

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs
MAYOR PROTEM: Jackey Lasater
ALDERMAN: Paul Newman, Vaughn Bercaw, Ray Smith, Dana Colquitt and Doug Walker
CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY: Evonne Donnelly

I. Call to order:

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday November 27, 2012 at 6:22 P.M. and offered prayer. Alderman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

II. Administer Oath of Office for recently elected Aldermen and Mayor:

Mayor Combs reviewed the official election results which were certified by Chambers County due to the joint election: Mayor Combs-793(unopposed); Dana Colquitt-634; Alderman Bercaw-406; Alderman Walker-662. Dana Colquitt and Alderman Walker are the official winners of the election. Attorney Jackson swore in Alderman Colquitt, Alderman Walker and Mayor Combs.

III. Adopt Mayor Pro-Tem:

Motion made to appoint Alderman Lasater as Mayor Pro-Tem
Motion: Walker Seconded: Smith Approved: 5-0

IV. Hear and adopt Resolution 2012-4 for services rendered to Beach City:

Motion made to approve Resolution 2012-4 recognizing Vaughn "Nick" Bercaw for services rendered to Beach City.
Motion: Newman Seconded: Walker Approved: 5-0

V. Citizens Comments

None

VI. Hear request from citizen to ban hunting within 200 yards of a subdivision:

Warren Lisenbee addressed council regarding the duck hunting taking place in the old cooling pond marsh area, which is to the East of his property in the Walker subdivision. Council reviewed a county map with Mr. Lisenbee as he demonstrated to them his property location is within approximately two-hundred and fifty yards of the duck hunting taking place in the marsh. Mr. Lisenbee stated that there are nine actual land owners and that he has a list of the

members on this one-hundred and twenty-one acre pond area. Mayor Combs added that there are probably eighteen or nineteen undivided interests in this property. The hunters are leasing said property from Debbie Casey. Mr. Lisenbee said the hunting has been going on for approximately six years and other residents are complaining as well. Mayor Combs suggested that he attempt to contact Ms. Casey first and Alderman Walker concurred. Mr. Lisenbee indicated that he did not have any luck speaking with Ms. Casey. Mr. Lisenbee was asked by Alderman Lasater if the complaint was the noise of the guns. Mr. Lisenbee answered yes and approximately two years ago he actually picked up some pellets or bb's on his property. Mayor Combs will contact Ms. Casey to see if anything can be worked out regarding this matter.

VII. Hear a report and update from Chamber County Commissioner Rusty Senac:

Commissioner Senac requested to be added to the City's distribution list. Commissioner Senac updated Council on a few items of County business. He stated that the work on FM 565 will be delayed until after the first quarter of next year. It could possibly be delayed for a full year. He mentioned that Flex Steel will be expanding which will add approximately 150 trucks per day to the traffic on 565 in the first quarter of 2013. Katoen Natie is considering building upwards of twelve million square feet, between JSW, and Royal Purple Raceway. Commissioner Senac also commented on the status of Kilgore Parkway, they are accepting bids for the first segment.

HPP has received the draft permit from TCEQ, at this point and time all of the notices of deficiencies have been answered. TCEQ gave the draft of a permit to HPP for a Construction Air Permit, which is under review.

The cable on the Verizon tower is several feet too short; Verizon is working on the problem. Alderman Smith asked Commissioner Senac if the County would consider a hike and bike trail on the Lake Anahuac Levee. Commissioner Senac referred Alderman Smith to Mayor Combs who was on the board of CLC&D, who own the levee. Alderman Smith and Mayor Combs will speak with someone on this subject.

Wal-Mart is still planning to build on Hwy. 146 and I-10 There are also plans for a four-hundred unit apartment complex near Needlepoint Rd.

GCCISD is considering building a new one-thousand student elementary school on Hwy 146. There will be a minimum of four new traffic lights on Hwy. 146.

Also, CVS is in negotiations with Mont Belvieu to build on 3180.

VIII. Hear update on 2nd Annual Sit Down with Santa:

Jay Hammes addressed council; she stated that she does need volunteers to bring cookies. Alderman Colquitt is helping Jay with the gumbo. The children at Fishers Road Baptist Church are making the ornaments for the tree. Alderman Colquitt made the Sit Down with Santa sign in front of the community building. Mrs. Hammes also requested help decorating for the event and serving the food.

IX. Approval of minutes from regular meeting of Oct. 23rd:

Mayor Combs informed Council that revisions were made per Alderman Newman's request.

There was an error in the Call to Order Item Number I, showing Alderman Newman arrived late when indeed it was Alderman Smith who arrived at 6:05. Mayor Combs also made a clarification on Item Number IX regarding the voting machines.

Motion made to approve the Minutes

Motion: Newman

Seconded: Walker

Approved: 5-0

X. Financial Consent Agenda:

(a) Review and approve the Financial Statements for the previous month

(b) Review and approve the Investment update

The new CD information is up to date.

(c) Review and approve Expenditures for the current month

Alderman Walker questioned the Mayor about the Natural gas income. The Mayor compared this year's number to the previous year's amount of \$530.00; the current amount is \$539.00.

Motion made to approve the Financials

Motion: Walker

Seconded: Newman

Approved: 5-0

XI. Discussion on process to obtain nominations for 2012 Volunteer of the Year:

The Mayor told Council that nominees need to be acquired by December's council meeting. Mayor Combs sends out an email asking for nominations and City Council members may nominate as well. Last year Mayor Standridge was the volunteer of the year. Jay Hammes was the volunteer of the year, the year prior. This year the nomination information will also be posted on the city's webpage.

XII. Hear reports and Updates from the Mayor:

Mayor Combs referred to the jobs Commissioner Senac spoke of with the new developments in our County. A resident who lives on Point Barrow Road has spoken to the Mayor regarding a new RV park on his property. There was discussion from council on what the permitting would entail and what the packaging cost would be. Estimates are projected at 100K.

The Mayor discussed with council the plans for Santa on the Bay which is December 14-15. Alderman Colquitt will ride both nights, Alderman Smith will bring candy and will ride both nights, Alderman Lasater will ride both nights as well. Alderman Newman will ride the 14th.

The Mayor has not received the cost from the County on the election. Mayor Combs also stated that in case anyone misunderstood, he never once recommended that anyone sue anyone. The Mayor was only speaking of the protocol for contesting the elections per the procedures of the Secretary of the State. Alderman Colquitt felt the Mayor's commits were directed at her.

Alderman Walker asked the Mayor about the new power lines going up on the Grand Parkway and Fishers Road. The Mayor stated that Centerpoint is revamping and adding additional industrial power for new industrial development along 565 and AmeriPort.

Council's next meeting will be December 18, 2012, a week early due to Christmas being on the 25th. Mayor Combs congratulated the newest council member Alderman Colquitt.

XIII. Council Member Comments:

Alderman Newman attended the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Law Cities Caucus on November 8, 2012 to elect the General Law Cities two board members. Alderman Newman noted that Terry Hanley and Kay Mudd were re-elected. The caucus was held in Sugarland, TX.

Alderman Lasater stated that he has had some issues with his computer, but the problem is solved and he is able to resume working on the city's web page.

Alderman Walker is happy to be able to serve the community for the next two years. Mayor Combs updated the Council on Ms. Gainer's absence and asked council to keep her in their prayers.

XIV. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:21pm
Motion: Newman

Seconded: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED BY:

Evonne Donnelly
Assistant City Secretary

Billy Combs
Mayor