

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PROTEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Paul Newman Dana Colquitt Doug Walker

Ray Smith – Absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer

CITY ASSISTANT: Evonne Donnelly

I. Call to order:

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday December 18, 2012 at 6:05pm and offered prayer. Alderman Newman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

II. Citizens Comments:

Former Mayor Guido Persiani gave an update to Council on the status of ChaRT and presented the council with thank you gifts.

III. Hear from report and update from Chambers County Commissioner, Rusty Senac:

Commissioner Senac spoke to Council regarding the numerous break-ins occurring in West Chambers County and he asked the Council to be alert and cautious during the holidays. Commissioner Senac also reported on the drainage issues between RWJ and the County.

IV. Hear report on the 2nd Annual Sit Down With Santa:

Jay Hammes updated Council on the success of the Sit Down with Santa and presented a slideshow of the events.

V. Receive and hear nominations for, and select the Volunteer of the Year:

Mayor Combs presented Council with the four nominees for the 2012 Beach City Volunteer of the Year award. Alderman Colquitt nominated Mayor

Billy Combs for a total of six nominees. Nominees are: R.B. "Bob" Taylor; Fran Campbell; Mayor Billy Combs; Guy & Rose Pfitzner and Robert Campise.

Motion made to nominate Robert Campise as the Volunteer of the Year.
Motion: Walker Seconded: Colquitt Approved: 4-0

Mayor Combs recommended that R.B. "Bob" Taylor be nominated to the WCCCC for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Motion made to Nominate R.B. "Bob" Taylor for the WCCCC Lifetime Achievement award.
Motion: Newman Seconded: Walker Approved: 4-0

VI. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting of November 27th, 2012:

Motion to accept minutes as presented.
Motion: Newman Seconded: Walker Approved: 4-0

VII. Consider increasing the \$100.00 approved to participate in Sit Down with Santa:

Mayor Combs asked Council to consider increasing the amount for the Sit Down with Santa from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

Motion to increase the Sit Down with Santa amount from \$100.00 to \$200.00.
Motion: Newman Seconded: Colquitt Approved: 4-0

VIII. Financial Consent Agenda:

- a) **Review and approve the Financial Statements for previous month.**
- b) **Review and approve Investment Update**
- c) **Review and approve Expenditures for the current month**

Mayor combs informed Council that the amount paid to Thomas West for the Law library updates would have to be reevaluated, after Assistant Secretary Evonne Donnelly told the Mayor that she had spoken with someone at Thomas West regarding our account, and the City has a \$124.00 credit with said company. A check was not cut to Thomas West at this time.

IX. Consider changing the date for the regular council meeting of January, 2012:

Mayor Combs informed Council that the January meeting would have to be rescheduled due to the WCCCC banquet on the same night.

Motion to move the City Council meeting to January 21, 2013 pending building availability, with January 29, 2013 as an alternate date.

Motion: Lasater

Seconded: Newman

Approved: 4-0

X. Approve Interlocal Agreements with Chambers County:

Mayor Combs spoke with Council on the upcoming Interlocal Agreements with Chambers County that run January-December. The Interlocal Agreements were not ready prior to the meeting, so the Mayor asked Council to authorize him to approve the agreements once received from the County. Alderman Lasater asked which agreements would be approved. The Mayor answered with: Nuisance; Mosquito Control; Road & Bridge and Food Inspections. Alderman Colquitt requested a copy of these agreements.

Motion made to authorize the Mayor to approve the Interlocal Agreements, Nuisance; Mosquito Control; Road & Bridge and Food Inspections:

Motion: Walker

Seconded: Lasater

Approved: 4-0

XI. Hear report and updates from the Mayor:

Mayor Combs updated Council on Item VI from the November 27, 2012 Council meeting, regarding Beach City resident Warren Lisenbee's request to ban hunting within 200 yards from a subdivision. The Mayor did speak to one of the landowners, Ms. Casey and she told the Mayor that she did place a call to the two hunter's that lease her land and ask that they be considerate of the locals that live close by while hunting.

Mayor Combs informed Council that he had been contacted by Mike Lennou with the Natural Gas Company that provides service to Barrow Ranch residents. Mr. Lennou notified the Mayor of his company's intent to impose a rate hike on Barrow Ranch. Mayor Combs informed Mr. Lennou that he would have to go through the proper channels, file an application, etc. before he could impose a rate hike on the residents. Upon further discussion with Council, Aldermen Newman and Lasater will lead a committee to oversee the application process and that it is handled correctly. Mayor Combs also noted that one of the Verizon Cell Towers is up and running.

Mayor also noted that the Santa on the Bay was a success for the BCVFD and the residents donated canned goods to the local food pantry. Mayor Combs and Council members rode in a separate vehicle for the second year along with the BCVFD.

XII. Council Member Comments:

Alderman Colquitt asked Council if they would consider having a banner or signs made for the Councilman vehicle next year that rides with the BCVFD

Santa on the Bay to let the residents know who their Councilman are. Alderman Lasater spoke to the Council regarding posting resident's photos onto the City's website. After discussion among Council, it was determined that only City sponsored events should be posted on the City's website.

XIII. Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:34pm:

Motion: Newman

Seconded: Walker

Approved: 4-0

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED BY:

Margaret Gainer
City Secretary

Billy Combs
Mayor

Evonne Donnelly
Assistant City Secretary