

## BEACH CITY COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Douglas Walker      Raymond Smith      Vaughn Bercaw      Paul Newman

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer- Absent      ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Marilyn K. Harrison

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The Mayor then led a prayer and asked Alderman Newman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

#### I. Citizens Comments.

Former Mayor Guido Persiani brought the Council a Christmas Card and Candy. He just wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and let the Council know how great of a job they were doing.

#### II. Review and consider approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 and Special Meeting December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Minutes were reviewed before the meeting by Council.

MOTION made to accept the Minutes as written.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Bercaw

APPROVED: 5-0

#### III. Financial Consent Agenda;

A. Review and approve of the Financial Statements for month ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

B. Receive and review Investment rate/security update.

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

MOTION made to accept the Financials.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 5-0

Alderman Walker said he thought the franchise fee for the Natural Gas was a little out of wack as a timing standpoint. Mayor Combs said he looked at this also and it is just timing and it was just when the checks come in.

#### IV. Consider and possible action on request form Prosperity Bank for release of pledged collateral.

Mayor Combs received an e-mail from the Accounting Dept. at Prosperity Bank, what has happened is that previously the City had more than the \$250,000.00 that is secured by the FDIC, so the Bank had to pledge collateral to insure the additional amount deposited. We now have approximately \$133,000.00, well below the \$ 250,000 insured by the FDIC..

MOTION made to release of pledged collateral.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 5-0

#### V. Consider and act on application for permit from Comcast for ROW Easements in Southwind Estates Section 1.

The Mayor said that this was to extend additional Cable in Barrow Ranch. He sent this to the County and the County approved this at Commissioners Court.

MOTION made to accept.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 5-0

**VI. Update and discussion on Notice of rate increase from Comcast.**

Mayor Combs said that there is a rate increase and did not think there would be anything we could do about it. He also said that the increase will be substantial to the residents.

**VII. Hear nominations and select volunteer of the year.**

Assistant Secretary Harrison said that we have two nominations for volunteer of the year. They were Mayor Billy Combs and Jim Standridge. Alderman Walker's thought was that the nomination was for the volunteer of the year, and in reading Jim's, he said that all of his volunteering was in the past and said that Mayor Combs has done so much this year for the City and thought he should be the nominee. The Mayor said he was honored to be one of the nominees, but he felt Jim Standridge should be selected. Mayor Pro Tem Lasater said that the Mayor has done a great job and is certainly a good candidate, but Jim has worked this year on the History of Beach City and is the Author on the Website. This detailed a lot of hard work and time. Alderman Smith was wondering if both could be nominated. The answer was yes and has happened before in Beach City.

MOTION made that the Council nominate Jim Standridge for Volunteer of the year.

MOTION: Bercaw

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 3-0

**VIII. Consider and approve Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for maintenance of city roads and ditches.**

MOTION made to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Maintenance of Streets and Roadside Drainage within the City limits of Beach City and ETJ. Motion must include the change that combines paragraphs 3 thru 7 into one paragraph in the Agreement.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 5-0

**IX. Hear update from committee for possible purchase of real estate for future city use.**

Nothing to report.

**X. Hear update from committee for citizens workshop for emergency preparedness.**

Nothing to report.

**XI. 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.**

No Executive Session.

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

The Mayor got an e-mail from our Attorney stating that a hearing on the Plea to the Jurisdiction has been set by the court for Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. before the 353<sup>rd</sup> District Court in Travis County.

**XIII. Council Updates; From the Mayor and County Commissioner.**

The Commissioner had no updates this meeting.

The Mayor reported that there was an article in the newspaper under legal notices that there was intent to install a cell tower on FM 2354.

**XIV. Council Member Comments.**

All members of the City of Beach City Council wished everyone a "Merry Christmas."

**XV. Adjourn**

Mayor Combs called for a motion to adjourn this Council Meeting Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:35 P.M.

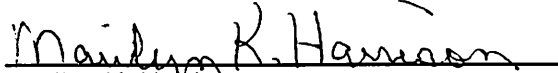
MOTION made to adjourn this Council Meeting

MOTION: Newman

SECONDED: Bercaw

APPROVED: 5-0

ATTEST TO:



Marilyn K. Harrison  
Assistant Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Billy R. Combs  
Mayor