

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City of Beach City – City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Special Called Session** on **January 8, 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 Ray Smith and Alderman Paul Newman

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

Legal Counsel Absent: Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Mayor Lasater called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

A resident asked Council if the previous owner of the McCollum Park Road property, now owned by HoltMar, owns the property behind the three acres he sold to HoltMar. Another resident suggested that Council look at the City of LaPorte's ordinance concerning field dirt that limits the number of loads or yards of dirt that you can bring in.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council will now hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code

a). Section 551.074 Texas Government Code concerning appointment of a public officer

RECESS: 6:07 P.M.

RECONVENE: 7:09 PM

Mayor Lasater went to Item 9 after executive session, due to the amount of people in attendance.

5. Discuss and consider appointing a replacement to complete the term vacated by Jackey Lasater

Motion to vote to appoint a replacement on the term vacated by Jackey Lasater

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

Vote: By a show of four hands, all Aldermen, Ryan Dagley was voted in as interim Alderman.

Motion to appointment Ryan Dagley to our Council

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

Approved: 4-0

Discussion: Alderman Smith asked when the swearing in ceremony would be. Mayor Lasater stated it will be at the next Council meeting on January 22nd.

6. Discuss and consider amending Resolution 2018-09 that Increases Permit Rates of the City of Beach City for OSSF, Construction, Penalty Fees, etc.

Mayor Lasater read aloud the changes in the amending resolution, which includes a decrease in the inspector fee for buildings, swimming pools and out-buildings from \$150.00 to \$75.00. The fee reduction applies when there is an existing septic system onsite and limits the scope of the inspection.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 which will dissolve or supersede Resolution 2018-09

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 4-0

7. Discuss and consider the parameters of an ordinance to restrict the placement of fill dirt, sand or dredge material in Beach City that could adversely affect flood drainage, property values, or the health of citizens or property owners, with possible action

Mayor Lasater would like to form a committee on this matter.

Alderman Newman and Alderman Walker will serve on this committee.

Alderman Smith asked if Attorney Jackson could sit in with the committee when they meet.

8. Discuss and consider establishing weight limits on McCollum Park Road

The City must have a basis for the load limits. This would require hiring an engineer to take core samples. Chambers County Commissioners Court discussed this matter in court today. Commissioner Combs noted that a core sample has to be taken by a certified company, one that is certified in doing this for roadways. They will then be able to tell you what load limit the road is capable of handling. The County will assist the City if possible, in this matter. Even though a weight limit may be set on this road, it will not prevent deliveries and things of this nature. Commissioner Combs added, dump trucks, etc. could bond around a load limit, by placing a bond. Having a weight limit would put a tool in place for the road to be rebuilt or repaired if an overweight vehicle used this road and it would require them to obtain a permit to use the road.

Alderman Newman would like to understand this issue more in-depth.

Aldermen Newman and Colquitt will both serve on this committee with Mayor Lasater.

9. Conduct special public information meeting regarding dredge material in Beach City

Mayor Lasater spoke to a crowd of approximately 200 people who were inside and outside of the community building. Mayor Lasater along with Commissioner Combs, Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia, Chambers County Attorney Scott Peal, Chambers County Engineer Cory Taylor and Will Carter, a representative from Congressman Babin's office, all met with Tom Marion of HoltMar today. HoltMar is the company which owns the land on McCollum Park Road and made application to the Corp of Engineers for the dredge material to be moved from the area of concern at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits to Beach City.

Mr. Marion sent a letter to Commissioner Combs stating that HoltMar Land, LLC. will contact the Corp of Engineers to amend the permit to substantially reduce the amount of dredge spoil material. This will allow HoltMar to place the dredge material at a location closer to the project rather than the previously proposed sight in Beach City. Mayor Lasater noted, this is not over until

it's over. We will continue our letter writing campaign and continue gathering names for the petitions; we will keep the pedal to the metal.

Commissioner Combs made everyone aware that there is a chance the permit application will be posted prior to the amendment being processed by the Corp. Mr. Marion stated he intends to reduce the amount originally applied for from 31,000 cubic yards down somewhere between 5,000-10,000 cubic yards of excavation. Chambers County Commissioners Court voted today to give a verbal resolution to oppose the placement of dredge material in Beach City.

Commissioner Combs added that this fight is not over until we know the dredge project going on with our neighbors in Highlands is over. He also asked for a commitment from the citizens to support the Highlands community. Commissioner Combs stated, "they have stood behind us, we need to stand behind them."

Alderman Colquitt asked for everyone to sign the petition before they leave. Petition signors do not have to be residents of Beach City.

Guest speaker Jackie Young founded Texas Health & Environment Alliance (TXHEA) in 2015. TXHEA is now the home of the San Jacinto River Coalition. As a resident of Highlands, Ms. Young and her parents were exposed to heavy metals in their drinking water. After becoming ill, Ms. Young and her family later found out their home is located in the area of approximately four Superfund sites. TXHEA is leading the fight for removal of the San Jacinto River Superfund Site. Ms. Young discussed dioxins and the Superfund site areas of concern while presenting a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Young also answered questions from those in attendance.

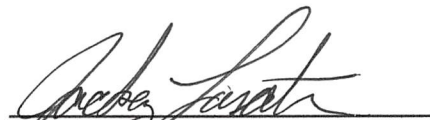
RECESS: 8:44 P.M.

RECONVENE: 8:58 P.M.

After reconvening from a short break, Mayor Lasater went to Item 5.

10. Adjourn at 9:19 PM

Minutes Approved: January 22, 2019



Jackey Lasater, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary