

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF BEACH CITY

City Council Regular Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Session & Public Hearing for Renaming McKinney Road to McClellan Road on July 24, 2018** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Billy Combs (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Jackey Lasater, Alderman Doug Walker and Alderman Paul Newman

Members Arriving Late: Alderman Ray Smith arrived at 6:06 P.M.

Members Absent: Alderman Dana Colquitt

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, July 24, 2018 Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and announced enough members are present for a quorum.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Charles Flewellen offered prayer. Alderman Newman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

None

4. Public Hearing for Citizen's Comments concerning renaming McKinney Road, Beach City to McClellan Road

The Regular Meeting recessed at 6:15 and the public hearing commenced at 6:15 P.M.

Beach City resident Jeanette McClellan addressed Council and expressed her appreciation for renaming McKinney Road to McClellan Road.

Public Hearing concluded at 6:18 P.M. and Council reconvened back into regular session at 6:18 P.M.

5. Discussion and possible action adopting an ordinance renaming McKinney Road, Beach City to McClellan Road

Motion to adopt an ordinance renaming McKinney Road, Beach City to McClellan Road.

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

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

There have been several calls about the construction on McCollum Park Road and all the dust it has stirred up. Also, several calls have come in from concerned citizens who are worried about the County increasing the level of McCollum Park Road, so it would dam the water up and the water would stand longer in Barrow Ranch. Commissioner Senac noted that the County is not increasing the height of the road and would not block the water flow in Barrow Ranch.

There was a meeting with all of the stake holders on FM 565 South regarding the S-curve project. TxDOT was at the meeting for a schematic review. Phase 1 is to remove the S-curve and add some turn lanes. Phase 2 would include a bridge over the UP (United Pacific) line (railroad tracks) with the addition of four lanes and a center turn lane. The initial price tag was approximately \$29 million dollars. Now, it is closer to \$39 million.

The Grand Parkway Group, known as GPI (Grand Parkway Infrastructure), is scheduled to remove the train trestle over Cedar Bayou. GPI will also construct parts of the overpasses going in at FM 1405 and at Fisher Road.

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

There was a complaint from a resident on Lennie Lane of an individual continually burning trash. According to Chief McDonald, State regulations provide if a local jurisdiction provides trash collection then you cannot burn household garbage. Chief McDonald questioned if the County collection site on Lawrence Road constitutes providing trash collection. Alderman Newman stated that the regulation would refer to curbside trash collection. Mayor Combs added that there are still guidelines in place, as he understands it, that the burning must be contained and it cannot pose a danger to anyone else.

Alderman Newman referred to the State's General Nuisance Rule, TAC (Texas Administrative Code) 101.4 that basically states; you cannot cause smoke, odor, etc. that would keep someone from enjoying the use of their property. While the burning maybe legal, a person may still be in violation of TAC 101.4.

The BCVFD is getting ready for the expansion of the fire department.

There have been several calls ranging from alarms to gas leaks.

The Poker Run raised between \$14,000 and \$15,000 for the fire department.

A delivery truck rear ended a woman on FM 2354 in front of Oceanway Mobile Park, the woman in the car did not survive her injuries.

8. Consider and approve Resolution of Honor for Pastor Sam Hughes

A large crowd was in attendance for the presentation of the Resolution of Honor plaque given to Mrs. Scharlotte Hughes for her late husband Pastor Sam Hughes.

Motion to approve

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 3-0

9. Presentation of Proclamation for retired Assistant City Secretary Marge Bercaw

A presentation of the Proclamation of Appreciation plaque was given to Marge Bercaw for her five years of service to the City.

10. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of FY 2018-19 Budget of June 26th, 2018

Motion to approve

Motion: Newman

Second: Lasater

Approved: 4-0

11. Review and approve financial statements and revised budget for FY 2017-18 ending June 30, 2018

Mayor Combs reviewed the income for FY 2017-18. The income was over budget by \$22,144.73. The bulk of that amount, \$9,555, was an increase from the septic permits, we had significantly more permits than Council budgeted for. This also affected the expense side due to the inspector's fee and TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) fees. The City's permitting fees increased in May. Our miscellaneous income category was \$7,000 over the budgeted amount. This is in part due to the insurance money received for the claim we had due to Hurricane Harvey.

There was a substantial overrun in Telecommunications. Council budgeted \$18,500, the actual income was \$22,577.36.

Overall, the Expenses came in under budget by \$5,000. This is taking into account the expenses from Harvey, the office expansion and furniture needed for the new office.

At the budget workshop it was overlooked that the \$20,000 received from the Beach City Cultural Education Finance Facilities Corporation (BC CEFFC) made the fund balance \$47,429.17. This is approximately a 6.5% (six and a half percent) increase over the entire fund balance the City has seen, since it's conception.

Mayor Combs added, overall this was a very, very good year and we are leaving our future Councils a little bit of a fund balance for an emergency or rainy-day expense.

A final review of all expenses was conducted by Mayor Combs.

A copy of the proposal to amend the budget for ending FY 2017-18 is available for Council to review. This amends the income to match what was received:

Budgeted for FY 2017-18, \$138,375; Received in FY 2017-18, \$160,519.73.

Expenses remained the same as budgeted. However, some numbers were adjusted in certain line items to make each category balance out. The final expense number remained the same at \$138,375.

Motion to approve

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

12. 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

An updated link for the Expenditures is available for Council.

Motion to approve

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

Mayor Combs added, the ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract, this is a formality.

Motion to approve
Motion: Walker

Second: Smith

Approved: 4-0

18. Discuss and consider retaining an IT person and/or company to assist the City with computer issues

Mayor Pro Tem Lasater suggested this item at last month's meeting. Secretary Donnelly will get quotes from our local area computer gurus, such as PC Outlet. Bring back next month.

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

One complaint, the Inspector went out to this property and found no issues with the system.

20. Report and update from the Mayor

1. Dollar General is coming to our area, across from RWJ subdivision.
2. TxDOT is repaving FM 3180.
3. The FM 2354 construction project between FM 2354 and FM 565 has been put on hold. TxDOT is waiting to let this project simultaneously with the FM 3180 project that runs between FM 565 and I-10. This will also include the work that will be done for the switchover at the bridge. Bids may go out in September.
4. Comcast still has not begun the work to lay the cable tying in all of Beach City. At this point we are not certain when they will start this project.
5. McCollum Park Road repairs are still underway. Complaints are coming in about the dust from all the work. Mayor Combs contacted Commissioner Senac, Commissioner Senac contacted Kevin McClung with Chambers County Road and Bridge who sent a water truck out to help the dust issue.
6. The RWJ drainage project has been put on hold. The contractor pulled their bid, which was extremely low. Time has expired and the County must go back for rebids. The County has applied for an extension from FEMA and this request is laying on the Governor's desk awaiting approval.
7. Alderman Colquitt has been ill and is doing better
8. Chambers County is considering implementing a county wide EMS (Emergency Medical Services)
9. After the last big rainstorm water was not draining on the Southside of the community building and the water was dangerously close to coming inside the office.
10. There is an opportunity in August for the BC CEFFC to act as the conduit for another loan.
11. One of our residents who frequents the City Council meetings has been diagnosed with cancer. Our prayers are with him.
12. Pictures for the ID badges are needed.

21. Council Comments

None

22. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.
Motion: Lasater

Second: Smith


Approved: 4-0

Minutes Approved: August 28, 2018



Billy Combs, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

