

City of Beach City Council Minutes for Regular Meeting

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on
October 25, 2016 beginning at approximately 6:00 P.M. at the
Beach City Community Building
12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Jackey Lasater (presiding), Alderman Doug Walker, Alderman Paul Newman and Alderman Dana Colquitt

Members Absent: Alderman Ray Smith and Mayor Billy Combs

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016 Mayor Pro Tem Lasater announced enough members are present for a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Lasater offered prayer.

Alderman Newman 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 Chambers County Commissioner, Rusty Senac

None

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

Chief McDonald stated that the annual Santa on the Bay will begin Friday, December 9th at dusk and finish on Saturday, December 10th.

The acquisition of engine 82 is complete and delivery will take place in January 2017.

Some of the BCVFD members will travel to Wisconsin for the acceptance test in January.

Approximately \$50,000 worth of equipment has been ordered to outfit the new engine.

There will be a christening event for the new engine in 2017.

The name of the engine will be Nicol, in honor of Nicol Campise.

Approximately three weeks ago, the BCVFD sent out fundraising letters and has received a positive response.

Various grants have been applied for to assist with training, etc.

6. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 27th, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2016

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approve: 4-0

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 Statements for previous month

(b) Review and approve Investment Update

(c) Review and approve Expenditures for the current month

There is an updated Expenditures on the table for each Alderman.

Motion to approve the Financials

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approve: 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Lasater questioned the Telecommunications franchise fee income and whether or not the projections that this income will decline has finally come to fruition. This has been anticipated in part due to landline households converting to cell phone only households. Secretary Donnelly noted that the franchise fees for Frontier and Comcast have not yet been received.

There is an updated Expenditures on the table for Council.

8. Consider and adopt a Resolution approving financing by the Beach City Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the benefit of the CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DALLAS, INC. and related matters

Bill Blich updated Council that the Beach City CEFFC Directors did pass a resolution approving financing between the Catholic Charities and Frost Bank.

Mr. Blich read certain parts of the loan agreement to Council, establishing the borrower is the obligator of this loan and not the City. The City shall not be held liable for the repayment of this loan.

Motion to adopt said resolution

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approve: 4-0

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the sale of the Beach City Wilma Lane extension in Walker Parkview Subdivision. Note: This must be subject to i) retaining and/or receiving a 20' drainage easement (10' either side of the existing drainage culvert), ii) buyer must pay for a survey, appraisal, appraised value of the property and all closing cost

Chambers County Engineer Bobby Hall spoke with Mayor Combs and the recommendation is to sell the property to Warren Lisenbee with the stipulations listed in the above line item. Alderman Colquitt asked, how much property are we talking about in this extension. Mr. Lisenbee stated there is approximately less than one quarter of an acre. The estimated dimensions are 60'W x 260'L. The property dead ends into the marsh.

Motion to approve the sale of the property pending the stipulations noted

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

10. Discussion and possible action on moving the meeting dates in November and December due to the holidays

Council meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November council meeting will be held on November 15, 2016.

Due to the Christmas holiday, the December council meeting will be held December 20, 2016.

11. Discussion and possible action on options for funding of the nuisance/complaint fees to Chambers County for inspections

Attorney Jackson and Alderman Colquitt met to discuss the idea of trying to recoup the City's costs of the inspections for violations, etc. Attorney Jackson stated that this is what cities do. They don't look at the cost of these things, they do this for their citizens as a part of their function.

12. Consideration and possible action on authorizing a speed limit for Lennie Lane, per resident request

A resident who lives on Lennie Lane requested Council post a speed limit sign on Lennie Lane to deter speeding on this road.

There is a state mandated speed limit of 30 miles per hour (mph) on private residential streets.

Kevin McClung with Chambers County Road & Bridge, conducted a Speed Limit Warrant Study and determined the speed limit on Lennie Lane could be set at 25 mph.

Chambers County will charge the City for the material, equipment and labor a total cost of \$133.01.

Alderman Colquitt asked if a speed limit sign was worth the cost, considering the difference in the County's recommended speed limit is only 5 mph lower than the state mandated speed limit of 30 mph.

Alderman Newman suggested the warrant study be made available to the resident.

No action taken on this item.

13. Discussion on Nominations for the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award

Council will continue with the Volunteer of the Year award and if need be, the City will do a separate awards ceremony from the Chamber of Commerce.

14. Discussion and possible action on appointment of the City's Representative and Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) 2017 General Assembly

Motion for Alderman Newman to be the designee and Alderman Walker to be the alternate at the H-GAC 2017 General Assembly.

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

15. Hear report and update on possible formation of Utility District from Bayridge and Oaks at Houston Point residents

Don Richardson spoke on behalf of the Oaks at Houston subdivision. They are in the processing of acquiring and/or buying out Nerro for their water and sewer services. The Oaks at Houston Point must petition Chambers County for a WCID. Also, they have to petition Beach City to allow the creation of the WCID within the City.

Mr. Richardson is going door to door to gather the required signatures needed for the petitions. So far there are only seven residents out of twenty-four that he cannot contact. Sharon Smith spoke on behalf of the Bayridge Subdivision residents. Bayridge subdivision and the Bayridge HOA (Home Owner's Association) have petitions and they are attempting to finalize gathering the signatures with the remaining homeowners who have not signed it.

16. Update, discussion and possible action on the Beach City Sales & Use Tax

Bring back to next month's meeting.

17. Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance regulating Billboards within Beach City

Bring back to next month's meeting.

18. Update and possible action on the City Survey

Bring back to next month's meeting.

19. Report and update from Mayor Combs

Each Alderman has a TxDOT map of the current and/or upcoming transportation projects within our area. Mayor Combs recently met with Rep. Wayne Faircloth and others to discuss these TxDOT projects.

20. Council Comments

Alderman Newman questioned the traffic back-up on TX 99 at the red light on Tri City Beach Road.

Alderman Colquitt asked if Council would like to bring a dish to the December meeting for a Christmas celebration. Council concurred as long as Assistant Secretary Bercaw brings her wassail.

Alderman Walker made note of the early hour Council is adjourning.

21. Adjourn

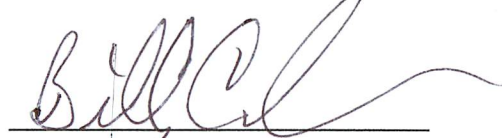
Motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approve: 4-0

Date Minutes Approved: **November 16, 2016**

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Billy Combs, **Mayor**

Attest:

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

Evonne Donnelly, **City Secretary**