

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, **December 17, 2013** at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMEN: Doug Walker; Dana Colquitt; Paul Newman, Ray Smith (Alderman Smith left during discussion of the Minutes)

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Evonne Donnelly

I. Call to order:

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6.06 pm.

Alderman Colquitt offered the prayer.

Attorney Daniel Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Mayor Combs was ill; Council agreed to table all items on the Agenda that did not require discussion prior to the January 28th meeting.

II. Citizens Comments:

Alderman Colquitt gave an update on the two Beach City families she is sponsoring for Christmas. So far she has collected approximately \$600.00 to purchase food and gifts for both families.

Mayor Combs commented that Alderman Colquitt has a big heart.

III. Hear report and update from Chambers County Commissioner, Rusty Senac:

Commissioner Senac was not present for the meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of November 26, 2013.

Alderman Walker noted changes to be made on page two of the Nov. Minutes regarding item VII-Financials, the conversation involving the CD should read: Council asked to find out what the penalty is for

early withdrawal and to continue this discussion at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Combs noted that on page four, item XIV-Sit Down with Santa, he would like to add at the end of the paragraph: Cost estimates are \$750.00.

Motion to approve minutes as amended:

Motion: Newman **Second:** Lasater **Approved:** 4-0

V. Financial Consent Agenda:

- 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**

Secretary Donnelly stated the CD rates for the 36, 48, & 60 month terms are still the same as last month, but the rates do change every Wednesday. Current rates are:

1.05% - 36 month CD

1.44% - 48 month CD

1.88% - 60 month CD.

Council discussed the various rates and what parameters are outlined in the Beach City PFIA Policy.

Motion to approve the financials:

Motion: Walker **Second:** Colquitt **Approved:** 4-0

VI. Discuss and consider adoption of an ordinance establishing new rates or denying the water utility rate increase for customers within the corporate limits of Beach City filed by Aqua Texas.

Motion to set a rate for Aqua Texas in the form that the rate would be a Base Rate of \$31.00 per month, and a Volume Metric Rate of \$2.50 per one thousand gallons; this would be the same rate for both the 5/8 meter and the 3/4 meter. Also, to approve the miscellaneous rates as proposed.

Motion: Newman **Second:** Walker **Approved:** 4-0

VII. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government code;

- a) **Section 551.071, Consult with Attorney concerning contemplation of legal action with Aqua Texas.**
- b) **Section 551.071, Texas Government code concerning Personnel issues regarding City Secretary.**

*Adjourned regular meeting at: 6:08pm
*Reconvened regular meeting at: 7:24pm

VIII. Consider and possible action concerning City Secretary.

Tabled until next meeting.

IX. Discuss and approve City Holiday Schedule for 2014.

Motion to approve the calendar as presented here including November 11th and Christmas Eve holidays.

Motion: Newman **Second:** Colquitt **Approved:** 4-0

X. Discussion and possible action on a bid for built-in bookshelves.

Tabled until next meeting.

XI. Discussion and possible action on Surplus Office Equipment.

Tabled until next meeting.

XII. Hear nominations and select 2013 Volunteer of the Year.

Nominees were read aloud by Mayor Combs:
Dana Colquitt; Karen Mudd; Glennice Morgenson; Wesley Riggs & Keith Grace - these two gentlemen are the Beach City Fallen Soldiers killed in Active Duty; and are to be considered as a pair. Alderman Colquitt stated that she doesn't volunteer for the recognition or for a plaque; she asked Council to choose someone else.

Mayor Combs stated that Alderman Colquitt's Volunteer efforts are to be noted. Seemingly each year one Council member is nominated and each time they bow out of the nomination.

After much discussion among Council members regarding two of the nominees, it was decided that Council will vote on each nominee by a

Motion of Order:

Dana Colquitt - 0

Karen Mudd - 3

Glennice Morgenson - 0

Wesley Riggs & Keith Grace - 1

Mayor Combs stated that the Beach City Volunteer of the Year is

Karen Mudd.

Mayor Combs noted that Alderman Colquitt asked Council not to vote for her, but he wants her know just how much we appreciate her.

XIII. Discussion and possible action on Fund Raiser for the Fallen Solider Memorial.

Tabled until next meeting.

XIV. Update, discussion and possible action on the City Survey.

Tabled until next meeting.

XV. Hear report and updates from the Mayor:

Mayor Combs emailed his written comments to Council prior to the meeting, due to losing his voice. Mayor Combs did review each item with Council.

The Mayor's Comments are attached.

XVI. Council Member Comments:

None

XVII. Adjournment:

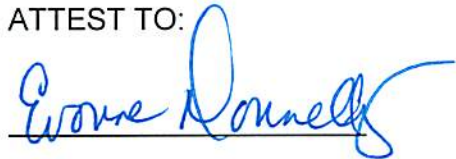
Motion made to adjourn at 8:17pm:

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

ATTEST TO:



City Secretary
Evonne Donnelly

APPROVED BY:



Mayor
Billy Combs

1. Galveston Bay Entergy
 - Had a brine water tank rupture and pump failure during a heavy rain.
 - Brine water and oil overflowed from the firewall and ran onto a neighboring property.
 - Water and soil test were taken by an independent lab, the water samples were within limits but two soil samples were not.
 - RRC guidelines are to wait 60 days and retest. Neighbor wants it cleaned now.
 - Met with representatives of GBE, RRC, Chambers County, OSHA, and Neighboring Land Owners.
 - No resolution came from the meeting. Got the impression the RRC and oil company were one in the same and neither one cared.

2. The Natural Gas Company
 - It was brought to my attention that TNGC has lost their new supplier, Layton Energy, and that all of Layton's wells are off line.
 - GBE, TNGC's original supplier, has given a 60 day notice that they will be termination their contract with TNGC. And that they do not have an adequate supply of gas to guarantee uninterrupted service, especially in cold weather.
 - Dan and I have written emails to TNGC about our concerns and so far have not gotten a reply.
 - Good news is CenterPoint is running a pipeline to Barrow Ranch that will serve as a transfer line from a real supplier to TNGC.

3. Danger from mud spread on the road from trucks at the Sand Pit.
 - An incident happened at 2354 and the entrance to the sand pit by mud spread on the road by dump trucks during wet weather.
 - Four cars slid off the road. The VFD was called out to hose the mud off the road. This is an ongoing problem.
 - I contacted the commissioner and the sheriff. Both jumped on it immediately and got TX-DOT involved. As a result it looks like TX-DOT will work with the sand pit and have them install the best practice prevention measures to keep mud off the road.

4. Telecommunication Interest
 - Met with one company two weeks ago and will meet with another tomorrow about running fiber throughout Beach City.

5. SECO Grant is Final (I hope)
6. Sit Down with Santa, A Big Success! Thanks to all that helped and Thanks to the Hammes Family!
7. Santa on the Bay, Another Big Success! Thanks to all that helped and to those who that would have if the could have. Jackey did a fantastic job as Santa and Ray did a good job hugging haft the women in Beach City.

Proposed Beach City Holiday Calendar 2014

January: 1st - New Years Day (Wed.)

May: 26th - Memorial Day (Mon.)

July: 4th - Independence Day (Fri.)

September: 1st - Labor Day (Mon.)

November: 11th - Veteran's Day (Tue.)

27th - Thanksgiving (Fri.)

December: 24th - Christmas Eve (Wed.)

25th - Christmas (Thurs.)

Two Floating Holidays: Secretary's choice