

City of Beach City – City Council Regular Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Session** on **April 23, 2019** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Jackey Lasater, Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt, Alderman Doug Walker, Alderman Paul Newman, Alderman Ray Smith and Alderman Ryan Dagley

Staff Present: Assistant Secretary Deanna Wallace

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, April 23, 2019 Mayor Lasater called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lasater offered prayer and Alderman Ryan Dagley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

No Comments

Recess: 6:22 P.M. for citizens appreciation to Greg Moss and Jackie Young

Reconvene: 6:43 P.M.

4. Hear report and update from The Honorable Billy Combs Chambers County Commissioner Pct. 4

Representative Mayes Middleton introduced HB 2781 to the Texas House of Representatives. This bill would allow Chambers County to declare an emergency that will lift tolls on SH 99. This bill has already helped by getting TxDOT's attention. TxDOT is now considering a connection ramp on Spur 330 to I-10 East, and Hwy 146, that will reduce the traffic in our area.

The contractor awarded the I-10 and FM 3180 project, has released a schedule for construction that begins when school year ends in the summer of 2020 and will be completed by the beginning of school. The same contractor will be handling the widening of FM 2354. A schedule is not confirmed but probably will start sometime this summer.

Another new sand pit is opening along FM 2354, providing 500,000 cubic yards to SH 99 construction.

Chambers County passed a resolution to change the name of SH 99, south of I-10, to Deputy Sheriff Shane Detwiler Memorial Highway. Mayes Middleton has introduced the bill for the name change.

Katoen Natie (KTN) plans to add 15 to 20 million square feet with 2.5 million already completed. Jindal Pipe Yard, near KTN, is constructing a 300,000 square foot pipe mill. This will add

another 150 to 200 trucks. Alderman Newman asked for an estimate of trucks for the KTN expansion. Commissioner Combs stated that there are 600 trucks a week now and this will double with the expansion. The Exxon Mobil Plastics facility expansion will also be adding trucks.

Chambers County Court passed a proclamation in support of HB 3835 that will allow BHISD to withdraw from the Lee College District and allow Lonestar College to annex the area.

Chambers County is updating the subdivision ordinance that includes a requirement on slab elevations to be twelve inches above the 500 year flood plain, instead of the 100 year flood plain. The county is looking at widening streets and improving drainage ditch issues, such as the drainage ditch in the back of McCollum Park.

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

None

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Called Meeting of March 26th, 2019

Motion to approve the Regular Minutes

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

7. 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

(d) Review and approve Weekly Review of Accounts

The TexasTerm CD's are now listed on the reports. All reports are a month in arrears with the exception of the Expenditures.

Motion to accept the financial consent agenda

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

8. Update and discussion on CenterPoint Energy's FY 2019-2020 Franchise Fee Payment Calculation

Mayor Lasater noted there will be a monthly increase of approximately \$550 per month.

9. Discussion and possible action on Capital Bank CD #695 maturing on April 23rd, 2019

Mayor Lasater informed Council this CD expires today. Mayor Lasater recommended Capital Bank for the new CD. Alderman Newman stated that Capital Bank has a higher rate but charges fees for services such as paper statements. Alderman Dagley will attempt to get Capital Bank fees waived.

Council agreed to a two year CD with Capital Bank, rolling over the matured amount of CD #695.

10. Discussion and possible action on approval of Resolution for new CD investment

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-04 for a new CD investment with Capital Bank

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

11. Consider and approve Resolution of Appreciation for Greg Moss

Mayor Lasater acknowledged that many people helped with the opposition of the dredge material. Two people stand out for bringing the matter to the attention of the County Commissioner and Beach City. Those people are Greg Moss and Jackie Young.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 of Appreciation for Greg Moss

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

Approved: 5-0

12. Consider and approve Resolution of Appreciation for Jackie Young

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-03 for Appreciation for Jackie Young

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

13. Discuss and consider a date for the Citizen's Committee to reevaluate the need of a Sales & Use Tax for Beach City

Mayor Lasater will be contacting the citizens who were previously on the Sales & Use Tax Committee to set up a meeting and confirm that they would like to stay on the committee.

Billy Combs will not remain on the committee due to current commitments as County Commissioner.

14. Discussion and possible action on CenterPoint Energy 2019 Annual GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) Adjustment (increase) for the Texas Coast Division

Mayor Lasater reminded City Council that no action was taken last year and asked if anyone objected to no action again this year.

There were no objections.

15. Discussion and possible action on CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC 2019 Filing to Change Rates

Mayor Lasater informed Council of the proposed increase in rates and the Coalition of Cities led by the City of Houston.

