

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City of Beach City – City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Session on March 26, 2019** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Jackey Lasater, Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt, Alderman Doug Walker, Alderman Paul Newman, Alderman Ray Smith and Alderman Ryan Dagley

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Deanna Wallace

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Mayor Lasater called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lasater offered prayer and Secretary Donnelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

A resident addressed Council about responsible growth and suggested that they look at other small cities and what the City can do to keep the charm of our small town. Example: for beautification reasons, heights of signs should be discussed so we don't have these ten-foot signs with huge lights on them. Also, mentioned was an ordinance regarding lighting on businesses so they have to be "Night Sky Friendly". Mayor Lasater noted that the City currently has a Sign Ordinance.

4. Hear report and update from The Honorable Billy Combs Chambers County Commissioner Pct. 4

Commissioner Combs told council a Chambers County Commissioner made a comment on Facebook that does not reflect the Commissioners Court or other Commissioners.

Representative Mayes Middleton introduced HB 2781 that would allow counties with a population of 75,000 or less to declare that the tolls on a Highway are causing an emergency situation on another state road. The tolls in that county could then be lifted. In particular, rerouting some of the eighteen wheeled traffic off of Hwy 146 and diverted to TX 99. The City of Baytown and Chambers County Commissioners Court both passed a resolution in support of HB 2781.

Commissioner Combs is on the Transportation Policy Committee for H-GAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council). Out of the \$800 billion dollars' worth of projects presented for this committee to approve, there was not one road project east of Houston on this list. Baytown City Councilman Bob Hoskins and Commissioner Combs were the two nay votes for these projects. Everyone is encouraged to contact H-GAC and voice their concerns about the lack of approved transportation projects in Chambers County and the Baytown area.

5. Hear report and update from Beach City Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD)

There are still about a dozen firefighters attending training at the Mont Belvieu FD every Tuesday. The 2019 BCVFD fundraiser mailout was sent out via USPS yesterday.

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Called Meeting of February 26th, 2019

Motion to approve the Regular Minutes

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

7. Financial Consent Agenda *(All financial consent agenda items are considered routine by Council and will be enacted by one motion. A Councilmember 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
- (d) Review and approve Weekly Review of Accounts

The TexasTerm CD's are now listed on the reports. All reports are a month in arrears with the exception of the Expenditures.

Motion to accept the financial consent agenda

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

8. Discuss and consider entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the San Jacinto River Coalition

Alderman Smith thinks a service provider agreement in the amount of \$1,000 for the Texas Health and Environment Alliance, Inc (THEA) is a good place to start and the money will help this group for their assistance to the City.

Council discussed the budgeting options available for this money.

Alderman Newman discussed his apprehensions about this potential agreement.

Council decided to hold off on a vote until the Service Provider Agreement was available for review. The mission statement of THEA will be added to the agreement, which will be a one year agreement.

Tabled until next meeting

Motion to enter into a service provider agreement in the amount of \$2,000 with THEA

Motion: Smith

Second: Walker

Approved:

MOTION WITHDRAWN

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas 2019 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications Right-Of-Way Access Line Rates

No action was taken.

10. Discussion with possible action on purchasing surplus audio equipment from the City of Baytown

The City of Baytown called the City office asking if we would be interested in looking at their old audio equipment. Mayor Lasater and Secretary Donnelly made an appointment and met with the sound equipment manager and were given a tour of Baytown's council chambers and the modern technology used at the dais. The City of Baytown was kind enough to give our city office 14 microphones, a sound board and various other audio equipment items.

The City will have to purchase speakers, a cart and other items to get this this equipment up and running.

Per Mayor Lasater's request for a committee to oversee this; Alderman Newman and Alderman Smith will work together on the "Sound Committee" and make a *sound choice* on the needed items.

11. Hear report and update from committee with discussion and possible action on establishing weight limits on McCollum Park Road

No report

12. Update and discussion from the Beautify Beach City Committee regarding roadside litter on FM 2354

Last month Alderman Smith and Colquitt volunteered to serve on this committee. Due to time constraints, Aldermen Smith has requested to be removed from this committee. Alderman Walker stepped in to fill the vacancy.

13. Discussion and possible action on establishing guidelines and/or job description for the position of Sign Ordinance Enforcement

Sheriff Hawthorne with the Chambers County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) met with Mayor Lasater to discuss this matter. Sheriff Hawthorne stated his department has an Interlocal Agreement with Beach City and the Sheriff could assign one of his deputies to assist the City in this matter. Detective Sean Perry met with Mayor Lasater last week and is willing to patrol once a week and will alert the City if there are sign ordinance issues.

14. Discussion and possible action on removal of surplus office equipment: Dell Laptop; Gateway laptop; various hard drives and old two-way radios

One of the laptops was flooded from Hurricane Harvey and the other crashed many years ago during Mayor Combs' time in office. The monitor still works and after a brief discussion it was decided to give the monitor to the BCVFD; destroy the hard drives and dispose of the electronics and radios appropriately.

15. Update and discussion on non-compliance to City ordinances regarding On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF's)

None

16. Report and update from the Mayor

a). Exxon is working on their land on McCollum Park Road. They are building a road to go to the back of the property. There are some water monitoring wells in the back and they need to be able to easily access this area of the property. There is an area in the back of this land that holds water Exxon will build it up and they will improve the drainage as well.

b). Mayor Lasater met with TGS (Trans-Global Solutions) to better understand what they are planning for their property on Fisher Road and the TX 99 feeder road, now called Cedar Port Parkway. Fisher Road will have a temporary corner cut in to bypass the construction that will take place on Cedar Port Parkway for the intersection onto the TGS/Cedar Port land.

c). Mayor Lasater would like to pass a Resolution of Appreciation for Greg Moss and Jackie Young and present them each with a plaque at the April meeting. The Mayor would like to invite the community to come and thank them for their assistance with the dredge material issue.

17. Council Comments

Aldermen Smith and Newman discussed people and their failure to stop at stop signs.

Alderman Dagley updated Council with the status of Comcast running cable south of the NRG canal to Cedar Point Road. Anticipated end of construction is the end of the third quarter. Anticipated end of the build out is by the end of the fourth quarter.

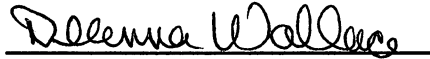
Alderman Walker has Rotary Club raffle and meal tickets for sale.

18. Adjourn meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Minutes Approved: April 23, 2019


Jackey Lasater, Mayor

Attest:


~~Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary~~
Deanna Wallace, Assistant City Secretary