

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 **March 24, 2020** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Jackey Lasater, Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt, Alderman Ray Smith, Alderman Paul Newman, Alderman Ryan Dagley and Alderman Doug Walker

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

Legal Counsel Absent: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Mayor Lasater called the Regular Called Council meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lasater offered prayer and Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt 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 Pct. 4 Chambers County Commissioner, Billy Combs

No report

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

No report

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 25th, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 25, 2020

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

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 Statement(s) 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: Newman

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: The Comcast bank draft was \$50 less than what was billed. Comcast has owed the City a \$50 credit for signing up with them last year. Secretary Donnelly added, this credit has been a long time coming. It took contacting a Comcast supervisor to help get this refund pushed through. Mayor Lasater advised Council that the City's General Fund (checking) account has approximately \$63,000 in it as of this meeting. Per the City's Investment Policy, three months of expenditures is what is required to have in the account. Mayor Lasater would like to move \$25,000 to the existing TexPool account so this money can collect interest. Council concurred with the Mayor.

8. Discussion and possible action on CenterPoint Energy 2020 Annual GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) Adjustment (increase) for the Texas Coast Division

Council may choose to not take any action or, vote to suspend the GRIP for ninety days.
No action taken.

9. Discuss and consider extending the Proclamation, Declaration of Disaster dated March 17, 2020, for the City of Beach City regarding COVID-19

Motion to approve extending the Proclamation, Declaration of Disaster dated March 17, 2020, for the City of Beach City regarding COVID-19

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

10. Discuss and consider adopting an Ordinance regulating pipelines within the incorporated limits of Beach City

Air Products (AP) will not be using the City's easement to run a proposed hydrogen pipeline from Baytown to Texas City, via Trinity Bay. After speaking with Council last year, AP decided to find an alternate route for their pipeline.

Mayor Lasater announced that he was contacted by AP regarding his personal residence/property on FM 2354 and asked if he would allow AP access to his property for this pipeline. One of the Mayor's neighbors was contacted as well but he neglected to get back in touch with AP on this matter in a timely fashion. Mayor Lasater did finalize an agreement with AP for the pipeline to cross his property. Discussion followed, Council asked Mayor Lasater questions regarding this agreement.

Alderman Newman is still working on an ordinance that will address fee structure; contracting with a third party to review the designs, etc. A draft of the ordinance will be presented to Council at the April meeting.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas 2020 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications Right-Of-Way Access Line Rates

No action taken.

12. Review and discuss revisions to the City's Personnel Policy

Council discussed adding Chain of Command to this policy and addressed holidays and floating holiday pay.

Bring back to the April meeting.

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

Alderman Walker questioned the Bay Place OSSF complaint. Secretary Donnelly will speak to the Inspector and get the final status.

14. Report and update from the Mayor

1. COVID-19 – the office remains open and people are still applying for new construction, etc., permits.

2. Mayor Lasater applauded Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt and all those who are have been running errands and helping others who are shut-in and cannot get out at this time.

15. Council Comments

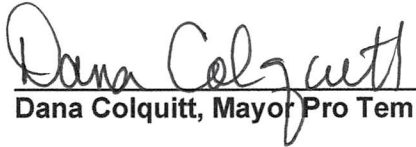
Alderman Smith referred to Item 10 and asked Mayor Lasater if he will be compensated for allowing the pipeline to run across his property, to which Mayor Lasater responded yes. Mayor Lasater will be happy to speak to anyone that has any questions regarding this matter. Alderman Dagley added that the perception, from some people, could be that City Council was supplied with a packet of information and the Mayor had a document stating where the pipeline would go. Then the Mayor may have contacted AP with a better idea. Mayor Lasater noted that AP contacted him, he did not contact AP. It was many months later, after AP appeared before Council, when the Mayor was contacted asking if he would allow AP to survey his property regarding this pipeline.

Alderman Smith stated for the record, he (Alderman Smith) is not running for Mayor, he does not do interviews, he does not put political signs in his yard. No one knows what he is thinking, that's what the question was all about.


Mayor Lasater did speak to the City Attorney, Alderman Newman and Alderman Dagley regarding AP's request asking for their input on this matter, prior to making his decision.

16. Adjourn meeting at: 7:11 P.M.

Minutes Approved: March 24, 2020


Dana Colquitt, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest to:


Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

