

BEACH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting December 22, 2009 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Guido Persiani
MAYOR PRO TEM: Rita Standridge
ALDERMAN: Ray Smith Vaughn Bercaw Douglas Walker Jackey Lasater
CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer- Absent
SECRETARY: Marilyn K. Harrison

Mayor Persiani called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Tuesday, December 22, 2009

I. Citizen Comments.

Commissioner Bill Wallace attended the meeting to give an end of the year update. He reported about the damage to McCollum Park from Hurricane Ike. The Park has been ok'd to begin work, all permitting is in and the plans have been drawn, so it is going out to bids. There will be a 30 degree slop that will be back fielded all the way from the top down to the water. There is going to be a concrete wall and rip-raff along with steps that leads down to the water. This project bid will be let to bid in late January and hope to get it under construction by March and finished by June 2010. After the Corps of Engineer, General Land Office and FEMA looked at this, we finally got permission to get started and the money is available. It is approx. \$800,000.00 which will be paid by the General Land Office, Corps of Engineer, and FEMA. Another update is the new EMS Building on FM 3180. The new building is up running and finished inside. All that is left to finish that project is to install the electricity. The electric company said within the next two weeks that we will have power. This will be a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week EMS service for West Chambers County. There will be 4 bays with 2 full time ambulances and 1 back-up. The County ditches have all been cleared from debris even the ones that crossed onto private properties so that water will drain properly. Another good piece of news is that there will be a new traffic light at 3180 and 565 starting in January and finished by April. We also have received a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) we have been approved for a hardening on the Beach City Fire Department Building. It is about \$300,000.00 that has been approved. We are going to bring this building up to wind storm code, with a new roof and bracing and we are going to add showers, restrooms, and big generator. He reported that TX DOT relinquished the Hwy. 99 toll road to Chambers County.

Mayor Persiani asked Bill Wallace about an 18 wheeler truck parked on the Rite of way too close to the road and that the Mayor has tried several times to get help with this before someone gets hurt. Comm. Wallace said that he has been working on this also and will get with Brian Hawthorne to see if he can get it removed.

There were three residents from Bay Ridge that attended the meeting with concern about a water company that came in and put in new lines, which their water pressure is up now but they tore up streets and yards and did not put them back the way that they were before the project started. They have called the water company to complain and they hang up on the residents. Comm. Wallace is aware of this and has his people going out and taking pictures

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capability for the Residents of The City of Beach City for home audits and street lighting. The Mayor wrote Resolution 2009-2 for the grant.

MOTION made to accept the Resolution 2009-2 as stated.

MOTION: Standridge SECONDED: Walker APPROVED: 4-0
ABSTAINED: 1

VII. Report from Beach City Spirit Committee.

The spirit committee did not meet in December but will meet in Jan. 2010.

VIII. Review Environmental Complaint Log and other "Notice of Violations".

We have not issued the violation for this encroachment of the right of way at 10200 Ocean Drive yet, and we will take care of this in the next meeting.

IX. Review and act upon need to move the regular meeting in January 2010 from the 26th to the 19th, avoiding conflict with WCCC Awards Banquet

MOTION made to move the January meeting up to the 19th instead of the 26th.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Lasater APPROVED: 5-0

Discussion was made that the City pay for the Council Members, the recipients and the Council spouses will pay for their on.

MOTION made that the secretary make the arraignments for all Council Members that are able and want to attend the WCCC Banquet on the 26th reservations and that it be paid for out of the Council Fund and spouses will be paid for by the individual Council Member.

MOTION: Standridge SECONDED: Lasater APPROVED: 4-0
ABSTAINED: 1

X. Review and act upon selection of "Volunteer of the Year" from submitted nominations.

Mayor Persiani stated that there were 3 nominations submitted for the "Volunteer of the Year" award. They were Jay Hammes, Matthew Faulkner, and Rev. Sam Hughes. Jay was nominated by Rusty Senac, Matthew was nominated by his wife Janine and Rev. Hughes was nominated by Ray Smith, Rita Standridge and Jim Josey. There were citizens at the meeting that talked about whom they would like to be the "Volunteer of the Year" and they were Charlie Flewellen, Jim Josey, and Rusty Senac.

The Council Members voted and named Rev. Sam Hughes as "Volunteer of The Year" for 2009 for the City of Beach City.

MOTION made for Recognition for Volunteer Nominations at the next Council Meeting.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Bercaw APPROVED: 5-0

XI. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government code, Section 551.071, concerning Personnel issues regarding City Secretary Personnel.

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and does not know if the water company has finished the job. But went on to explain that the water company will have to put the roads back the way they were before they started.

II. Review and consider approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 24th, 2009.

MOTION made to approve the minutes as written.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Standridge APPROVED: 5-0

III. Review and consider approval of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for 5 months ending November 30th, 2009.

A. TexPool rate review

B. CD rate/security review and update

Mayor Persiani reported for the month of November, Expenditures over Revenues were a positive \$5312.05. Current total assets are \$598,747.63 with all the book values that are shown and the waited average yield is 2.6% and declining. Then he went on to explain the Quick Book version that we will start using soon. Alderman Bercaw would like to have a percentage of the budget on the Quick Book version.

MOTION made to accept the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as stated.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Smith APPROVED: 5-0

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

Secretary Marilyn K. Harrison stated that the November Expenditure had to be amended due to check # 1628 that was on the Expenditure for \$74.50, but the check was written for \$74.00 and than we added an Expenditure for Bank Checks in the amount of \$84.50.

MOTION made to accept Expenditure as amended.

MOTION: Standridge SECONDED: Lasater APPROVED: 5-0

V. Review and act upon renewal of interlocal agreement with Chambers County for Public Nuisance Abatement.

This is the current Interlocal Agreement that is being extended for another year.

MOTION made to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for the year 2010 for Public Nuisance Abatement Assistance.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Bercaw APPROVED: 5-0

VI. Review and consider Resolution 2009-2 for SECO energy conservation grant.

Mayor Persiani said that this is \$22,000.00 available to the City in the form of a grant. The suggestions from the last meeting included street lighting and Energy consults. We are going to try to bring in some consultant service

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Recessed for Executive Session.

XII. Consider action regarding Compensation changes for City Secretary Personnel.

Council reconvened the regular session at 9:18 P.M. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009.

MOTION made that the City Secretary and the Assistant Secretary's wages is increased 65 cents an hour.

MOTION: Lasater SECONDED: Walker APPROVED:


XIII. Council Member Comments.

Alderman Smith reported that the swim team at Barbers Hill is doing a good job, they started late and they have three or four Duel Meets in which the girls have only lost one meet. The current Athletic Director is leaving, they are going to get a new Director soon and Alderman Smith has a meeting with him to discuss moving Barbers Hill Aquatics to the next level.


XIV. Adjourn

Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M. Tuesday, December 22, 2009.

ATTEST TO:


Marilyn K. Harrison
Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Guido Persiani
Mayor