

City of Beach City Regular Called City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas
met in a Regular Session on **December 19, 2017** at the
Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Billy Combs (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Jackey Lasater,
Alderman Ray Smith, Alderman Dana Colquitt, Alderman Doug Walker and Alderman Paul
Newman

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly, Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, December 19, 2017 Mayor Combs called the Special Called Meeting to order
at 6:18 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Combs offered prayer. Nick Bercaw led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States
and Texas flags.

3. Public Comments (Limited to five minutes per person)

None

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

Commissioner Senac wished Council a Merry Christmas. The Beach City Collection Station
will be open, except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

5. Hear report and update from Beach City Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD)

Santa on the Bay was a huge success. Chief McDonald stated that the BCVFD received
approximately \$500 in money donations during the Santa on the Bay.
The BCVFD gave \$550 to the Food Pantry along with a large amount of food collected.
Chief McDonald thanked Council for all they do for the VFD.

6. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of October 24th, 2017

Mayor Combs combined Items 6, 7 & 8 for one motion.

Motion to approve

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: There were several corrections made since the agenda packet was originally sent to Council. Secretary Donnelly sent the final revisions to Council for their review this afternoon.

7. Approval of Minutes for Special Called Meeting to Canvass November 20th, 2017

Combined with Items 6 & 8.

8. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting November 28th, 2017

Combined with Items 6 & 7.

9. Financial Consent Agenda (All financial consent agenda items are considered routine by Council and will be enacted by one motion. A Councilmember may request an item to be removed and considered separately.)

(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

Motion to approve

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Alderman Walker asked if there are any Natural Gas revenues at this time. Secretary Donnelly noted that the gas franchise fees are paid every February by CenterPoint Gas.

Mayor Combs added that the office expenses are high due to the materials and office items that have been purchased to replace our losses from Hurricane Harvey. Next month a Hurricane Harvey category will be added so we can keep those expenses separate.

An expense was added to the expenditures for the Mayor in error and this has been removed, updated Expenditures are before Council.

Alderman Walker questioned an error on the Investment Report that shows CD's #608 & #695 with an annual yield of \$0.02. This should read 1.50% for both CD's.

10. Discussion and possible action on insurance coverage's, deductible amount, and replacement of office items from water damage due to Hurricane Harvey on August 27, 2017

Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP) sent a check for the replacement costs of the items lost in Hurricane Harvey however, their numbers are far less than anticipated. TMLIRP took the replacement value and then depreciated the costs, which leaves the check sent to the City in the amount of \$4,333. The insurance company only allotted four hundred and some odd dollars for the desk and credenza set, which actually cost around \$3,000 to replace. We will have to send in the receipts for the cost of the replacement items and hope the insurance company will cover the costs.

11. Discussion and possible action on revisions to Ordinance 2017-04 regulating Billboards within Beach City

In August, Council passed Ordinance 2017-04 regulating billboards. At the October meeting Mayor Combs had some questions regarding this ordinance, since he was not at the August meeting. There are two different ordinances before Council. Ordinance 2017-04 and an ordinance (to be named Ordinance 2017-06) that will amend 2017-04.

Recess: 7:05 p.m.

Secretary Donnelly printed a new copy of the amending Ordinance 2017-06 for each Council member.

Reconvene: 7:15 p.m.

Council discussed various details of the billboard sign ordinance.

Items to be removed or changed from the ordinance in Section 7:

- (a). Street Banners or Festoons
- (b). Off-Premises Banners
- (c). Sandwich or A-Frame Signs
- (d). Sidewalk or curb-signs
- (e). Signs placed on vehicles and used as stationary advertising devices
- (d). Changeable copy signs – will now read: Electronic changeable copy signs
- (f). Remove this portion of last sentence in 1(a): ...or contain lettering exceeding 12 inches in height.

Section 8.3 – remove the last sentence: Location of these temporary signs must be approved in advance by the City Council or its designee.

Add Section 8.4: Signs advertising garage sales / yard sales; lemonade stands; parties; estate sales and personal property sales, such events can only occur not more than once every ninety-days. Signs may not be posted more than three (3) days prior to event and must be removed within twenty-four hours of the conclusion of the event.

Motion to approve

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

12. Consider and adopt holiday schedule for calendar year 2018

Council agreed to keep the holiday schedule as is: New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Veteran's day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and two floating holidays, of the Secretary's choosing.

Motion to approve 2018 holiday schedule to mirror the 2017 holiday schedule

Motion: Newman

Second: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

13. Hear nomination(s) for the 2017 Volunteer of the Year

Mayor Combs read aloud the submissions for the three nominees for Volunteer of the Year (VOTY):

- (a) Lee & Leila Bates – nominated by Billy Combs
- (b) Marcia Greer Landers – nominated by June Grayson
- (c) Patrick (Pat) McDonald – nominated by Lou Cognata

By a majority vote Council chose Pat McDonald as the Beach City 2017 VOTY.
There will be a celebration at our January meeting.

14. Update and discussion on non-compliance to City ordinances regarding On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF's)

None

15. Report and update from the Mayor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all

16. Council Comments

Merry Christmas

17. Adjourn

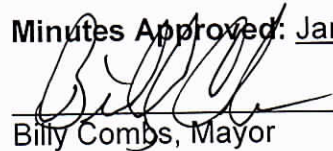
Motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

Motion: Newman


Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

Minutes Approved: January 23, 2018



Billy Combs, Mayor

Attest:


Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary