

BEACH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on July 26, 2011 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Vaughn Bercaw Douglas Walker Ray Smith Paul Newman

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer- Absent SECRETARY: Marilyn K. Harrison

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. July 26, 2011. The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.

I. Citizens Comments.

No Comments.

II. Review and consider approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting on June 13, 2011, Special Meeting on June 21st 2011 and the Regular Meeting on June 28th 2011.

Minutes were reviewed before the meeting by Council.

MOTION made to accept all three sets of Minutes as written.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Bercaw APPROVED: 5-0

III. Financial Consent Agenda;

A. Review and approve of the Financial Statements for month ending June 30th, 2011
Council reviewed prior to meeting.

B. Review, amend and approve Year End Financial Statements for FY 2010/2011.

The Mayor asked that the Council to look at the Budget vs. Actual Sheet so the Council can make an amendment on 2011/2012 Budget. The items needed to be amended are Item #1800- Grant Income we need to add \$23,000.00. On expenses, we need to take \$27.15 from Item #2300 up to Item #2200 and Item #2900 was over budget 35.06, so we will move this from Item #3800- Misc. to Item #2900. On Item #4200-Grant Expense, we need to add \$23,030.00 to offset the Grant Income.

C. Receive and review Investment rate/security update.

D. Review and approve Revenues and Expenditures for current Month.

MOTION to accept the Financials with the changes that the Mayor implemented.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Newman APPROVED: 5-0

IV. Update authorized persons for signatures' of new city financial accounts.

The Mayor recommended that we go back to just two Aldermen plus the Mayor's signature on the new CD's and banking accounts. He recommended Alderman Walker and Mayor Pro Tem Lasater.

MOTION made to accept this recommendation.

MOTION: Smith SECONDED: Lasater APPROVED: 5-0

V. Review and consider approval of minor plat for land on Point Barrow Road.

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The Mayor told the Council that there were two changes that needed to be made on the minor plat, such as all parties needed to sign in front of a notary and that Sidney Lewis's name needed to be removed with our City Inspector Reginald Nalley's name put on the plat.

MOTION made to accept the minor plat with the change of removing Sidney Lewis's name and adding Reginald Nalley's name.

MOTION: Bercaw

SECONDED: Smith

APPROVED: 5-0

VI. Hear from Keith Hall concerning Hwy 99 / Needlepoint Road access.

Mr. Hall requested the help from the City and County to fix a problem with not being able to go down Needlepoint Rd. without paying two tolls. Since they put in Hwy. 99 this has blocked access to Needlepoint Rd. The Council expressed their unhappiness with this problem, but could not act on this tonight, so they decided to bring it up at next month's Council meeting with maybe a resolution.

VII. Hear presentation from Lee Anne Wilde on Living Shoreline.

Lee Anne Wilde spoke about the Living Shoreline. She is with the Galveston Bay Foundation, and the Special Projects Coordinator working with Texas A & M Galveston on the Annual Marsh Mania Volunteer Marsh Planting Event. She gave hand outs to Council and gave a power-point presentation on preserving our coast line.

VIII. Discuss and consider purchase of property for future city office.

The Mayor is concerned that we are getting so little earnings from our funds that he thought maybe we could purchase property for the future City Office. Alderman Smith and Alderman Walker said that they would look into this and bring it back in front of the Council at the next meeting.

IX. Discuss and act on survey of Beach City Residents.

After discussion about how the City would like the survey to read, Alderman Newman and Alderman Bercaw volunteered to work with Mayor Combs on this.

X. Consider request from Ocean Mobil Home Park to act on numbers of connections they can be billed for.

After a discussion, Alderman Smith asked "What is the City's lawful responsibility? Attorney Jackson stated that our responsibility legally is to set rates and this is setting a rate. Smith asked "can we get out of this"? Jackson answered "yes, we can get out of this due to not having the staffing, education, etc. So we could turn it back over to TCEQ, which is where it will end up anyway". Alderman Newman said that he would work with TCEQ to figure out their procedure and the Mayor said he will get with both parties and try to get them to negotiate a permanent fix for this.

XI. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government code, Section 551.071, concerning the legal action in the city's efforts to overturn the actions of TCEQ in the T&I Taylor rate case.

No Executive Session.

XII. Update and possible action on T&I Taylor / TCEQ Case.

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The Mayor said all parties have been served by our Attorneys.

XIII. Council Updates; From the Mayor and County Commissioner.

1. County Commissioner Senac reported that McCollum Park has reopened. The County is still working on the park and there will be an official Opening in the near future. Commissioner Senac also thanked the Mayor for distributing the rules for the park to the Beach City Residents. The Commissioner also reported that the property at 123 Leon St. has been filed as a nuisance due to overgrown grass and broken windows in the house He noted that it now has a for sale sign in front and the property and that it is less than 4/10th of an acre and is not big enough to meet the Water Well and the OSSF septic system laws. Commissioner Senac asked the Mayor if he would write a letter to the owner reminding him of the City of Beach City and the State of Texas OSSF requirements, and that the property may not be sufficient to support a water well and septic system. The Commissioner also reported on the County Redistricting due to the growth of the County.
2. Mayor Combs reported that the company who puts up the Verizon cell towers called today about a tower they are talking about putting up in South Beach City. The Mayor also reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Lasater will be meeting with a company that may be expanding cable into Beach City. Comcast has showed a possible interest in expanding more into Beach City. The Mayor said he is hoping to get competition on service in Beach City for Cable and Telephone. They Mayor also reported that CenterPoint came in the City and removed old Cable lines that were hanging on the poles.

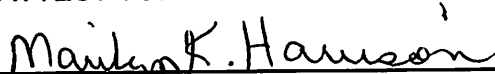
XIV. Council Member Comments.

No Comments.

XV. Adjourn

Mayor Combs adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Tuesday July 26, 2011.

ATTEST TO:



Marilyn K. Harrison
Assist. Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Billy Combs
Mayor