

**City of Beach City – City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Session** on **November 27, 2018** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

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

**Staff Present:** City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

**Legal Counsel Present:** City Attorney Daniel Jackson arrived at 6:06 P.M.

**1. Call to order and announcement of quorum**

On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 Mayor Combs called the Regular Session Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**3. Accept resignation of Alderman Jackey Lasater**

**Motion** to accept the resignation of Alderman Jackey Lasater

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Smith

**Approved:** 5-0

**4. Administer Oath of Office for unopposed Council Members: Alderman Doug Walker, Alderman Dana Colquitt and Mayor Elect Jackey Lasater**

Attorney Daniel Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Doug Walker, Alderman Dana Colquitt and Mayor elect Jackey Lasater.

**5. Recognition of Billy Combs and Consider and Approve Resolution of Appreciation for Billy Combs**

City Attorney, Daniel Jackson and Chambers County Commissioner Pct. 4, Rusty Senac spoke of Mr. Combs career accomplishments, his character, loyalty and dedication to the community and our country.

Attorney Jackson has been the city's attorney for almost forty years and he has served many mayors during his time with the city. Attorney Jackson went on to state that he has never seen a mayor work as hard as Billy Combs.

Mayor Lasater read aloud the Resolution of Appreciation for Billy Combs

**Motion** to approve the Resolution

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Smith

**Approved:** 4-0

**RECESS:** 6:27 P.M.  
**RECONVENE:** 6:50 P.M.

**6. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem**

Alderman Newman nominated Alderman Colquitt as Mayor Pro Tem.

**Motion** to approve

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 4-0

**7. Public Comments** (Limited to five minutes per person)

Billy Combs thanked everyone for the kind comments, food, etc. Mr. Combs went on to add that all accomplishments in the last eight and a half years were a direct result of City Council working together in unity.

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

The RWJ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the drainage project with NRG is scheduled to close on the 8.5-acre easement next Friday. Shortly after they will proceed with the contract, using funds dating back to Hurricane Ike.

The Federal Government has approved funds for dredging Cedar Bayou.

Comcast is not responding to requests for updates from Secretary Donnelly or Commissioner Senac.

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

Chief Pat McDonald reports the BCVFD recently went over 100 calls for 2018. The vast majority of these calls are assisting EMS and false alarm calls. In 2017 there were approximately 77 calls total.

The BCVFD needs an improved water supply south of the station for a better ISO rating by spring of 2020. The VFD is in discussion with Seacrest Park to allow a dry hydrant to be installed at their pond.

Chief McDonald asked Council to consider working with Trans-Global Solutions (TGS) for a water main to be added on the west end of Fisher Rd at TX 99. TGS has committed to installing a hydrant at end of Fisher Road and Hwy 99. This will benefit the City to reduce insurance rates for the resident.

Santa on the Bay is December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and the trucks will leave the station at 5:30 P.M.

Donations of food and/or money will be accepted for West Chambers County Food Pantry.

Monetary donations will also be accepted for BCVFD. Individuals need to specify on the check whom the funds are designated for.

**10. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Mayor Lasater requested a correction to the minutes in Item 3, Public Comments, note the change to be made is replacing the word south with north: 'north of the runway' not south of the runway.

**Motion** to approve as so amended

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**11. 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**

**Motion** to approve

**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**Discussion:** Alderman Walker questioned the status of the two CD's that Council recently agreed upon with TexasTERM. Mayor Lasater noted that there is an agenda item to discuss this matter. Alderman Walker requested detail of category 63800, Miscellaneous Expense, in the amount of \$2,931.89. Secretary Donnelly reported the increase is due to the \$2,000 that Council agreed to move from the General Fund account to pay for the Fallen Heroes Memorial (FHM) maintenance.

**12. Discuss and consider changes to the City's Public Funds Investment Policy (PFIP)**

TexasTERM requested a change to the terminology of the City's PFIP in order to meet requirements for admission to their CD placement program. Council discussed the two wording options sent by TexasTERM's program administrator.

