

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 **January 22, 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 and Alderman Ryan Dagley

**Members Arriving Late:** Alderman Ray Smith arrived at 6:13 P.M.

**Staff Present:** City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

**Legal Counsel Present:** City Attorney Daniel Jackson

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

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Mayor Lasater called the regular council meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**3. Administer Oath of Office for newly appointed Council Member: Ryan Dagley**

Attorney Jackson administered the oath of office to Mr. Dagley who will complete Mayor Lasater's unexpired term as Alderman through November 2019.

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

None

**5. Hear report and update from Chambers County Commissioner Pct. 4, Billy Combs**

Chambers County Day in Austin is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chambers County Commissioners Court approved the new County Courthouse and Justice Center to be built in Anahuac, adjacent to the existing courthouse. The County Jail was built in the 1980's with an addition added on in the 1990's to temporarily assist with overcrowding. The jail is in dire need of repair and continues to be overcrowded. The courthouse is on the historic registry therefore, no improvements can easily be made to it.

Commissioners Court will request approval from the State for a new County Court of Law. Upon approval, this will create another court that can handle a variety of cases ranging from probate law, criminal law, family law to Class A-C misdemeanors, etc.

Trans-Global Solutions (TGS) asked the County for approval to create a four-way stop intersection at Fisher Road and the road going toward TX 99 (to be named Cedar Port Parkway).

The road coming off TX 99 will continue forward onto the TGS property. Fisher Road will cross this road, creating the need for a four-way stop.

Around 2005 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) began a study that details the current rainfall event in a twenty-four-hour period. This is used to determine the one-hundred-year and the five-hundred-year rain events. Which are then used to determine the one-hundred-year flood plain and the five-hundred-year flood plain. Currently the rainfall estimate that we work upon for development is 14 inches of rain in a twenty-four-hour period. The latest data incorporates the rainfall from Hurricane Harvey, the rainfall amount for our area is 18.4 inches. Commissioners Court tabled the agenda item to accept the data in Atlas 14 and form a committee to review this information. FEMA will take the data from the latest rain event study and use this information to change/update the one-hundred-year floodplains on the FEMA flood maps. When this update would occur is anyone's guess.

Commissioners Court passed a resolution today to oppose the HoltMar application which wants to deposit dredge material in Beach City from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Area of Concern. This opposition was stated verbally during Commissioners Court, two weeks ago.

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

No representatives from the BCVFD were in attendance.

**7. Approve Minutes for Special Called Meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Motion** to approve the minutes for Special Called Meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**8. Approve Minutes for Special Called Meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Motion** to approve the minutes for the Special Called Meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 5-0

**9. 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 accept the financial consent agenda

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Lasater noted the two CD's approved in 2018 have been purchased and he reviewed the unbeknownst TexasTERM advisory fee with Council.

The \$150,000 CD for eighteen months has an interest rate of 2.96%.

The \$100,000 CD for twenty-four months has an interest rate of 3.15%.

**10. Discuss and consider adopting an ordinance concerning dredge material placement in Beach City**

Mayor Lasater read aloud the preamble of Ordinance 2019-01 concerning dredge material in Beach City. The Mayor thanked Attorney Jackson for assembling this ordinance in a short amount of time.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Newman

**Approved:** 5-0

**Discussion:** Alderman Newman gave kudos to Mayor Lasater for adding the word upstream to the ordinance, so it reads: upstream and downstream.

**11. Discussion and possible action on establishing weight limits on McCollum Park Road**

Mayor Lasater has discussed this subject with Commissioner Combs and Sheriff Hawthorne. The Sheriff has offered to assist, from an enforcement perspective, to make the ordinance citizen friendly.

Alderman Dagley and Alderman Colquitt are the two members of Council on this committee. Alderman Newman has opted to no longer serve on this committee due to time constraints.

Council must give Chambers County permission to take core samples for the testing to rate the weight limits on McCollum Park Road.

Alderman Colquitt spoke with a few smaller municipalities on how they handle weight limits on their roads. The response she received is, a commercial company will have to file for a \$15,000 surety bond for vehicles under 48,000 pounds with assurances to repair any damages to said road. Anything over 48,000 pounds is not allowed.

**Motion to authorize the County to move forward with core sampling**

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 5-0

**12. Consider and Approve aerial applications for purpose of Mosquito Control within the corporate limits of Beach City**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion:** Smith

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**13. Consider and approve an Emergency Management Director/Coordinator per Section 418.101 of the Texas Government Code**

**Motion to approve the Emergency Management Director/Coordinator per Section 418.101 of the Texas Government Code to be Roy Turner**

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**14. Consider and approve agreement with the Barbers Hill Lions Club to participate in the patriotic flag program for 2019**

**Motion to approve the agreement**

**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**Discussion:** Alderman Colquitt asked what the cost of the flags will be this year.

Secretary Donnelly stated the cost is \$50 per flag, same price as previous years.

The City pays for four flags each year.

**15. Brought back from the December 18, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting: Discuss and consider internal controls for financial security procedures of all City accounts and take appropriate action**

Mayor Lasater presented to Council verbiage to enhance the internal security controls.

**Motion to accept internal security controls as presented**

**Motion:** Colquitt

**Second:** Newman

**Approved:** 5-0

**16. Discussion and possible action on amendments to the City's Public Funds Investment Policy (PFIP)**

The City's checking account now has two signors Mayor Lasater and Alderman Walker.

Mayor Lasater read aloud the proposed wording to add to the PFIP: "To ensure avoidance of a disruption of City Business due to the absence of authorized signors of the checking account, City Council can designate additional signators that can include up to a total of four (4) Aldermen for the checking account only".

**Motion to amend the PFIP**  
**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Smith

**Approved:** 5-0

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

None

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

- a). Tri-City Beach Grocery is scheduled to open at the beginning of February.
- b). letters opposing the dredge material should be sent to Brian Bader with the Army Corps of Engineers.

**19. Council Comments**

Alderman Newman has not written his letter to the Corps as of yet, the public comment period closes February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Newman gave some tips for others on how they may want to itemize the issues they have with the placement of this material on McCollum Park Road in their letters to the Corps:

- a). how the samples are obtained is questionable.
- b). proximity of this material to area residents and their property lines; justiciable interest.
- c). how this material would adversely affect property values.
- d). the Corps takes personal handwritten letters more seriously than form letters.

Alderman Colquitt stated the City has received 797 signed petitions to date, but we still need more.

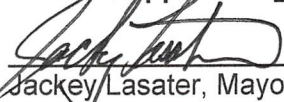
**20. Adjourn at 7:26 P.M.**

**Motion to adjourn**  
**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**Minutes Approved:** February 26, 2019

  
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Jackey Lasater, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

