

# City of Beach City Council

## SPECIAL CALLED Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a **BUDGET WORKSHOP** Meeting on Tuesday,  
**June 02, 2015** 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 Paul Newman, and Alderman Dana Colquitt

**Note:** Alderman Doug Walker arrived at 6:18 pm

**Members Absent:** Alderman Ray Smith

**Staff Present:** City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw

**Staff Absent:** City Attorney Daniel Jackson

### 1. Call to order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 6:04 pm.

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

### 2. Public Comments (Limited to five minutes per person)

Beach City Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD) Chief Pat McDonald gave a brief update to Council on the BCVFD's current and projected budget. They have applied for a \$25,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to assist with the purchase of new bunker gear. A replacement fire truck is in the planning stages. This would be a 2000 gallon tanker pumper with approximate cost of \$250,000 or more.

### 3. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code;

(a) Section 551.074, Texas Government Code concerning Personnel issues regarding the City Secretary and/or Assistant Secretary

RECESS for Executive Session 6.22 pm

RECONVENE: 6:56 pm

### 4. Consider and possible action concerning the City Secretary and/or Assistant Secretary

**Motion** to give City Secretary a 3.5% raise effective at the beginning of the new Fiscal Year (FY) and that we address the Assistant City Secretary in a few weeks from now.

**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**5. Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Mayor Combs stated interest rates are dropping everywhere due to the economy and the return on the City's CD's has decreased as well.

The City's permit applications have decreased this year. Council raised the permit rate charges recently.

Council discussed training and travel expenses for the City Secretary's enrollment in the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program and training for the Texas Municipal Court Clerk.

Mayor Combs and Council desire to have an official audit done but the cost would be high.

Council discussed not continuing the flood insurance for the City office due to high premiums that are predicted to rise even higher this coming Fiscal Year (FY).

The proposed budget will include funding for the Bridgehaven Children's Advocacy Center, and the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Estimated income for FY 2015-2016 is \$117,959.

**6. Adjourn**

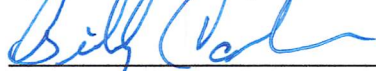
**Motion** to adjourn at 8:20 pm

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

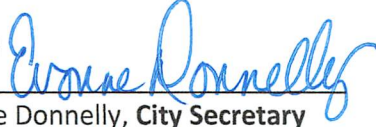
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Approved: **June 23, 2015**



Billy Combs, **Mayor**

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, **City Secretary**