting will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>. He said that Chambers County has 7 positions that are on the ballot and hopes everyone gets out the word to neighbors.

Mayor Combs said that the new cell tower is standing and that it is by Tri-City Beach Grocery in South Beach City.

**XVI. Council Member Comments.**

No Comments

**XVII. Adjourn**


MOTION made to adjourn the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting at 9:00 P.M.

MOTION: Bercaw

SECONDED: Newman

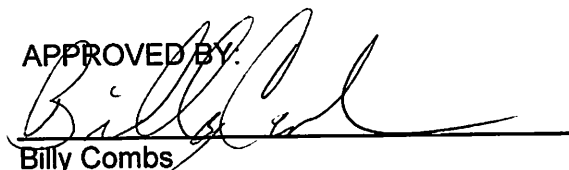
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ATTEST TO:



Margaret Gainer  
City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Billy Combs  
Mayor