

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, **January 28, 2014** 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

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson - ABSENT

CITY SECRETARY: Evonne Donnelly

I. Call to order:

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order:

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 6.07 pm.

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

II. Citizens Comments:

None

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

Commissioner Senac gave an update to the Council and Mayor on the various traffic accidents caused by previous icy winter weather. Alderman Smith asked Commissioner Senac of the possibility of a left turn lane on FM 2354 and McCollum Park Road for the residents of Barrow Ranch. The Commissioner agreed with Alderman Smith that there is a need for a turn lane on FM 2354 at McCollum Park Road. Commissioner Senac also expressed concern that TXDOT could increase the speed limit on FM 2354.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of December 17, 2013 and Public Hearing of December 11, 2013:

Mayor Combs reviewed with Council that there were two last minute changes to the December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Also, the 2014 Holiday Schedule will be attached to the regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve minutes:

Motion: Walker

Second: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

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
- d) Consider and Approve City participation and funding of tickets for the West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Mayor Combs noted that a coding change was made to the Mayor's mileage for the PFIA class in September 2013. It should have been coded under Mayor's Expense and will be reflected on next month's Financials. Mayor Combs also pointed out to Council that Item D was mentioned at last month's meeting and that Council will fund a table at the banquet as usual.

Motion to approve the financials:

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

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

- a) Section 551.071, Texas Government code concerning Personnel issues regarding City Secretary.

*Adjourned regular meeting at: 7:00pm

*Reconvened regular meeting at: 7:25pm

VII. Consider and possible action concerning City Secretary.

Motion to increase the City Secretary's salary by \$1.00 per hour raising it to \$14.50 per hour.

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

VIII. Discuss and approve Interlocal Agreements with Chamber County for 2014.

Mayor Combs reviewed with Council the three Interlocal Agreements that need to be renewed with Chambers County for 2014: Food, Nuisance and Mosquito Control.

Motion to approve the three Chambers County Interlocal Agreements: Food, Nuisance, and Mosquito Control.

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

IX. Review and approve the Public Funds Investment Policy for 2014.

Mayor combs reviewed the redline changes made to the Public Funds Investment Policy. One change is located in Item II, Investment Officer and Treasurer; it states that the Council shall appoint a responsible party to conduct the monthly reconciliation of all Beach City's accounts and the appointee shall not be a signature on the checks to be reconciled.

Motion to approve the Public Funds Investment Policy as presented:

Motion: Walker

Second: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

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

There was not enough information presented to Council in the bid for the bookshelves, for Council to make an educated decision at this time.

Motion to provide a fully defined scope of the project.

Motion: Smith

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

XI. Discussion and possible action on Surplus Office Equipment.

The only bid received was by Reginald Nalley for \$50.00.

Motion to accept Reggie Nalley's bid of \$50.00 for the surplus office equipment.

Motion: Newman

Second: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

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

Mayor Combs spoke to Council about the possibility of having a fundraiser to acquire the money needed for the Fallen Heroes Memorial. Secretary Donnelly sent a letter to NRG Energy asking for a donation from the NRG Charitable Trust Fund.

Alderman Smith suggested that Council simply ask for donations from the local entities.

Alderman Lasater would like to see a dedication for the Fallen

Heroes Memorial on Memorial Day weekend.

Council reviewed the form letter that Mayor Combs has presented for review.

A suggestion was made for a checking account to be opened under the Beach City Fallen Heroes Memorial.

Motion to solicit contributions towards the City of Beach City Fallen Heroes Memorial, and Dana Colquitt will be the Secretary of this effort. Also, to setup a separate account to facilitate such fundraising.

Motion: Newman

Second: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

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

The updated survey was in Alderman Colquitt's home when it caught on fire. She requested another month to bring the revised the survey before Council.

Mayor Combs read a letter from a local resident asking if others are having issues with the United States Postal Service (USPS) leaving packages at their gate by the road, with no attempt to deliver it to the house.

Aldermen Colquitt and Newman spoke of similar issues on their street. Alderman Colquitt did phone in a complaint to the USPS headquarters in Washington and received a phone call from our Baytown office apologizing for the poor service.

Mayor Combs asked if a question regarding the service of the USPS could be added to the upcoming 2014 City Survey? Alderman Colquitt will add this question to the survey.

XIV. Hear report and updates from the Mayor:

Mayor Combs provided a written report to Council: See attachment. Mayor Combs commented on Alderman Smiths previous comments about a turn lane on FM 2354 at McCollum Park Road. Next month's agenda will include discussion on a Resolution for the turn lane on FM 2354 and McCollum Park Road.

XV. Council Member Comments:

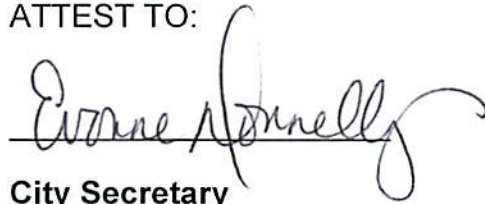
Alderman Colquitt raised over \$1,000.00 for two needy families during Christmas. Also, Alderman Colquitt's recently purchased City shirts were lost in the fire.

XVI. Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn at 8:51pm:
Motion: Smith **Second:** Newman

Approved: 5-0

ATTEST TO:

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City Secretary
Evonne Donnelly

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Billy Combs", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor
Billy Combs

1. Galveston Bay Entergy

- Last month I reported GBE had a brine water tank rupture and pump failure during a heavy rain resulting in an oil spill onto a neighboring property. And a meeting with GBE, The railroad commission and the land owner. No resolution came from the meeting. Got the impression the RRC and oil company were one in the same and neither one cared.
- I am currently waiting on an update from Ryan Holzaepfel.

2. The Natural Gas Company

- CenterPoint has run a new 4 inch pipeline to Barrow Ranch that will serve as a transfer line from a real supplier to TNGC. I have not received a notice from TNGC about this in any way. They should notify us of any change in supply and furnish us with test results.

3. Danger from mud spread on the road from trucks at the Sand Pit.

- Last month I reported "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."
- With the help of the Commissioner, Sheriff and maybe others TX-DOT has required the owner do install additional asphalt paving and a Dust/Dirt Shaker to eliminate or at least reduce the amount of dirt/mud being placed on the road by trucks leaving the pit.
- I understand from the Commissioner that other problems are still being presented from the pit's operation including; 1. Smoke and ash from burning of cleared trees and 2. Staging of trucks on FM 2354 to enter the pit site. We're still working on this.

4. Telecommunication Interest

- I have met with two companies to discuss running fiber throughout Beach City. One is Comcast and the other did not want to go public. One has an interest in network only and the other the possibility of full bundled services. Both are long shots; however Comcast has fiber in the area and is expanding into Cedar Crossing. They would like the city to apply for a grant to subsidize the project.

5. The support for Alderman Colquitt was fantastic.

6. Aqua Texas

