

BEACH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting August 25, 2009 at the Beach City Community Building. Those Present were:

MAYOR: Guido Persiani
MAYOR PRO TEM: Rita Standridge
ALDERMAN: Douglas Walker Vaughn Bercaw Ray Smith
 Jackey Lasater
CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson
CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer
SECREARY TEMP: Marilyn Harrison

Mayor Persiani called the meeting to order Tuesday August 25, 2009 at 7:08 P.M.

I. Citizen Comments.

None Present

II. Review and consider approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of July 28th, 2009.

Council reviewed the minutes of July 28, 2009 prior to the meeting.

MOTION made to accept the minutes as read and amended.

MOTION: Lasater SECONDED: Bercaw APPROVED 5 – 0

Alderman Walker had a correction. Page 4, Item XI, #3 last line, "going to be a traffic light there" to "going to be a right turning lane there". Question called.

III. Review and consider approval of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for 1month ending July 31st, 2009.

Mayor Persiani stated that he had worked up Quick Books; he still has to put in the numbers. The report will look different and there will be several sheets of paper. He reported that the Revenues over Expenditures were \$7,835.57. Total Assets were \$601,271.15.

A. TexPool rate review The Interest rate at TexPool as of 8/24/2009 was .3385%

B. TexPool rate review CD rate/security review and update. Mayor Persiani went over the information that Jeanna Allen brought to Council last month for Alderman Standridge and Smith because they were absent for that meeting. He said basically the FDIC is still covering \$250,000. Prosperity Bank shows that we have another \$350,000 beyond that as backed security. We're literally good up to \$500,000. We have a lot of backing already set up and committed by Prosperity Bank. Alderman Walker said what she said was, they actually buy government bonds to back up the CD's. Alderman Standridge asked if Ms. Allen actually says that the triple A bonds are held by trustees with the City of Beach City name on them. Alderman Walker said he don't recall if they are held by independent parties or not. Mayor Persiani said according to the Pledged Securities Listing by Entity document that she brought to the City; these are pledged securities listing by entity pledged to us.

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Now, are they officially held by a third party he doesn't recall? Mayor Persiani said we're not going to challenge with anything here in the short term.

MOTION made to accept report as amended. The amendment corrects the Amegy Bank statement item, that has matured to read the amount is the same; the interest rate has to change and the maturity date changes to 1 year.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Standridge APPROVED: 5 – 0

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as approved August 25th, 2009 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

IV. Review and consider approval of Revenues and Expenditures for current Month.

Council reviewed the Proposed Expenditure Authorization prior to the meeting.

Mayor Persiani read the expenditures. Marilyn Harrison reported on the utility bills. She has contacted Reliant and found out that we are now active on Auto Payment.

MOTION made to accept as presented.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Smith APPROVED: 5 – 0

The proposed expenditure as approved in the amount of \$8,830.95 for August 25, 2009 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

V. Review and act upon Resolution 2009-01 accepting Beach City Investment Policy.

Alderman Standridge asked if save the review of the Investment Policy until Mayor Persiani and Ms. Gainer go to the Public Fund investment training.

MOTION made to table item V until the Mayor and the City Secretary attend the Investment training seminar in Galveston.

MOTION: Standridge SECONDED: Walker APPROVED: 5 -0

VI. Review and act upon Web Site for Publication.

Mayor Persiani brought the Web Site up on the computer for Council to review. He went on to say that what we are really asking for is the mechanism to get this thing up. What we are looking at here is Authorization from Council. The Mayor wanted to point out that when we launch this program, Alderman Lasater has software, and it's on his own computer. We will need software, need to know who is making changes, who's posting stuff – how do we want to control that. Alderman Standridge said we will need a Policy about who and what can be posted. Mayor Persiani said we need to be a source of information not a source of advertising. He went on to say on the agenda next time we will talk about the Web Site Policy. Our attempt will be to try to have everything ready, you can put it out to the world and to do that we will probably have to put it on Jackey's computer first and then try to figure out how to get it on ours.

