

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS  
STATE OF TEXAS

**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 May 28, 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:** City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Deanna Wallace

**Legal Counsel Present:** City Attorney Daniel Jackson

**1. Call to order and announcement of quorum**

On Tuesday, May 28, 2019 Mayor Lasater called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Lasater offered prayer and Alderman Smith 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 The Honorable Billy Combs Chambers County Commissioner Pct. 4**

Chambers County has been working with TxDOT to ease the traffic congestion on Hwy 146. TxDOT will add a connector ramp from Spur 330 to I-10 in 2020. This will only be for the Northbound traffic connecting East.

There is headway being made in the East to West Corridor #4 (EW4) discussions with TxDOT. This would connect FM 1405, close to Bayer Road, over to FM 2354 by the sand pit. EW4 would run parallel with the canal. Unfortunately, this road will meander and not be a straight shot.

A tentative agreement has been struck between Chambers and HPP for the County to trade the old portion of Needlepoint Road with HPP, this will connect HPP's two properties. The County will take an easement through HPP and adjust Needlepoint road to have a Northbound ingress and egress. This will also assist area residents when the train is blocking FM 565. When Old Needlepoint Road (coming from Hwy 146) is connected to this Needlepoint Road it will cross the canal; this will allow traffic to have an alternative route to and from Chambers Town Square.

The County is updating the subdivision regulations. Subdivision's will have dedicated drainage easements.

Chambers County is purchasing 68 acres on FM 565 south at Gouhole Road. There will be a replacement building for McCleod Park; soccer field; baseball fields; the Collection Center (trash disposal) will be relocated from Mont Belvieu to this site as well.

Enterprise Products purchased approximately 500 acres on Hatcherville Road.

Chambers County Commissioners Court approved a deal with Enterprise for an expansion ranging in price from \$900 million to \$3.38 billion dollars. Chambers County will be paid in advance \$100 million dollars, over a three year period. This deal will extend the tax abatements Enterprise is getting from Chambers County from 10 years to 25 years. This money will primarily be used to fund the new \$85 million dollar justice center in Anahuac. This deal will avoid the need for a tax hike to fund the justice center. Enterprise will also purchase McLeod Park for 9.5 million dollars.

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

None

**6. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

**Motion** to approve the Regular Minutes of April 23, 2019

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**7. Approve Minutes for Special Called Meeting of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Motion** to approve

**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**8. 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

**Motion** to accept the financials

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**9. Discussion and possible action on Capital Bank CD #773 maturing on June 12, 2019**

Council discussed different CD terms and rates.

It was agreed that Mayor Lasater will locate the best rate upon the maturity of this CD for a term of twelve months (12 months).

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

**Motion** to approve

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 5-0

**11. Discuss and consider a Resolution supporting Chambers County's efforts to have TxDot install an overpass on SH 99 at County Road EW4 crossing**

A resolution is not currently available for Council to review and vote on.

Alderman Newman questioned if there is an urgency to get this done this month vs. next council meeting.

Commissioner Combs noted next month would suffice. Passing this resolution would show more public support for the need to have the overpass put in. This overpass would be beneficial to the City. Attorney Jackson will draw up a Resolution for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A motion made by Alderman Smith was withdrawn

**12. Consider and approve a Resolution Establishing the Baytown Sun as the Official Newspaper for the City of Beach City**

**Motion** to approve

**Motion:** Colquitt

**Second:** Smith

**Approved:** 5-0

**13. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the Mayor to hire an independent Auditing Firm to conduct an audit of the City's finances**

Mayor Lasater reminded Council that the City's last audit was held in the fall of 2017.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to hire an independent audit firm to conduct an audit of the City's finances

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

**14. Update and discussion from the Citizen's Committee to reevaluate the need of a Sales & Use Tax for Beach City**

Attorney Jackson noted that Mayor and Council cannot advocate for this but rather educate the voters. August 19<sup>th</sup> is the last day to file for a place on the General Election Ballot.

Mayor Lasater along with Aldermen Smith and Newman will no longer serve on this committee. Mayor Lasater will comprise a letter regarding the necessity to acquire the 1.5% remaining Sales & Use Tax. This letter will not advocate this necessity rather, it will consist of factual statements to educate the residents of Beach City.

**15. Discuss and consider adding a Sales & Use Tax to the November 5, 2019 ballot**

**Motion** to add the General Revenue Sales & Use Tax to the November ballot in the amount of 1.5%

**Motion:** Colquitt

**Second:** Newman

**Approved:** 5-0

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

Alderman Colquitt discussed the idea of creating the Beach City Civic Club. The club could adopt two-mile segments of FM 2354. A meeting will be held to discuss which segments of the highway to adopt and how many segments. TxDOT will send a mowing schedule which would assist with the timing of the roadside litter pickup.

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

One complaint, two broken sprinkler heads were found, the violation is unresolved at this point.

**18. Report and update from the Mayor**

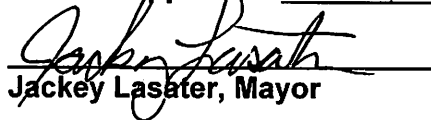
- a). Comcast is signing up residents for new service.
- b). Mayor Lasater met with a Mr. Jennings concerning dredging on Cedar Bayou. There will be a barge terminal at the old Crawley's restaurant at the end of FM 2354. The dredged material will be placed onsite at the same property it is dredged from and then tested. If testing is good, then this material will be placed at the Waste Management Landfill, next door.

**19. Council Comments**

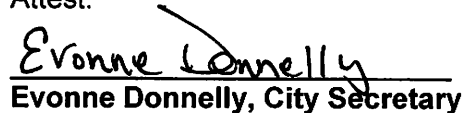
None

**20. Adjourn meeting at 7:43 P.M.**

**Minutes Approved: June 25, 2019**

  
Jackey Lasater, Mayor

Attest:

  
Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary