

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday,
November 18, 2014 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, Alderman Dana Colquitt and Alderman Doug Walker

Members Absent: Alderman Ray Smith

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly, Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw and City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:01 pm.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Combs offered prayer.

Alderman Lasater led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

3. Administer Oath of Office for recently elected Aldermen and Mayor

City Attorney Daniel Jackson administered the Sworn Statement and Oath of Office to Alderman Douglas Walker, Alderman Dana Colquitt and Mayor Billy Combs

4. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

Motion to elect Jackey Lasater as Mayor Pro Tem

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 4-0

5. Public Comments (Limited to five minutes per person)

A local resident who recently purchased a lot in Walker subdivision told Council that he has uncovered approximately thirteen boats and trailers on his property.

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

Commissioner Senac said that Chambers County Day will be Tuesday, February 10th, 2015. Mammoet is a company that moves large vessels and it is currently scheduled for one hundred moves in 2015.

Chambers County has purchased bull rock to be delivered to McCollum Park for the Living Shoreline project. Also, the trees were trimmed with the assistance of some folks from Texas A&M.

The Texas Transportation Commission meets later this month and it appears they will accept the speed study findings and reduce the speed limit for FM 2354 and FM 3180.

The new speed limit recommendations are: The FM 3180 bridge (over I-10) will be reduced to 45 miles per hour (mph); FM 3180 South, from the bridge to FM 565 South, will be 50 mph and FM 3180 to the FM 2354 intersect, all the way South will be reduced to 55 mph.

The Chambers County Commissioner Court will have to adopt this speed limit change. It may be as early as the first week of December 2014 when this change takes place.

TXDOT may possibly add a turn lane on FM 2354 at McCollum Park Road.

The new communications tower is still moving forward as planned. The County is awaiting the environmental assessment draft. Estimated cost for the new tower is approximately \$750,000.

Kilgore Parkway is now scheduled to open in 2015.

The new movie theater and bowling alley in Chambers County on Hwy. 146 should be open by July 4th, 2015.

7. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of October 28, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

8. Financial Consent Agenda (All financial consent agenda items are considered routine by Council and will be enacted by one motion. A Council member may request an item to be removed and considered separately.)

(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

Motion to approve the Financials.

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

9. Consider and adopt holiday schedule for 2015

Motion to approve the holiday schedule.

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 4-0

10. Adopt a resolution establishing an official newspaper

Mayor Combs reviewed the Texas Local Government Code that states each municipality should establish an official newspaper. There was discussion amongst Council regarding the costs and amount of people reached in The Barbers Hill Press and The Baytown Sun.

Motion to approve The Baytown Sun as the City's official newspaper

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

11. Discussion and possible action on the West Chambers County Transportation Plan

Mayor Combs asked Council to take time in the next month to review the West Chambers County Transportation Plan. Mayor Combs also suggested that Council hold a special called meeting in January 2015 to revitalize this plan.

Council agreed with Mayor Combs, and they will meet in January to continue this discussion. Commissioner Senac will attend this meeting and suggested that Mayor Combs invite the Mayor of Cove, and other municipalities to have a round table type discussion.

12. Consider enforcement action, legal and/or other, on non compliance to City ordinances

During last month's Council meeting, Ordinance 2005-1 was modified and a Nuisance Process Flowchart was adopted. Council discussed various options on code enforcement, who would handle the enforcement and the best way to inform the residents of the penalties for non compliance to the City Ordinances.

Mayor Combs will speak to the City's On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Designated Representative (DR) and to the assistant DR to discuss code enforcement responsibilities.

13. Update, discussion and possible action on the dedication of the Fallen Heroes Memorial and approve final payment to South East Texas Granite for granite, laser etchings, etc.

Mayor Combs and Secretary Donnelly reviewed the final bill and costs for the memorial from Cedar Crest Cemetery.

The concrete benches that are being donated from RCS and should be in before Thanksgiving.

Motion to approve the final payment in the amount of \$2,985.00 for the Fallen Heroes Memorial

Motion: Newman

Second: Lasater

Approved: 4-0

14. Discussion and possible action on Nominations for 2014 Volunteer of the Year

There have not been any nominations at this point. Last day to accept nominations is December 15th.

15. Discuss and consider recommendations from Committee for Annual Sit Down with Santa

Alderman Colquitt stated that Secretary Donnelly spoke with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP), regarding insurance coverage for the hayride Jay

Hammes wants to add to this year's Sit Down with Santa (SDwS). According to the TMLIRP agent, moving rides are not covered under the City's current insurance plan. The agent suggested the City not approve the hayride. Council concurred and will not allow any moving or jumping rides/games at the City's SDwS.

16. Report and update from Mayor Combs

None

17. Council Comments

Alderman Colquitt has an anonymous donor who would like to help sponsor four families for Christmas this year. Last year Alderman Colquitt, along with donations from the community, sponsored two families in Beach City. The families were provided food, gifts and most everything they needed to have a plentiful Christmas.

Alderman Lasater expressed his sincere gratitude for being nominated once again as Mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Lasater noted that during the November 4th elections, there was a 42.5% voter turnout from the Beach City area precinct; Precinct 5. Beach City was the top voting precinct in Chambers County.

According to Mayor Combs, State Representative Elect Wayne Faircloth lost in Galveston County but had such high support from Chambers County voters, that he won the election.

Alderman Newman attended the Houston-Galveston Council (H-GAC) General Law Cities dinner on November 6th.

18. Adjourn

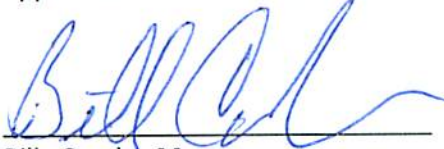
Motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 4-0

Approved: **December 16, 2014**



Billy Combs, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary