

BEACH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting, April 22, 2008 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Guido Persiani

MAYOR PRO TEM: Rita Standridge – Absent

ALDERMAN: Ray Smith - Absent
Vaughn Bercaw

Tommy Clayton

Douglas Walker

Mayor Persiani called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Tuesday, April 22, 2008

I. Citizen's comments.

Tracy Lippe, President of the BCVF Dept. was present to report on the Fire Dept. He said they now have an Advisory Board and they have been discussing what help they need in several areas. Their primary function is to address emergency situation. The Advisory Panel has observed that and question why they are also heading up all the fund raisers and things that they do. They are thinking about putting together a community gathering in the evenings with representatives from all ends of Beach City to get together as kind of a think-tank to find out what and how the people can contribute to the Fire Dept., not monetarily, but what they can contribute as far as time, talent and different things like that. He went on to say if Council has any request from the Fire Department please let them know and he will make sure they respond to them. Mayor Persiani said we have a resource of volunteering information from the last survey and he is welcome to that information.

II. Review and consider approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of February 26, 2008 and March 25, 2008'

Minutes will be presented next month.

III. Review and consider approval of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for 8 months ending February 29, 2008 and March 31, 2008.

The statements will be presented next month.

Mayor Persiani reported that we received a check in the amount of \$89416.58 from Stonebridge bank for a CD that matured 3/15/08. He transferred \$85,000.00 to TexPool. He stated that the interest rate at TexPool as of April 21, 2008 was 2.4262%.

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IV. Review and authorize payment of the proposed expenditures and investments.

The proposed expenditures were reviewed by Council prior to the meeting.

The City Secretary made the amendments to the expenditures by adding two expenditures of \$23.00 for the subscription to the Progress and \$200.00 for TCEQ On-site Council Fee. Also Version came in at \$100.99 instead of 125.00 that was allowed. On the Sec'y.Travel the 10.1 should have read 10.10.

MOTION made to approve the expenditures as amended.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Bercaw

Show of Hands

APPROVED: 3 –0

The Expenditure Authorization approved by Council on April 22, 2008 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

V. Review and act upon Final Plat of Barrow Ranch Subdivision, Section IV.

Mayor Persiani said we did approve this plat at the last meeting with the condition that they amend it with some additional wording. They dropped the plat off at the office on April 14, 2008 but only noted two lot changes. No one was present to represent GC Engineering, Inc. No action taken.

VI. Review and act upon CenterPoint Energy's proposed gas rate changes.

No action taken to act upon CenterPoint Energy's proposed gas rate changes.

VII. Review and act upon Verizon's request to place buried communication cables:

A. Under the R.O.W. of Skylane Dr. to provide service to 4340 Skylane Dr.

B. Along the R.O.W. of McCollum Park Road.

Mayor Persiani read the formal notice that Verizon's communications company proposes to bury cable along the right-of-way along McCollum Park Road, in Chambers County. He went on to say that Don Brandon is the one that alerted him to this. The Mayor did not have physical contact with them. Another one was to provide service to 4340 Skylane Dr.

MOTION made to accept both installations requested by Verizon under Item 6, A and B.

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MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: CLAYTON

Show of hands
APPROVED: 3 – 0

VIII. Review and act upon abandonment of access to Trinity Bay from Morrison Street R.O.W.

This will be kept on the Agenda for May.

IX. Review and act upon request for driveway repair and maintenance at 203 Carroll.

Mayor Persiani explained the location of this property. Mr. Richard Davis pointed out his property. He pointed out a piece of property from the corner of the road to his property is for Ocean Drive, and the shaded area if for future expansion of Ocean Drive. There is no maintenance being done on this section. Attorney Jackson said this would have to be researched to see if this was a dedication of right of way as opposed to selling it to Beach City. If it is a dedication it has to be accepted, it can be dedicated but not accepted. The date on the map of dated 1932. Mayor Persiani said we will keep it on the agenda until some research can be done. No action taken.

X. Review and act upon request to install a street light for early hour bus runs.

Mr. Davis said this is at Carrol & FM 2354 where they pick up groups of kids.. He went on to say that the bus comes at 6:30 A.M. and it is still dark and these are teenage children. He has noticed that at Cedar Gully there is a light on both sides of the street and the bus actually drives down Cedar Gully to pick up the kids. Mayor Persiani said he thinks it is a fair request and recommended that someone tell us where the bus stops are. If they are at an intersection that has a power pole, then it's doable. He went on to say that school will soon be out and this will give us time to do more research and talk to the School to fine out where the stops are. This will remain on the agenda. Alderman Bercaw will talk to the schools.

XI. Environmental Services and Nuisance Mitigation

A. Review HGAC's closed and abandoned landfill inventory report.

This is just for information. HGAC has completed its Closed and Abandoned Landfill Inventory as required by The Texas Health and Safety Code. There was one in Beach City at 16327 FM 2354.

B. Review and act upon complaint of offshore drilling within a ½ mile of shoreline.

Mr. Wiley Butler was present to present this complaint. He said what he was concerned about was Kiva Construction that services Oil and Gas rigs in the Bay. He said they had lost their lease on the other side of the Bay. He said you may recall recently that Council went on record

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as opposing deep water injections that Masters Resources had. Masters Resources resold that property to two companies. The new owners are Tech Oil and Davis Petroleum. What he and he other property owners are concerned with is the noise, Kiva is constantly out there making a lot of noise. In addition to the noise pollution they have turned the property owners off shore area what looks to be a floating junk yard. Mr. Butler has spoken to the owner of Kiva and he told him in two or three weeks they would have all of that material cleaned up and put up. Mr. Butler presented lots of pictures of the area but don't know if anything can be done. He has talked to Commissioner Wallace who said there was nothing he could do, he also talked to the Chambers County Navigation District and they said the have no jurisdiction over that area. Alderman Walker suggested that he get a petition signed by all of those affected. Mayor Persiani highly recommended that they go to the Railroad Commission, they have a complaint system there. Also talk to the Corpse of Engineers. Mayor Persiani recommended that he, if he had the time to do the research please do so and keep the City apprised.

C. Review open items on the Environmental Complaints Log.

Nothing to add.

D. Review Beach City response to TCEQ Audit.

Not completed yet.

E. Review and act upon Environmental Service request for proposal.

Nothing to present.

XII. Review and act upon proposal to establish a Volunteer Council.

Still working on this.

XIII. Council member comments.


1. City Secretary reported that she received a call from a lady living on the corner of Ocean Drive and Bay Ridge Drive in the Bay Ridge Subdivision. She reported that Gulf Utilities had come out and dug up her sewer and left it open. She can't get them to come out and cover it up of do anything. The Mayor would like for her to take a picture and send it to us.

2. Alderman Walker said he just got his Homeowners Insurance Policy and it went up about 30%. He suggested another Insurance Program for the Residents but will check out when we had the last one.

XII. Adjourn

Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting Tuesday April 22, 2008 at 8:54.

ATTEST TO


Margaret Gainer
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Guido Persiani
Mayor