

BEACH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting February 24th, 2009 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Guido Persiani
MAYOR PRO TEM: Rita Standridge – Absent
ALDERMAN: Douglas Walker Ray Smith Vaughn Bercaw
 Tommy Clayton – Absent
CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson
CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer

Mayor Persiani called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Tuesday, February 24th, 2009

I. Review and consider approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of January 27th, 2009.

Mayor Persiani stated that there is a way of handling several line items at one time; a way of speeding up a meeting. This is for items that fall under a category and these are called consent items. You could actually make a motion to act on the first three items.

MOTION made to accept the minutes as stated.
MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Bercaw

No discussion.

Show of Hands
APPROVED: 3-0

II. Review and consider approval of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for 6 months ending January 31st, 2009.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures reviewed prior to the meeting.

A. TEXPOOL rate review - M. Gainer

M. Gainer reported that as of February 23rd. the interest rate at TexPool was 0.95% and the Monthly percentage rate was 0.00004%.

B. CD rate review and update - D. Walker/T. Clayton

Alderman Walker said he had nothing to report and he would get with Alderman Clayton and present it at the next meeting.

MOTION made to accept the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures ending January 31st, 2009. as stated.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Smith
Mayor Persiani reported that Total Assets are \$591,120.37, Average days to maturity are 212 days and average yield is 3.80%. No further discussion.

Show of hands
APPROVED: 3-0

III. Review and consider approval of the proposed expenditures and investments.

The Amended Expenditure Authorization was reviewed by Council.

MOTION made to approve the February Expenditures as amended.

MOTION: Smith SECONDED: Bercaw

Mayor Persiani explained the expenditures on check # 1505. No further discussion.

Show of Hands
APPROVED: 3-0

IV. Citizen Comments.

Citizen Jackey Lasater, whom attended the January Council meeting, said he was impressed the way Council handled the Morrison property in assisting a citizen with a problem.

Mayor Persiani read E-mails from residents with concerns:

- 1) June Grayson has a complaint about the easement in front of their home that they maintain. Her complaint is people are riding their ATV's on this easement and making ruts in the ground making it look bad. City Attorney Jackson said that we have no ordinance against driving three or four wheelers on areas of this nature.
- 2) Tempe Kitson live across the street from the community center and occasionally people that use the center play music that can be heard inside their home with the windows closed. Mayor Persiani advised them to contact the Sherriff's Dept. and they would come to the center and ask them to turn the music down.
- 3) Linda Murphy complained that both lights at Cedar Gully Rd. are out. She is also promoting for more street lights.

V. Morrison Drive ROW encroachment agreement update – D. Jackson

City Attorney Jackson presented the Consent to Encroachment document in which Mayor Persiani signed and City Secretary Margaret Gainer attested to.

VI. Review and act upon interlocal agreement with BHISD to conduct joint election services for the May 2009 election.

Mayor Persiani reported that if we accept the interlocal agreement we should expect the cost of the upcoming election to cost the City, approximately \$467.00, based on 16% of \$2,971 last years election. Mayor Persiani said unless someone is recommending a change to the interlocal agreement he recommended that we accept this agreement as stated.

MOTION made to accept the Joint Election Interlocal Agreement with Barbers Hill Independent School District. As-stated.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Smith

Show of Hands
APPROVED: 3-0

VII. Review and act upon proposal to pay repetitive monthly service bills (internet, phone, long distance, broadband, street lights, etc.) with automated withdrawals from the general fund checking account.

Mayor Persiani said he intends for this to be very limited in scope for this activity. It is his proposal to pay monthly service bills such a internet, phone, long distance, broadband, street lights, etc; anything that falls under the capability of setting up an automated payment.

MOTION to pay repetitive monthly service bills with automated withdrawals from the General Fund checking account subject to: as long as we continue to review the line items on a monthly basis at the City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Bercaw

Discussion: Mayor Persiani said he wants to make sure that this is not in violation of any prior resolutions or ordinance procedures. We can't find any verification of violations in the prior ordinances or resolutions. Alderman Walker thought when he first got on City Council that the City Council needed to review, approve, and then pay all bills. Mayor Persiani said that is the methodology that has been used in the past. Alderman Walker is fine with changing this, but just thought it was a requirement. Attorney Jackson said in June or July of every year the Council authorizes and passes the budget. Council authorizes the Mayor, buy virtue of passing the budget, to pay all the bills. A methodology that his simply been a custom that has been adopted by the Council to insure a proven review of each and every expenditure.

Question called.

Show of hands
APPROVED: 3-0

VIII. Review and act upon change of phone and long distance service providers.

Mayor Persiani makes a recommendation on this. He said that no matter what the long distance with AT&T has to stop, because it is too expensive with an average of \$50.00 a month. Marilyn ran the payments for 2008 on AT&T and Verizon together, which averaged approximately \$150.00 a month. We could go with a Verizon package for complete long distance service along with our current phone and the cost would be approx. \$125.00. The first option is to get rid of AT&T, go with Verizon get their long distant package; we could save approx. \$25.00 a month. The second option is a combination VOIP using Vonage. The package is \$49.95 plus tax for the Vonage. What you get with this package is that the current phone number would port over to Vonage. Then we get a separate fax line so the phone is not tied up by the in coming faxes, you get a voice mail that goes to your E-Mail and we do not need an answering machine anymore. This package all total is about \$116.00.

The Mayor's recommendation is to set up a 573 number first then we contract with Vonage to go ahead and swap the 383 over from Verizon to Vonage.

MOTION is to go with option two, Verizon 573 line with the long distance package and a Vonage phone and fax line.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Smith Show of hands
APPROVED 3-0

IX. Review and act upon Interlocal Agreement between Chambers County and Beach City to provide inspections for all food related businesses.

Mayor Persiani read the Interlocal Agreement to provide inspections for all food related businesses. The Mayor recommended they we research the cost further.

MOTION to accept as stated.
MOTION: Smith SECONDED: Bercaw Show of hands
APPROVED 3-0


X. Council Member Comments.

- 1) Alderman Bercaw was talking with Bob Campbell with RWJ Equipment about sales taxes. Bercaw was wondering if we should have a sales tax and that we are the only incorporated City in Chambers County that does not have one.
- 2) City Attorney Jackson talked with Attorney Fred Bosse about the encroachment that was passed by the Council and the Mayor and City Secretary signed the document. City Attorney Jackson will send this to Attorney Bosse.
- 3) Mayor Persiani stated that there will be three Alderman positions up for election this year and that anyone wanting to run can pick up an application on the City Secretary's desk. The last day to submit an application is March 9, 2009.

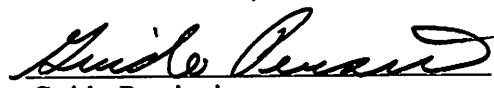
XI. Adjourn.

Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting at 8:44 P.M. on Tuesday February 24, 2009.

ATTEST TO:


Margaret Gainer
City Secretary

APPROVED BY;


Guido Persiani
Mayor