Below is the wording Secretary Donnelly has added to the PFIP for Council to review from the two choices given by TexasTERM:

Obligations of the United States of America, its agencies and instrumentalities, which either have a liquid market with a readily determinable market value or other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, this state or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States.

**Motion** to approve changes to page 5 of 8, under Investments, Item A as the wording is shown; choice number two of the email sent by TexasTERM

**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**13. Consider and adopt Resolution(s) naming signators for all Bank, Investment and CD accounts**

Alderman Smith nominated Alderman Walker to be a signor on the accounts with Mayor Lasater.

**Motion** to approve

**Motion:** Smith

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**14. Discuss and consider implementing Positive Pay for the City's General Fund – Checking Account**

The committee reviewing the various options to secure the City's accounts (Aldermen Smith and Newman) have not met.

Aldermen Smith reminded Council that security was the overall issue and Positive Pay was a suggestion by a citizen.

Per Alderman Smith and Alderman Newman, next month's agenda item should be worded differently such as, update from Investment Security Review committee with possible Positive Pay action.

**15. Discuss and consider nominations for the 2018 Volunteer of the Year (VOTY)**

Mayor Lasater read aloud the three nominees for the City's VOTY:

1. President of the BCFVD, Johnny Eversole
2. Tom Hitchcock
3. Billy Combs

Mayor Lasater called for a show of hands from Council. The vote was unanimous for Billy Combs, who is now the 2018 Volunteer of the Year.

Alderman Smith would like to see the information on Billy's accomplishments expanded upon for the award presentation in January.

Council agreed that a letter should be sent to the other nominees letting them know they have been nominated for the VOTY.

**16. Discuss and consider appointing or reappointing Board of Directors to the Beach City Cultural Education Facilities Foundation (CEFFC)**

The terms expired in August for current Board Members, Dana Colquitt, Jackey Lasater and Paul Newman. Council discussed appointing a citizen to replace the position left open by resignation of Jackey Lasater. The third board member must be decided by the December 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**Motion** to appoint Dana Colquitt, to continue as President for a second term

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 4-0

**Motion** to appoint Paul Newman to continue as Vice President for a second term

**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**Discussion:** Alderman Newman would like to find others who are interested in serving on this board and bring this matter back to Council.

Mayor Lasater spoke with a resident who may be interested in serving on the board. The individual has requested information on the CEFFC so he has a better working knowledge of the foundation before he makes a commitment.

Former Mayor Combs noted that according to the bylaws the board must have a minimum of three board members.

Alderman Colquitt questioned if a temporary board member may be appointed. Attorney Jackson added that maybe a member of the audience would be interested in a temporary appointment, to which everyone looked at former Mayor Combs.

**Motion** to nominate Billy Combs as a temporary Board Member of the CEFFC

**Motion:** Smith

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council will now hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code:**

- (a) Section 551.074 Texas Government Code concerning appointment of a public officer

**RECESS:** 8:00 P.M.  
**RECONVENE:** 8:40 P.M.

**18. Discuss and consider appointing a replacement to complete the term vacated by Alderman Jackey Lasater**

No action

**19. Discussion on City participation with the BCVFD Santa on the Bay**

Mayor Lasater will drive Council in the parade Friday and Saturday nights.  
Alderman Smith and his wife Tammy will donate candy for Council to throw to the families.  
Council will meet at 5:00 P.M. at the VFD.

**20. Discuss and consider a Christmas celebration at the December 18, 2018 meeting**

Everyone that wants to bring a dish will coordinate with Alderman Colquitt

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

None

**22. Report and update from the Mayor**

No update or report

**23. Council Comments**

Alderman Newman questioned when Tri-City Beach Grocery will reopen. Secretary Donnelly spoke with the store manager who stated as soon as the contractor issues are resolved, hopefully by years end, the store will open.

**24. Adjourn**

**Council** adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

**Minutes Approved:** December 18, 2018

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Jackey Lasater, Mayor

Attest:

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Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary