

BEACH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on August 23, 2011 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Ray Smith

Douglas Walker

Paul Newman: Absent

Vaughn Bercaw: Absent

Prior to the meeting Residents and Council Members met outside to have pictures taken of the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department delivering Weather Radios. These were given to the Residents of Beach City by ECON, Radio Shack and Farmers Insurance Co.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M. on August 23, 2011. He asked Rev. Sam Hughes to offer prayer. Alderman Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

I. Citizens Comments.

None

II. Hear presentation from Media Services, Farmers Insurance, Weather Channel

Mr. Tony Martinez with Media Services spoke to Council about the Radios and the filming that had been going on in the City since last spring. He recognized Alderman Walker for his help. He stated that the show would be aired on the Weather Channel October 15th, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

III. Review and consider approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on July 26th 2011.

Minutes were mailed to council for reviewed prior to the meeting.

MOTION made to accept the Minutes as amended prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 3 - 0

IV. Financial Consent Agenda;

A. Review and approve of the Financial Statements for month ending July 31st, 2011

B. Receive and review Investment rate/security update.

C. Review and approve Revenues and Expenditures for current Month.

Financial Consent Agenda reviewed prior to the meeting.

MOTION Made to Approve the Financial Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 3 - 0

V. Consider and adopt resolution concerning access to FM 2354 at SH- 99.

City Attorney, Daniel Jackson read Resolution No.2011-3, a Resolution expressing its desire that the Grand Parkway Association and the Texas Department of Transportation Maintain free access to North Bound Traffic on FM 2354 from SH-99 North to I-10

MOTION made to adopt Resolution No. 2011-3 as presented.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 3 - 0

VI. Update and possible action concerning the purchase of property for future city office.

Alderman Walker said he went and looked at the small white house on FM 2354. He doesn't think it would be big enough for the City Council Meeting so he assumes that if we did purchase it for a City Hall that house would be torn down and we would build a new building. Mayor Combs said he did not necessarily suggest we purchase that property, he provided that information as an example for what might be available. He just wanted to know if that is the direction Council wants to go. Alderman Smith said the way he understood it was that the Mayor is mentioning it as a possible investment property. He went on to say he didn't know if that would be a good idea or not. Mayor Combs said the question is still the same, would you want to pursue in that direction? We are making nothing on our CD's and haven't for a long time. Alderman Walker said his thoughts would be that the City shouldn't be in the business of investing in real estate. He suggested that they put off the discussion until we have all five of the Council Members present. The Mayor tabled the discussion until next month's Meeting.

VII. Discuss and act on survey of Beach City Residents.

Mayor Combs e-mailed the Beach City Residents Opinion Survey to Council Members prior to the meeting. He stated that he had a committee including Alderman's Bercaw and Newman. When Alderman Bercaw had to leave town, Alderman Smith stepped right in to help. They took the old survey and simplified it a lot, removed about two-thirds of what was on it. Alderman Smith read the entire Survey to Council. Alderman Walker asked about adding the one about needing assistance in case of an emergency.

MOTION made to accept the Survey as revised.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 3 - 0

VIII. Discuss and act on plan for distribution of gifts presented to Beach City by Farmers Insurance and the Weather Channel.

Mayor Combs said we have about 280 radios. There are about 800 houses in the City. The Fire Department has volunteered to help any way they can.

MOTION made to limit 1 radio per house-hold on a first come, first served basis for Beach City Residents only after showing identification.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Smith

After discussion Alderman Walker amended his motion.

MOTION made to have Mayor Combs coordinate the distribution with Fire Department and contact Mary Dunn about putting it on her sign. .

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Smith

APPROVED: 3 - 0

IX. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government code, Section 551.071, concerning the legal action in the city's efforts to overturn the actions of TCEQ in the T&I Taylor rate case.

Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:15 P.M

X. Update and possible action on T&I Taylor / TCEQ Case.

Council reconvened at 8:46 P.M.

Mayor Combs asked for discussion on an update and possible action on the T&I Taylor/TCEQ Case. Alderman Walker asked Mayor Combs if he would make a statement? Mayor Combs said the current situation on this is; we are ready to file Briefs to continue the fight.

XI. Council Updates; From the Mayor and County Commissioner.

County Commissioner Senac reported that there were a couple of nuisances Complaints that they handled for Beach City in the last month. One of them had to do with bees. Rather than file for action they were able to locate the home owner. They took care of the problem without having to go to court. Another issue was a home located on 123 Leon Street in the Walker Parkview Subdivision. They have filed on this one. They finally located the homeowner. They have cut the grass but the windows are still broken out. The County contacted them again and they boarded the house up. The County asked for a re-inspection by the Environmental people and they contacted that individual again and he has a feeling that that is going to be an ongoing situation. The Commissioner also reported that the tax rate for Chambers County in all likely hood is not going to change, the rate will remain at \$.49. The Commissioners Court adopted updated rules today that will allow people to drive into the park load or unload their cars and park them in the designated parking area. Mayor Combs reported that Verizon requested a permit application for a tower on the south end of Beach City.

XII. Council Member Comments.

No further comments.

XIII. Adjourn

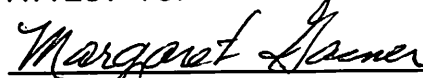
Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. on August 23, 2011.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 3 - 0

ATTEST TO:



Margaret Gainer

APPROVED BY:



Billy Combs