

City of Beach City

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City Council Regular Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Session** on **October 27, 2020** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

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

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, October 27, 2020 Mayor Lasater called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:05 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 Comments (Limited to three (3) minutes per person)

Local resident Greg Freeman thanked Council for all they do for the Beach City residents. Mr. Freeman was very appreciative of Council's quick actions in removing a dead tree in Walker Parkview subdivision.

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

Approximately 48% of residents have voted early in Chambers County. There is a rapidly rising feral hog issue in Beach City and West Chambers County. Mayor Lasater noted that if you trap a hog on your property Chambers County will pick up and dispose of the animal.

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

Clayton Graves addressed Council. The BCVFD purchased two gas detectors from the money council allocated to them this summer. Santa on the Bay will be December 11 & 12th.

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 22nd, 2020

Motion to approve minutes for Regular Meeting of September 22nd, 2020

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

Approved: 4-0

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Discussion: Secretary Donnelly apologized for the delay in getting the minutes to Council this month.

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 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

Motion to approve the Finances

Motion: Walker

Second: Smith

Approved: 4-0

Discussion: Per Mayor Lasater, the amount budgeted for the Sales Tax item was underestimated.

Alderman Walker questioned the Intermodal Permitting item. This is deposited every May and November to the City's account. This payment comes from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. A portion of the permit fees they charge for intermodal shipping containers transported in Texas within thirty miles of select ports is divided between local area entities.

8. **Discussion and possible action on increasing the bid for the security cameras and additional means of safety for the City office/building**

Three bids were originally collected for the security camera installation. A Crosby company, Unified Data, decided to bow out of their proposal. This is not the typical installation this company does.

One of the bids was extremely high and outside of the City's budget.

The bid from ESI, Inc. was \$3,500 and the owner Bryan Burleson stated that he could also add a buzzer system to the main entry door for an additional price. Commissioner Combs noted these type of buzzer systems will typically lock behind you and you have to be certain to disengage the system. They will lock automatically during a power failure and this would require a battery backup system. The City would need to work with County maintenance to ensure this will not cause issues in the future.

Mayor Lasater asked if Council could put a number on this so we could move this along and work out the technical details later.

Motion to approve the supplemental work with permission from the County and approve the bid of \$3,500 with an additional \$500 for the entry lock, buzzer system.

Motion: Smith

Second: Dagley

Approved: 4-0

9. **Discussion and possible action on updated bids for the City's website hosting and/or creation of website**

Website companies Unified Data, Cave Consulting and Revise have presented bids for creation of and hosting the City's website.

Unified Data's bid was not accurate as it only entailed a basic set up of the website. This would be hosted in Wix and there is an additional cost for this. Tech support would also cost \$100-\$125 each time, each hour.

Cave Consulting's bid was much higher than the other two company's bids. However, they primarily work with governmental entities.

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The Revize bid was in between the other two competitors. They also work primarily with governmental entities. After receiving all the required information, the website could be up and running within two weeks.

Motion to move on the Revize bid for \$2,200

Motion: Dagley

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

10. Discuss and consider alternate dates for the November and December 2020 Council meetings

Council agreed to leave the November Council date on the 24th and move the December meeting to the 15th, the third Tuesday of December.

11. Brought back from the August 22, 2020 Regular Meeting: Discuss and consider revisions to Ordinance 2014-6 Establishing Permit Requirements

Secretary Donnelly reviewed with Council the issues this office has experienced in the last year with homeowners not completing the OSSF work per their pool/building/improvement's approval. There are currently three out of a dozen outstanding/expired OSSF redesigns that need to be completed.

Alderman Dagley suggested a Letter of Completion Certificate to be added to assist with this issue.

Attorney Jackson suggested a Letter of Completion would be a viable resource.

Alderman Newman suggested forming a committee to review this. Alderman Dagley does not believe a committee is necessary. Dagley believes charging a refundable deposit and using a letter of completion is a way to prevent this from happening again.

Attorney Jackson wants Secretary Donnelly to create a procedure for this and present to Council. Secretary Donnelly would like to add to the permit ordinance, 'any building less than four hundred square feet will not require a permit'.

After a lengthy discussion Council decided to discuss this later, when the guidelines are in from the Designated Representative.

12. Discussion and possible action on a request from the Barrow Ranch HOA to add two (2) Children at Play signs at their expense

Motion to approve

Motion: Dagley

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

13. Discussion on Nominations for the 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award (VOTY)

The Chamber Gala is usually mid-January. The nominations are due by December 10th, 2020

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

The Wilma Lane OSSF issue has been taken care of and closed out.

15. Report and update from the Mayor

Mayor Lasater noted this is his last full Council meeting. He will miss working with Council and went on to thank several people.

16. Council Comments

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H-GAC is holding their annual meeting in November. Alderman Newman will be attending virtually. Alderman Newman noted he is still seeing ATV's on FM 2354 by the Dollar Store. Mayor Lasater stated that the Sheriff is aware of the ATV issue.


17. Adjourn meeting at 7:39 P.M.

Minutes Approved: November 24, 2020



Ryan Dagley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