Motion to oppose the filing and join the Coalition of Cities

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

Approved: 5-0

16. Discussion and possible action adopting an Ordinance to join the Coalition of Cities led by the City of Houston for the Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Change Rates Pending relating to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Application

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-02

Motion: Smith

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

17. This item was tabled at the March 26th, 2019 meeting: Discuss and consider entering into a Service Provider Agreement with the San Jacinto River Coalition

Council agreed that the San Jacinto River Coalition was not the correct name of the group and that last month they were interested in reviewing the wording of a Service Provider Agreement before moving forward.

18. Discuss and consider entering into a Service Provider Agreement with Texas Health and Environment Alliance, Inc. (THEA)

Council discussed the terms of the agreement with THEA and agreed on the amount of \$2,500.

Motion to enter into a Service Provider Agreement in the amount of \$2,500.00

Motion: Dagley

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

19. Discuss and consider setting a date in May for the FY 2019-2020 Budget Workshop

Council agreed to meet May 23rd, 2019 at 6:00 PM for the Budget Workshop

20. Update and discussion from the Beautify Beach City Committee regarding roadside litter on FM 2354

The first meeting of the committee occurred last week. They discussed several ideas and are considering a Trash Bash, a one day event, for community involvement. Their goal is to educate and inform the public about the litter issue. Alderman Colquitt asked City Attorney Daniel Jackson about the liability of the City sponsoring an event and collecting donations. Attorney Jackson confirmed that collecting donations is legal and to consider waivers signed by participants to reduce liability.

They are also considering having groups looking for service hours to commit to maintain the areas.

21. Update and discussion on Records Management training with Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC)

Assistant City Secretary Deanna Wallace reviewed with Council the social media updates regarding Record Management as suggested by TSLAC. Assistant Secretary Wallace suggested Council take the two (2) Webinars offered by TSLAC for more details about managing emails. The City email accounts should be used for record management instead of personal email accounts. She also informed Council that text messages during an open meeting are a record that needs to be maintained, according to the Texas Attorney General, and should be forwarded to their City email account for record management.

Ownership of records and record retention was briefly discussed.

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

None

23. Report and update from the Mayor

a). Mayor Lasater informed Council that City Secretary, Evonne Donnelly's mother passed away and the services for her mother are pending. He informed Council that he gave Secretary Donnelly the remainder of the week off in lieu of her many hours of work the have not been documented. He would like Council to consider a bereavement leave added to the policy.

b). Aspen, contractor for Comcast, has confirmed with Mayor Lasater, that the improvements for RWJ, north of the canal area, are in the planning stages. Alderman Dagley stated that Phase 1 of the improvements will be completed in 7 days. They will scrape it, test it and turn it over to Comcast in 14 days. Phase 5 is completely built. All 7 Phases should be complete in 26 days.

Alderman Dagley also stated that any complaints from citizens received by City should be forwarded to Aspen for immediate attention.

c). Mayor Lasater attended the Mayors Quarterly Luncheon and learned that the City of Mont Belvieu is attempting to get approval for a mail service center with USPS, with a new zip code. They have asked for the City of Beach City's support and help.

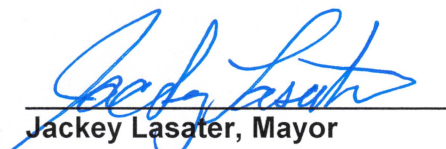
d). The donations from the Council members and employees of the City for Felipe Pinales, our area USPS mail carrier, were given to him and he was very thankful. His son was killed in an accident in March. Alderman Dana Colquitt stated that she gathered donations from her neighbors in the amount of \$1,100 and gave to him as well.

24. Council Comments

Alderman Newman asked Alderman Walker for information on the Texas Bill that Alderman Walker testified about. Alderman Walker, as a member of the Lee College Board, testified against a Bill that would allow a community college, such as Lone Star College, to claim an area within a service area of another community college as a tax base. BHISD Superintendent testified in favor of the Bill. Alderman Walker understands that BHISD once approached Lee College to build a facility but BHISD wants to control the facility, which is not legal to do so. Lone Star College wants to be able to claim the area as a tax base and may have plans with BHISD. It is a complicated issue.

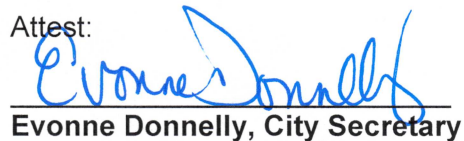
25. Adjourn meeting at 8:34 P.M.

Minutes Approved: May 28, 2019



Jackey Lasater, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary