

City of Beach City

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City Council Regular Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Session August 25, 2020** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Jackey Lasater, Alderman Paul Newman, Alderman Ray Smith and Alderman Ryan Dagley

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt and Alderman Doug Walker

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Deanna Wallace

Legal Counsel Absent: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, August 25, 2020 Mayor Lasater called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Donnelly offered prayer and Alderman Newman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

None

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

With Hurricane Laura seemingly bearing down on us, the number to Chambers County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is 409-267-2461.

Commissioner Combs, Mayor Lasater and Alderman Dagley met with TGS (Trans Global Solutions) regarding TGS' proposal to take over Fisher Road from Chambers County. TGS would like to widen the road to five lanes and add a railroad crossing. This proposal was not well received by the Beach City community. There were over 240 comments sent to Commissioner Combs rejecting the TGS proposal. The latest call Commissioner Combs had with the TGS representative indicated they have moved away from wanting to take over Fisher Road and adding a rail crossing. TGS has since agreed to run a watermain directly to the BCVFD station. In exchange for this, TGS is requesting the County to provide TGS with the first fourteen feet of Fisher Road and add five concrete lanes with two ten foot shoulders. Anything beyond this would be renegotiated in a second phase.

TGS could run a road in the middle of their property and create an access directly off of FM 2354. The goal would be to minimize or eliminate access off of FM 2354.

Commissioner Combs noted that Chambers County has an ordinance requiring a fifty foot green belt that includes a sound and sight barrier. TGS has mentioned they would be agreeable to hiring a landscape architect to create a design an Earth Berm that would include walking rails, hike/bike trails, a park, etc. This would help the FM 2354 residents have something to view other than a

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warehouse. The County has little control over sound, compared to a City. The current state law regarding noise, falls under Disorderly Conduct, which would cover noise exceeding 85 decibels.

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

Due to Hurricane Laura, the County Judge has ordered a mandatory evacuation of low lying areas. The BCVFD went to Cedar Point Road, the south end of Beach City - West Chambers County, reminding the residents about this mandatory evacuation.

The Cove VFD is having membership issues. The BCVFD will be added as 'automatic aide' for Cove for all calls received.

Chief McDonald presented Council with a cost estimate for gas detectors the VFD would like Council to fund. The total cost from Dooley Tackaberry is \$7,092.01. Alderman Smith asked if this fits into the additional FY 2019-2020 excess funds of \$15,000 Council gave the BCVFD in June. Chief McDonald stated that Council mentioned using the Sales & Use Tax funds for the fire department. This was before anyone knew the yearly income from the Sales & Use Tax would be closer to \$60,000 a year. The BCVFD has provided a wishlist to Council and would like Council to fund the items on the list.

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of July 28th, 2020

Motion to approve minutes for Regular meeting of July 28th

Motion: Newman

Second: Dagley

Approved: 3-0

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 Statement(s) for the 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 the Financial Consent Agenda

Motion: Newman

Second: Dagley

Approved: 3-0

Discussion: Alderman Newman noted the income is looking pretty good.

Mayor Lasater referred to the upcoming sales and use tax payment, we are unsure if these deposits will come in monthly or quarterly.

Alderman Smith praised the audience for this income.

8. Review and discuss maturing Capital Bank CD #390, matures September 01, 2020

Mayor Lasater would like to add money to the maturing CD, from the City's general fund, to create a new CD. This will remove some of the excess money in the City's account. Per the Public Funds Investment Policy, the City should keep approximately three months of expenditures on hand. Currently, adding \$35,000 to the maturing CD would create a new CD in the approximate amount of \$200,000. This would be with Capital Bank at an interest rate would be .65%, for one year.

Mayor Lasater noted there is an additional \$30,000 that needs to be moved out of the general fund.

Alderman Dagley added that moving approximately \$65,000 from the checking account would get that account down to within the three months of expenditures.

Secretary Donnelly reminded Council the City receives a monthly franchise fee from CenterPoint, which will push the general fund account back up as well.

Council agreed to create a CD in the amount of \$230,000 for 12 months at .65% with Capital Bank.

9. Discussion and possible action on approval of Resolution for new CD investment

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Mayor Lasater asked Secretary Donnelly if this Resolution is required for each CD. This Resolution is always requested from Capital Bank.

Motion to approve the Resolution for a new CD Investment

Motion: Newman

Second: Dagley

Approved: 3-0

10. Discuss and consider adopting an Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Mutual Aid

Mayor Lasater stated this agreement is exactly like the agreement from five years ago but the cost is modified. To the best of the Mayor's knowledge the intent is still the same.

Motion to approve

Motion: Dagley

Second: Newman

Approved: 3-0

11. Discuss and consider adopting an Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Emergency Management

Council did not read this agreement. Mayor Lasater scanned through this agreement and it is worded a lot differently than the agreement from 2015.

According to Ryan Holzaepfel, Chambers County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator, while this agreement is worded much differently than the previous agreement, the intent is still the same.

Motion to approve

Motion: Smith

Second: Dagley

Approved: 3-0

12. Discuss and consider revisions to Ordinance 2014-6 Establishing Permit Requirements

Bring back in September.

13. Discuss and consider approving the installation of cameras at the front door of the community building as an additional means of safety for the City Secretary and staff

Last month Secretary Donnelly had an issue with three men parked in front of the Community Building door, almost completely blocking ingress and egress to the building. One of the men came inside of the building and tried to enter the City office. While this situation ended better than it started, Secretary Donnelly has requested security cameras be placed in the front of the building and any other security measures deemed appropriate, put in place.

Motion to approve a \$3,000 limit for a camera/security system

Motion: Dagley

Second: Smith

Approved: 3-0

Discussion: It will be taken under advisement by the experts on how and where to place the cameras. The quote Alderman Dagley presented to Council includes commercial grade cameras with eight ports.

14. Discuss and consider contracting with a website hosting / content management system for the City's website

Mayor Lasater will no longer be hosting the website when he retires in November.

Alderman Dagley said the same company, Unified Data Services, whose bid he presented for the security cameras, can also create the City a website for \$650 and then \$200 a year to manage and maintain.

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Motion to approve website hosting/content management system as proposed by Councilman Dagley

Motion: Smith

Second: Newman

Approved: 3-0

Discussion: Mayor Lasater, Secretary Donnelly and Alderman Dagley will meet with the Unified Data Services to review and discuss the website.

15. Consider and approve an Order of Cancellation for the November 03, 2020 City Election, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code: due to lack of opposition for positions and issues for referendum

Motion to approve

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

Approved: 3-0

Discussion: Alderman Newman questioned who was running unopposed: Alderman Walker, Alderman Colquitt and Alderman Dagley is Mayor Elect.

16. Discussion and possible action regarding citizens complaint requesting possible tree removal in Walker Parkview Subdivision

Bring back to September's meeting

17. Discussion and possible action regarding GoDaddy city email account

Bring back to September's meeting

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

A formal complaint was sent to the City regarding a resident in Walker Parkview Subdivision who dug up their septic lines and ran a pvc pipe straight to the drainage ditch. The City's inspector smelled raw sewage and took pictures of the pipe running into the drainage ditch.

19. Report and update from the Mayor

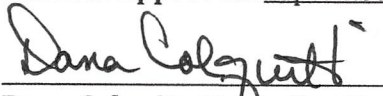
None

20. Council Comments

Alderman Newman is seeing more adults driving ATV's or gas powered golf carts on the easement or ditch going to the Dollar Store, etc.

21. Adjourn meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Minutes Approved: September 22, 2020



Dana Colquitt, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

