

City of Beach City

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City Council Regular Called Meeting & Public Hearing for FY 2020-2021 Budget Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Session & Public Hearing for FY 2020-2021 Budget** on **June 23, 2020** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

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

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt

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, June 23, 2020 Mayor Lasater called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Donnelly offered prayer and Alderman Dagley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

3. Public Hearing for Citizens Comments concerning FY 2020-2021 Budget

*Regular meeting Recessed for Public Hearing at 6:15 P.M.

Public Hearing Called to Order at 6:15 P.M.

No Comments

Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

*Regular Meeting Reconvened at 6:16 P.M.

4. Review and approve the City Budget for FY 2020-2021

Mayor Lasater reviewed with Council the Sales & Use Tax revenue that the City received June 12, 2020. Alderman Newman recommended the verbiage in the Budget Footnotes be amended to reflect, 'we have received the first payment, and we are estimating this amount to be conservative.' Alderman Smith added the words: Unprecedented and Unknown to be added. Secretary Donnelly noted that page five (5) of the Budget Foot Notes and Worksheets, Item 51800 – Sales & Use Tax would be amended to reflect the changes mentioned.

Also, Intermodal Permits has been added to the Budget worksheet and the Budget Foot notes, which is a new form of revenue for the City. There are two payments sent annually to the City from

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the Department of Motor Vehicles. This also is an unprecedented payment and the amounts to be received are unknown.

Mayor Lasater noted the changes that were made to the excel spreadsheet form the Budget Workshop meeting in May.

The laptops for Council and staff run awfully slow. Assistant Secretary Wallace has priced two new laptops for the City & Assistant Secretary to replace the slower, smaller screened Dell Laptops.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt will take Assistant Secretary Wallace's HP laptop, since it runs faster than the Council's laptops. Aldermen Walker, Newman and Dagley will turn in their Dell Laptops due to the slow processing and do not wish to have them replaced. It has been agreed to increase the price to \$1,150 per laptop for the staff, so larger screens and faster processing will make it more efficient for both secretaries.

Item 64010 was listed as 'Annual City Celebration', it has now been changed to 'Special Contractual Services'.

The City Secretary's pay will increase from \$20.00 to \$20.80 per hour; The Assistant Secretary's pay will increase from \$13.25 to \$14.00 per hour and the City Attorney's monthly retainer fee will increase from \$425.00 to \$750.00 per month.

Alderman Dagley asked if Attorney Jackson could keep track of his hours for future reference. This will be helpful for Council to review in the future. If the City ever had cause to hire outside Council, this would help us to understand what the average monthly hours served are for our attorney.

Attorney Jackson agreed to this request.

Motion to approve the budget

Motion: Walker

Second: Smith

Approved: 4-0

5. Public Comments (Limited to three (3) minutes per person)

None

6. Hear report and update from Pct. 4 Chambers County Commissioner, Billy Combs

No report

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

Chief McDonald stated things have been relatively quiet.

City of Mont Belvieu donated their F350 brush truck to the BCVFD. This truck is Santa on the Bay worthy as well.

Membership is hanging around 18 members.

Dry hydrants: Seacrest Subdivision will place a pond inside their community, but they do not want anything crossing their land. Meaning, they will not allow the retention pond to be used outside of their subdivision. The sand pits have not responded to the fire chief about dry hydrant access.

8. Approve Minutes for *Special Called Meeting of May 26th, 2020*

Alderman Newman would like to see a 'qualifier' added to the comments of Alderman Walker in Item 4. regarding Alderman's Walker's statements on the money to be allotted to the BCVFD. Alderman Newman feels the stated comments are confusing. Secretary Donnelly noted that the comments listed are Alderman Walker's comments; he said both things. After a brief discussion with Aldermen Walker, Smith and Dagley, Secretary Donnelly asked if Council is good with leaving the comments as presented. The Aldermen answered yes to this question. Attorney Jackson added, the minutes should reflect exactly what happened; not what you think happened, or what should have happened, rather exactly what happened. If someone calls for the audio, the transcript (minutes) would reflect the audio. These minutes stand as presented.

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Motion to approve the Minutes for Special Called Meeting of May 26th, 2020

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

9. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 26th, 2020

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Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

10. 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 Statement(s) for the 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

(e) Update and review CD #974 purchased from funds of matured CD #577

Mayor Lasater noted the matured Capital Bank CD #577 for \$102,888.58 was reinvested into Capital Bank CD #974 for the same amount at .75%, for twelve months.

Motion to appropriate \$15,000 of the surplus for FY 2019-2020 to the Beach City Fire Department

Motion: Smith **Second:** Newman **Approved:** 3 **Opposed:** 1 - Walker

Discussion: Out of the \$26,000 excess funds, Alderman Smith wants to give an additional \$15,000 of the City's excess funds to the BCVFD. Alderman Smith added the Sales & Use Tax money was also mentioned as new source of funds for the BCVFD. Smith feels the BCVFD should have a large portion of this money.

Alderman Walker offered a counterview; he feels if the fire department asks for the money and they need this money then Council should consider this and meet the challenge. Otherwise, the City should save everything we possibly can for the future. Whether it be, septic tanks/sewer systems, water systems, etc. We should be saving as much money for the future. If the fire department asks for the money, he is supportive of trying to meet this request. If they are not asking for the money, then the City should save it.

