

Public Notice
City of Beach City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes

Place: Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354, Beach City, Texas 77523
Date & Time: Tuesday, August 28th, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

I. Call to order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday, August 28th, 2012 at 6:10 P.M. at the Beach City Community Building. Mayor Combs offered prayer and Alderman Walker lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

II. Citizens Comments

None

III. Hear from report and request form Patti Henry, Chambers County District Clerk, and Cynthia Rogers, Emergency Services Specialist, concerning recruitment for Red Cross.

Mayor Combs reported that Ms. Henry could not be here tonight and this Item will be scheduled for next month.

IV. Hear report from Lawrence Lewis on Chambers County Mosquito Program

Mr. Lewis could not be present tonight.

V. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting of July 24th, 2012 and Special Meeting of August 14th, 2012

Minutes reviewed prior to the meeting.

MOTION made to adopt the minutes of July 24th, 2012 as corrected and adopt the minutes of Special meeting on August 14th, 2012 as presented.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Smith

APPROVED: 5 - 0

VI. Financial Consent Agenda;

a) Review and approve the Financial Statements for previous month

b) Review and approve Investment Update

Mayor Combs reported that 2 CD's at Capital Bank, worth \$50,734.00 each have matured. They are currently at 2% and will be renewing at 1.5%.

c) Review and approve Expenditures for the current month

Financial Consent Agenda reviewed prior to the meeting.

General Fund Expenditures for August were \$7,541.77.

MOTION made to approve the Financial Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 5 - 0

VII. November 6th, 2012 City Election

a) Update on 2012 City Election

Mayor Combs reported that we had four people sign up for the election. Mayor Combs will be running unopposed for Mayor and signing up for two (2) Alderman positions were Douglas Walker, Vaughn Bercaw and Dana Colquitt. The election will be held November 6, 2012 to elect a Mayor and 2 Alderman.

b) Approve Inter-local Agreement with Chambers County for Joint Election

Mayor Combs said the City will need to sign an Inter-local Agreement with Chambers County after Commissioner Court approves it. He went on to say that Council can authorize the Mayor tonight to sign the agreement once the County has it ready.

MOTION made to allow the Mayor to sign the Inter-local Agreement for a Joint Election as soon as Commissioners Court approves it and City Attorney Danny Jackson reviews it.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED 5 - 0

VIII. Discussion and possible action on depository for city investments and/or operating accounts.

The Mayor stated that the last couple of months we have had CD's maturing and the new rates are incredibly low. In the last couple of years we've gotten the best rates for our CD's at Capital Bank and Judy Barrow has helped us tremendously with that. This time when we started renewing we tried hard to find a Depository with a higher rate. When we got down to it the Depositories that had the high rates could not take the City's investments. On our last two CD's the best rate we got was a Capital Bank, quoted at .75%. Judy added 2 Basis points to that to get us to .95%. TexPool today was at .1%, so we're really not getting anything. We have two more CD's that have matured and we have 10 days to do something with them. Additionally we have reached our maximum \$250,000 FDIC insured deposit with Capital Bank. Judy Barrow with Capital Bank was present and explained to council that, for single Depositor like Beach City, a depository can pledge additional assets to increase the FDIC insurance for deposits above the normal \$250,000 FDIC limit. Capital Bank has agreed to do that. Ms. Barrow also reported on CD rates and penalties. She stated that CD's are anywhere from 1 to 5 years. A one year CD under \$90,000.00 is at .85%. Anything over one year \$90,000 is .9%. You can go as high as 5 years which under \$90,000.00 its 1.4 % and over \$90,000 it 1.5%. The penalty for early withdrawal on a CD is 90 days worth of accrued interest on the amount withdrawn only.

Mayor Combs said Capital Bank is asking for our business. Anywhere he has worked with Ms. Barrow he has had a good working relationship.

MOTION made to switch our Depository to Capital Bank and to invest in a five year CD at 1.5% interest rate, provided it meets the requirements of our Investment policy.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 5 - 0

Mayor Combs recessed the meeting to wish the City Secretary, Margaret Gainer, Happy Birthday. Ice cream and Cake (with two candles on it) was served. She was surprised, but what more would you expect from such a good bunch of guys. Thank your wives for helping you.

IX. Hear and consider a request from Fran Campbell for a joint Thanksgiving Feast for the community with Fisher Road Baptist.

Note: This item was heard earlier in the meeting after Item IV.

Mrs. Campbell introduced herself and said she has lived in Barbers Hill about 29 years. She also introduced Ms. Tammy Smith. They are members of Fisher Road Baptist Church and are the Directors of the Children's Group. She went on to say she has this vision of our Church out here on the Bay and our Community getting together for a Thanksgiving meal. She said it would not be a Church Service at all but a community thankful for what we are and who we are. Somewhere around November 4th. Mayor Combs asked her what she sees as the City's roll in this? She said being one to publicize it, and you guys being here. Mayor Combs said he thought sometime in October would be a better time. Mayor Pro Tem Lasater said he thinks it is a good idea. Alderman Walker said he is very supportive of it so long as it remains non-denominational.

MOTION made to support this Community Project.

MOTION: Bercaw

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED 5 – 0

Mayor Combs asked Alderman Bercaw and Mayor Pro-Tem Lasater to coordinate the event for the city.

X. Receive and hear report of findings from Audit of FY 2010-11

Mayor Combs called the meeting back to order at 7:01 P.M.

Commissioner Rusty Senac reported on the Audit of FY 2010-2011. He and Former Mayor Jim Standridge audited the City's books. He said they put together guide lines for the audit for their use and that's what they followed. They did not audit all items in their entirety. The reason they did the audit was to insure that the appropriate documentation is being maintained by the City and that the City Elected Officials and Employees follow certain procedures in conducting its business in maintaining the Public's funds. Overall what he and Mr. Standridge found was that the records are in very good shape. They found a few discrepancies. The Draft #1 c July 29, 2012, CONFIDENTIAL, Beach City Financial Audit Summary, 2012 will be filed with the August 28th, 2012 Minutes.

XI. Update and possible action for City Policy and Procedures for Permitting and Rates

Nothing to report.

XII. Hear report and updates from the County Commissioner and Mayor

Commissioner Senac reported that the County has been working on highway 565 in getting the road realigned. They have been working for 15 years to get that realignment completed and He thinks they are getting close to having it done. He reported on other expansions that are taking place.

XIII. Council Member Comments

Alderman Newman asked if anyone had heard of when they would be powering up the Verizon Cell Tower. Mayor Combs said they have never come back to us to get the permit.

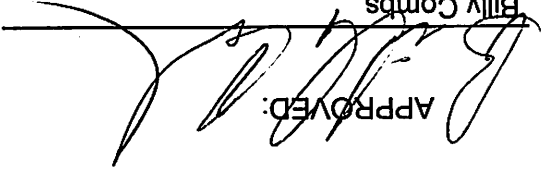
XIV. Adjournment

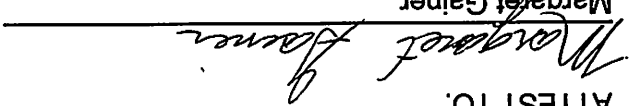
MOTION made to adjourn the August 28, 2012 Meeting at 8:31 P.M.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 5 – 0

APPROVED: 
Billy Combs

ATTEST TO: 
Margaret Gainer