VII. Review and act upon establishment of the "Beach City Spirit Committee".

Mayor Persiani handed out a guide sheet for a proposed Beach City Spirit Committee; stating the Purpose and the Focus Areas. This is the concept of the

volunteer council that we talked about. He went on to say Attorney Jackson told us we could set up a Council. Their purpose would be to advise Council of Citizens concerns. Report findings of investigations. Provide supporting research information and recommend follow-up actions. Request approval for specific project funds. The focus areas would be Emergency Management, Environment, Infrastructure, Election, Health & Wellness and Recognition. This is an attempt to build a little more combinement in the City so that we could rely on more folks to participate in the City Government eventually.

Alderman Standridge said she had a problem with #4 Elections in the Focus Area. She doesn't think we need advice from citizens on how to conduct an Election because we have State laws to follow. Possibly after the last election we invited comments from people who are not well informed. She thinks it is a waste of Councils time to consider that. Mayor Persiani said he was really referring to the key matters we have to correct, not the controversial part but the election process.

MOTION made to enact the Beach City Spirit Committee eliminating #4 – Elections of the Focus Area.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

Discussion followed with Council asking questions and making suggestions and Attorney Jackson answering them. Mayor Persiani wanted to add a few items to the Focus Area. He replaced #4 – Election with Communications and added Post Meeting Notices, Development of Mission Statement, One Year Review. Prioritizations by Council were added by Alderman Smith.

Question Called:

APPROVED: 5 – 0

VIII. Environmental Services and Nuisance Mitigation.

A. Review open items on the Environmental Complaints Log.

Ms. Gainer reported that an abatement plan has been received from Lanny Enderli, 10115 Walker. It will be completed by Dec.31, 2009. Lynn Forbester, 8640 Ocean Drive (Rental Property). This septic system was struck by lighting during IKE. The system has been repaired. 10111 Walker, Delindah Kisby has been cleaned up and application been made for a new home constructed on this land with a new septic system and well.

B. Review and act upon Interlocal agreement with Chambers County for Public Nuisance Abatement.

The Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Public Nuisance Abatement has been returned to the City. Mayor Persiani mentioned to Commissioner Wallace the problem in Walker Subdivision at Leon and McCollum Park Road. Commissioner Wallace sent an e-mail to Sydney Lewis asking him to look into that because it had been abandoned for a while This is a test of the interlocal agreement with the County at a cost of \$30.00 per incident.

IX. Review and act upon proposal to acquire former and current Council members name plaques.

Mayor Persiani brought 5 plaques for Council to see and choose for the current Council. He also brought the one that Council had picked out last meeting for Geanie Ballard and Tommy Clayton, former Council members, showing the printing on it. The dates of service would be engraved on the

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back. The Mayors recommendation is to get them for Tommy and Geanie and finish with the date and then do it for the current council members. The pricing is for the with engraving and logo and 2 lines of information is \$40.00 and \$7.50 for engraving the dates on the back. Where ours would be \$40.00 there's would be \$47.50.

MOTION made to order logo plaque for Geanie Ballard and Tommy Clayton with Beach City emblem and "get it – Beach City Spirit". Service dates on the back at a cost of \$47.50 + tax.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 5 - 0

X. Council Member Comments.

1. Mayor Persiani said that Don Brandon told him that TexDot is going to get involved in the drainage on Point Barrow Road which is all County and TexDot is going to get involved in the drainage. He has had dialog with them and they will come in there and use their debris removal concept and get this done. The County has sent out Right of Entry letters to all of the property owners along the drainage ditch.

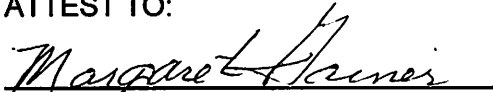
2. Alderman Smith reported: Fisher road heading west when you get to where you have to turn right to go to 99 there is an uncontrolled intersection. He got close to being "T-Boned" one day bringing home a new refrigerator in the back of his truck. He thought about it and some one should be contacted about it. Someone needs to put up a barricade there. It looks like a T in the road, a lot of people go straight. He fears some one is going to die there and it's going to be a no-fault accident because there is no control there. He asked who he could call. The Mayor told him to call John Sedella at the TexDot office in Liberty.

3. Mayor Persiani has been questioned recently about the fence at McCollum Park. The fence was originally up against the high bank but people were cutting the locks and going fishing. They were trying to keep people out of there because it is eroding so badly due to the storm. So now the fence is parallel with McCollum Park Road to keep people out of there.

XI. Adjourn

Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M. Tuesday, August 25th, 2009.

ATTEST TO:


Margaret Gainer

APPROVED:


Guido Persiani