

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

*The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:*

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PROTEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Paul Newman            Vaughn Bercaw            Ray Smith

Doug Walker – Absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer

## **I. Call to order**

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 6:02 P.M. and offered Prayer. Alderman Bercaw led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags. Mayor Combs said let the record show that Alderman Smith is not present. Alderman Smith arrived at 6:05 P.M.

## **II. Citizens Comments**

None

## **III. Hear Report and Update from Chambers County Commissioner, Rusty Senac**

Commissioner Senac was not present.

## **IV. Consider request for city participation in 2nd Annual Sit Down with Santa.**

Jay Hammes spoke to Council regarding the Sit Down with Santa. Jay told the council it will be Santa Claus with a Cajun twist. Ms. Hammes will serve Gumbo and is asking for dessert donations. Ms. Hammes will decorate with lights; also there will be a reindeer and an elf for the children. A request was made by Ms. Hammes for a \$100.00 donation to help offset the costs. The Council offered to help with set-up. The date is scheduled for Friday, December 07, 2012. The time frame discussed is 6:30pm-8:30pm.

MOTION made to approve the \$100.00 donation for the Sit Down with Santa from the Miscellaneous Fund.

MOTION: Newman

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 4-0

## **V. Consider request to allot \$200.00 for the Pot Luck Fellowship to be held in November.**

Sunday, November 04, 2012, at 4:00pm there will be a Community Pot Luck Fellowship Dinner held at the Community Building. Council considered a request from the Fisher Road Baptist Church to donate \$200.00 toward the purchase of drinks, etc.



**IX. November 6th, 2012 City Election**

**a) Update on 2012 City Election**

**b) Approve Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Joint Election**

Mayor Combs discussed with Council members the lack of communication from the County Clerk regarding election information and cost amount. Mayor Combs stated that his understanding is the City is to be billed at ACTUAL COST from the County for the programming of the voting machines. Attorney Daniel Jackson stated that if the contract does not state a specific amount, then we do not have a meeting of the minds. Attorney Jackson also suggested City Council should inform the County Clerk's office that until there is a dollar amount specified then the City cannot sign the contract. Alderman Bercaw questioned if the County only has to add in the new streets within Beach City, or do they have to reconstruct a new County voting record?

MOTION to approve the Interlocal Election agreement with the County, with an amendment added for the City's Pro-Rata share of cost for programming.

MOTION: Newman           SECONDED: Smith    OPPOSED: Lasater    APPROVED: 3-0

**X. Approve Service Agreement with Beach City VFD**

Mayor Combs presented Council with the Service Agreement between the City and Beach City VFD. Robert Campise, Fire Chief of the Beach City Voluntary Fire Department was present. He reported that they have sold the 1998 Pumper that the City had bought. It had mechanical issues and considering the cost of repairs versus the value of the apparatus the decision was made to retire it. They are planning to replace the Pumper and explained the different kinds of Pumpers. He said they have received 3 grants to purchase a Training Library, a training computer and bunker gear. They are going to pursue another grant for another Tanker/Pumper and cutting tools. They have a roster of 15 members, with 10 of those being very active. They will be talking to Chambers County about enlarging their training area and a place to store their bunker gear. He answered questions from council.

MOTION made to approve the Service Provider Agreement for the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION: Newman   SECONDED: Lasater   APPROVED: 4 - 0

**XI. Consider changing dates for November and December council meetings.**

November meeting will remain on the 27<sup>th</sup>. In December the Council meeting falls on Christmas Day, Council made a motion to move the meeting to December 18, 2012; pending availability of the Community building.

MOTION to move December meeting from December 25, 2012 to December 18, 2012, December 19 or December 20<sup>th</sup> pending availability of the building.

MOTION: Newman   SECONDED: Smith   APPROVED: 4-0

**XII. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government code, Section 551.071, concerning Personnel issues regarding City Secretary and Office Assistance Personnel.**

Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:29pm.

**XIII. Consider Action concerning City Secretary and Office Assistance Personnel**

Council reconvened at 7:56 pm for regular session.

Mayor Combs and Council recommend that Council hire Mrs. Evonne Donnelly as Assistant City Secretary and she is to be hired as a City Employee. Council held a discussion of a starting salary for Mrs. Donnelly which ranges from \$10.50-\$11.00 per hour. Employment will be on a Ninety day probationary period.

MOTION to hire Mrs. Evonne Donnelly as Assistant City Secretary and as a City employee with a starting salary range between \$10.50-\$11.00 per hour

MOTION: Lasater

SECONDED: Bercaw

APPROVED: 4-0

**XIV. Hear report and updates from the Mayor**

Mayor Combs informed Council of a resident who had a deceased hog wash up on his bay property. Resident had been unable to obtain any help from the County. The Mayor called the Commissioner and they were unable to remove the carcass for the resident.

**XV. Council Member Comments**

Alderman Newman received a letter for the regular HGAC General Assembly dinner on November 8, 2012 and will be in attendance.

**XVI. Adjournment**

MOTION to adjourn the Tuesday, October 23, 2012 meeting at 8:04pm.

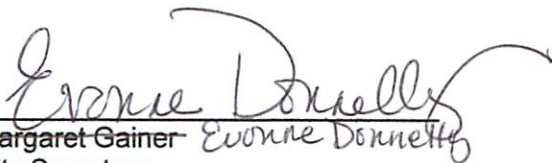
MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 4-0

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED BY:





*Assistant*  
Margaret Gainer  
City Secretary

Billy Combs  
Mayor