

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City of Beach City – City Council Regular Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Session** on **September 24, 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 Ray Smith, Alderman Paul Newman and Alderman Ryan Dagley

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, September 24, 2019 Mayor Lasater called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lasater offered prayer and 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. Hear report and update from Billy Combs Chambers County Commissioner Pct. 4

No report

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

The BCVFD offered to back up Mid County, and put themselves on standby, in case they needed assistance during/after Tropical Storm (TS) Imelda. No calls for assistance came in during that time. There have been three CPR calls in the last month.

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of August 27th, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes with the revisions sent from Alderman Newman

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

7. 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

(d) Review and approve Weekly Review of Accounts

Motion to approve

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

8. Discuss and consider approving a replat of the Reserve Tract in Block 1 of the Final Plat of Barrow Ranch Section 4 to remove as a Reserve Tract. This tract is listed as Lot 3A of Rodriguez Acres

Mayor Lasater explained that Mr. Rodriguez purchased this property from the Homeowners Association (HOA) and the only required change is to remove the label "Reserve" from the plat. Chambers County has approved this as well.

Motion to approve

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Some Council members questioned why this was tract was marked Reserved. This tract has a pipeline easement running across it and it cannot be used for a park, buildings, etc. Mr. Rodriguez is adding this tract to his adjacent property.

9. Discuss and consider approving AECOM's Antiquities Permit request regarding Air Products Pipeline Project

Air Products would like to run a pipeline from Baytown to Texas City. The path to run this under Trinity Bay would take the pipeline across one of the Beach City easements.

The law requires that an antiquities search be conducted prior to any construction.

The company will dig approximately 5 to 6 holes, each around three feet deep.

Alderman Newman has some concerns regarding the workspace confinements of this project and how the workers will not encroach upon the neighboring property owners land.

Motion to approve Mayor Lasater to sign the Antiquities Permit

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Alderman Walker questioned who issues the permit for Trinity Bay.

10. Discuss and approve an amendment to Ordinance 2015-02 adding RV Park Regulations

This was discussed in 2015 after Chambers County updated their ordinance to include the RV Park Regulations. For whatever reason, this item was tabled for a couple of meetings and never brought back to the table for a final discussion.

Motion to amend our Ordinance per the handout and changes that were reviewed.

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Alderman Smith questioned, is an RV a temporary home on wheels that is pulled by a trailer or drives itself? Council members replied, yes. Alderman Smith asked, who will enforce the six month rule to make certain that RV is moved around to ensure the wheels do not lock up?

Mayor Lasater added, if we modify the verbiage then we will not match what the County has in place.

11. Discuss and consider purchasing a Satellite Phone to use during severe weather events

Last month Alderman Smith requested research be conducted on the cost of a satellite phone for the City office to have during severe weather events.

Assistant Secretary Wallace provided the research into the cost and the efficacy of having a satellite phone as an alternate form of communication.

After a brief discussion, Council could not determine the benefit(s) for such a purchase.

No action taken.

12. Brought back for discussion from the August 27, 2019 meeting: Discuss and consider amending Ordinance 2010-01 regarding subdivision regulations to coincide with Chambers County's new regulations

The County still has not updated their Ordinance. Bring back next month.

13. Discuss and consider approving the continued receipt of Charity Bingo prize fee funds, per H.B. 914

Per the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC), the City must approve the continued receipt of the share of bingo prize fee funds by a majority vote and notify the TLC of this decision no later than November 1, 2019.

Motion to advise the State that the City will retain any percentage Beach City is entitled to of the Bingo, per House Bill 914.

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Alderman Walker questioned if the City must take the prize fee money. Mayor Lasater noted that this just reserves the City's right.

14. Discussion and possible action on the designation of the City's Representative and Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) General Assembly for the year of 2020

Alderman Colquitt nominated Alderman Newman as the City's representative and Alderman Walker as the City's Alternate for the H-GAC's 2020 General Assembly.

15. Update and discussion from the Beautify Beach City Committee regarding roadside litter on FM 2354

The committee has mostly turned this over to the new Beach City Civic Club (BCCC).

The BCCC will meet October 2nd.

The BCCC will adopt a two-mile section of the highway from the State of Texas and keep it clean.

Mayor Lasater spoke with Sheriff Hawthorne last week and the Sheriff stated that some of the probationers could assist in picking up trash for their community service. TxDOT may also help with signage (i.e. litter and Keep Beach City Beautiful signs, etc.).

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

None

17. Report and update from the Mayor

1. The body of a murdered man was found on a property in Beach City. The murder did not happen here, rather the body was transported to Beach City and placed on this property.

2. I-10 San Jacinto River Bridge was struck by multiple barges during TS Imelda. This caused significant damage to the west bound side of the bridge and traffic has been rerouted through some of our area.

3. TS Imelda severely impacted the Winnie-Stowell area, a curfew is currently in place.

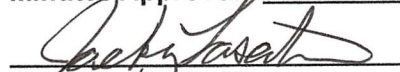
4. Ms. Gainer's son Butch passed away several weeks ago.

18. Council Comments

None

19. Adjourn meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Minutes Approved: October 22, 2019


Jackey Lasater, Mayor

Attest:


Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