Alderman Smith says with his eighteen years on Council the humbleness of the fire department should be rewarded.

Alderman Dagley added that the extra \$8,000 requested is to meet immediate needs and build up the BCVFD savings/save for a future need. It was noted by Dagley to the Fire Chief, Pat McDonald, to not wait six months to twelve months to purchase the items that are needed, if you need them today.

Mayor Lasater added that Rusty Senac hopes the City will donate a large portion of the Sales Tax to the BCVFD.

Chief McDonald stated that the BCVFD relies on fundraisers to balance out their budget.

Alderman Smith added that a significant portion of the surplus in recent years has been given to the BCVFD.

Secretary Donnelly added for the record, she wants to see the City's assets/funds increased to \$1.5 - \$2 million dollars. When the day comes of the challenges of a sewage system, etc., it would be a better financial start for the City. The City Secretary must look out for the benefit of the City's finances first.

Alderman Newman thinks there is room for some compromise on both sides. His belief is, it is just as valuable to subsidize/increase the fire department with the surplus money, to increase the value to the community. Alderman Newman thinks while it's good to try to increase the City's numbers, he does not believe that an extra \$600,000 for sewer or water will make a difference for the area that will need to be covered, Newman called it a rounding error.

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Alderman Walker is comfortable with giving the BCVFD what was given to them last FY. It was noted that excess monies have not been given in the last two years, since Hurricane Harvey. Alderman Dagley is comfortable giving less than 2.00% of the City's savings or excess money. He is good with giving \$10,000-\$15,000 to the BCVFD.

Alderman Dagley asked how much money has been given to the BCVFD over the years. Secretary Donnelly will pull up all monies given to the fire department listed in QuickBooks and forward to Council this week.

Alderman Walker supports the fire department and has personally donated to the BCVFD recently. However, he is also in favor of growing the City's funds.

Motion to approve Item 10. a), b), c), d), e)

Motion: Smith

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

11. Discussion and possible action on TexasTERM CD #607 maturing on July 6th, 2020

Council discussed different CD terms and rates. TexasTERM's reconciliations are difficult each month. Rates are still exceptionally low.

Currently the best rate from Capital Bank is .75% with APY of .75% for twelve (12) months.

Council agreed the shortest term possible is the way to go, which is a 12 month (1 year) CD.

Motion to take TexasTERM CD #607 and roll into a twelve month Capital Bank CD

Motion: Dagley

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

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

Motion to approve the Resolution for the new CD investment

Motion: Dagley

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

13. Discuss and consider request from Cobb Findley & Associates for a partial replat of 7030 FM 2354, Beach City, TX. 77523 aka OceanWay Mobile Home Park

Alex van Druzer is an engineer with Cobb Findley representing OceanWay Mobile Home Park. The owners of Oceanway want to combine two tracts into one. This will add a 1.5 acre tract on the southwest corner into the existing tract of land.

Chambers County requires a fire lane to be added to the dead end street on the southwest corner and adding ingress and egress to the property in case of an emergency. These items have been addressed and Chambers County Commissioners Court has approved the plat before Council now. Secretary Donnelly read aloud an email from Cobb Findley that noted the changes from the previous plat submitted.

Motion to approve the final partial replat of 7030 FM 2354, Beach City, TX. aka OceanWay Mobile Home Park

Motion: Dagley

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

14. Presentation by Misty Ford, requesting Council to consider adopting an ordinance that restricts registered sex offenders to reside or be present anywhere children gather

Alderman Newman has an issue with how this line item is worded. He feels the wording should have additional words like "cannot reside; or cannot be near".

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Misty Ford stated that Detective Sean Perry presented the first ordinance like this in Anahuac. The City of Cove did pass this ordinance with revisions. Each city has changed the ordinance to benefit their own town.

A committee consisting of Aldermen Dagley and Smith will review this ordinance and bring back to Council next month.

15. Discussion and possible action to adopt an Ordinance regulating pipelines within the incorporated limits of Beach City

This ordinance is not ready and will be brought back in July.

16. Discuss and consider revisions to Ordinance 2014-6 Establishing Permit Requirements

Not ready bring back in July.

17. Consider and approve Service Provider Agreement with the BCVFD for FY 2020-2021

Motion to approve the Service Provider Agreement with the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department for FY 2020-2021

Motion: Dagley

Second: Smith

Approved: 4-0

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

No report

19. Report and update from the Mayor

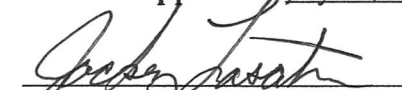
1. Currently the County has not followed suit on mandating facemasks.
2. There is an increase in new COVID-19 cases daily.
3. July 18th is the first day to apply for a place on the ballot. Last day to apply is August 17th.
4. There have been complaints of children riding golf carts/motorized vehicles on public streets, around the Barrow Ranch area.

20. Council Comments

None


21. Adjourn meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Minutes Approved: July 28, 2020



Jackey Lasater, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

