

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 May 23, 2019** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

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

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Deanna Wallace

Legal Counsel: City Attorney Daniel Jackson, not present

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, May 23, 2019 Mayor Lasater called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

BCVFD Chief Pat McDonald offered prayer. Mayor Lasater led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

3. Citizens Comments

None

4. Hear report and funding request from BCVFD (Beach City Volunteer Fire Department)

Chief McDonald shared the BCVFD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 budget with Council. The BCVFD began billing for traffic accidents and tank fires, resulting in additional revenue totaling \$13,000. Chief McDonald asked Council to consider working with TGS (Trans-Global Solutions) to add a water supply at Fisher Road. Mayor Lasater suggested a meeting to address this request with TGS. Chief McDonald agreed to a meeting and plans to go to Chambers County Commissioners Court with a request for assistance with this matter as well.

5. Hear report and funding request from Bridgehaven Child Advocacy Center

Paula Torres, Executive Director of the Bridgehaven Child Advocacy Center shared details regarding the services offered by their organization to advocate for abused children involved in the legal process of prosecuting their abuser. They are the only agency of their type serving Liberty and Chambers County. The number of children receiving their services increased 21% last year. Alderman Colquitt asked if the children have the same advocate all the way through the process. Ms. Torres answered they do with exception of the initial interviewer who must remain neutral for legal reasons.

Bridgehaven's annual budget is \$900,000. Funding is obtained from Liberty and Chambers County along with various cities in the service area.

Alderman Walker asked if Bridgehaven has approached other cities in our area for funding. Ms. Torres stated that City of Old River Winfree donates the Child Safety Fee collected from registrations to their organization. Mayor Lasater asked if they know how many cases are from Beach City. Ms. Torres stated that it is difficult to determine but she could research it further. She stated that the information they collected from school district Superintendents shows Barbers Hill ISD (BHISD) as having the highest number of cases throughout Liberty and Chambers County.

Mayor Lasater asked if they have any problems with their budget. Ms. Torres said they did not have any budget problems and they also have sources of funding from donations and grants.

6. Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Mayor Lasater reviewed the prepared budget worksheet with Council.

Secretary Donnelly prepared a budget workbook with an itemization of each category and the projected income or expense per item.

Revenues show increase in electric franchise fees of 7%.

Mayor Lasater noted the budget is conservative.

With Comcast running fiber and cable in Beach City the new installations will likely show the telecommunications category as an increase next year.

The interest income is lower than projected due to the two TxTERM CD's paying upon maturity in FY 2020-21. These two CD's will add approximately \$13,500 to the interest income in FY 2020-21.

The overall budget income will increase by approximately 6.33%.

Mayor Lasater requested Item 8 of the Agenda to be addressed before proceeding with the budget workshop.

Budget workshop discussion commenced with Payroll Expenses.

The proposed payroll expense budget is increasing to \$47,605.48.

Council agreed to proposed budget changes that include an increase of City Council's Expense for Newly Elected Officials training costs, a decrease for Municipal Court, an increase to Election Expenses, an increase in Membership Dues and an increase to Special Contractual Services.

After a discussion of Sentry Lights/Street Lights, the Aldermen agreed to a proposed budget amount of \$4,000.00 to cover any additional light installations that may be needed.

The new expense item, Fallen Heroes Memorial, is budgeted for \$2,000.00 to cover maintenance cost.

Recess for Executive Session: 6:42 PM

7. 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 employee matters

Reconvened: 7:36 PM

8. Reconvene into Special Called Session and consider action, if any, for items discussed in Executive Session

Mayor Lasater introduced the proposed wage increases for the City Secretary and the Assistant City Secretary.

Motion to approve hourly wage increase for the City Secretary to \$20.00 per hour

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Motion to approve hourly wage increase for the Assistant City Secretary to \$13.25 per hour

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

9. Report and update from the Mayor

None

10. Council Comments

None

11. Adjourn

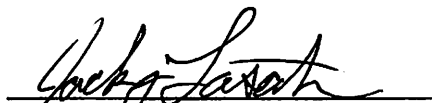
Motion to adjourn at 8:48 P.M.

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Minutes Approved: June 25, 2019



Jackey Lasater, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary