

BEACH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting July 28, 2009 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Guido Persiani
MAYOR PRO TEM: Rita Standridge - Absent
ALDERMAN: Vaught Bercaw Douglas Walker Jackey Lasater
 Ray Smith – Absent
CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson
CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer

Mayor Persiani called the Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Tuesday, July 28th, 2009.

I. Citizen Comments.

There were 3 Citizens present. Mr. Ted Schaller and his son Noah Schaller and Jeanna Allen. No Comments at this time. Mayor Persiani returned to this item after Item 3. Mr. Schaller brought his son, Noah, a boy scout of Troop 105 to attend a city council meeting as part of the requirements to earn the Citizenship in the Community Badge. Alderman Nick Bercaw met with Noah after the meeting and signed off in the scout book that he had met this requirement.

II. Review and consider approval of the June 22nd, 2009 Budget work Session and the Regular Meeting minutes of June 23rd, 2009.

MOTION made to accept the June 22nd 2009 Budget Work Session minutes and the June 23rd. 2009 Regular meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Bercaw APPROVED: 3 - 0

No comments.

III. Review and consider approval of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for 12 months ending June 30th, 2009.

Mayor Persiani stated that this report represents the entire FY 2008/2009. We ended the year with \$593,435.58 total assets and started the year with about \$573,000. For the month Revenues were negative (\$1,453.63)

A. **TexPool rate review** Mayor Persiani quoted the TexPool interest rate at .33%

B. **TexPool rate review CD rate/security review and update.** Mayor Persiani said Countywide is locked in until next year @ 5.25%, Amegy Bank CD rolled over for 1 year @ 1.25%. Prosperity Bank CD #61001067 rolled over for 1 year @ 1.5%.

MOTION made to accept the Statement of Revenues and Expenditure as

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stated.

MOTION: Bercaw

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 3 – 0

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as approved July 28, 2009 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Persiani introduced Jeanna Allen, from Prosperity Bank, who is here to talk about Pledged Securities because we could be backed by worthless securities. What she has said to the Mayor is that Prosperity Bank has pledged the security value plus \$250,000.00 FDIC Insured, so we really have, what the bank did for us, about \$550,000.00. These are Triple A Bonds. These securities are held for the City. After questions and a discussion from Council, Mayor Persiani thanked Ms. Allen for the information she brought to Council.

IV. Review and consider approval of Revenues and Expenditures for current Month.

Proposed Expenditures reviewed prior to the meeting by Council.

MOTION made to accept the Proposed Authorization as stated.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 3 - 0

In discussion Mayor Persiani reported on the larger items. VM Soft Products is the Safe (OSSF) Program @ \$400.00. It is installed on the City Computer and will take care of all of the reporting that is required for the aerobic systems, including complaints. This includes an upgrade, training and travel for Mr. Jon Denny. This expense will be charged to Line Item 8 Inspection, City/State, a part of the Septic System Application fee. Alderman Walker questioned the cost of the TML Workers Comp, \$396.68 quarterly. Mayor Persiani asked him if he wanted to research this for us. If he is more familiar with it he can call Margaret and see if she can get the right information for him.

The proposed expenditure as approved in the amount of \$8,497.72 for July 28th, 2009 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

V. Review and act upon Resolution 2009-01 accepting Beach City Investment Policy.

This item moved to next month.

VI. Review and act upon Beach City Emergency Management Plan.

Mayor Persiani showed Council the electronic version of the Emergency Management Plan, it will be kept in the City Office. It is a large document to put on the City Computer, so the Mayor said he would try to create something that we could adopt for ourselves. Under the page called "Authority", it says "Local Joint Resolution No. 22387, January 1986, between Chambers County and the City of Beach City". Some how it is in place saying there is authority and it starts out with Federal Authority, State, and then Local. There is an annex called "directive and control" and this is the basic plan that all of the

annexes tells who has what authority and who is suppose to do what. It says the County Judge and Mayor support all these activities, but their primary function is direction and control.

Mayor Persiani said he wants to speak of something that is related to this. The dial out system that the County has is aligned with "First Call". If you are familiar with First Call, you call them if you are going to get it. The Counties of Liberty and Chambers have it and the base cost is being paid for by a pipe line company that is located on the border. The County pays for the dial-up. Ryan Holzaepfel said they do the dial-up and there is a message but the Mayor has not passed it on to everybody because he wanted to get more information. The message is to give them your cell number and or your Vonage number. Those two numbers won't show up on the 911 list. If you want to get a phone call at both of those numbers you can have it. The County will pay for all of that. If we wanted our area to have its own dial out, you would simply draw a map and everything in that map will be covered. We could get our messages out to our constituents but we would have to pay the cost. This fee is like 12½ cents a call.

No action taken.

VII. Review and act upon Proposed Center Point Energy Discretionary Charges Rate Scheduled Revision.

Mayor Persiani asked City Attorney Jackson to go over this with the council. Attorney Jackson says that this is just a continuation of episode 2 of 3. Back in 2008 we were approached by Centerpoint because they wanted a program where they read their meters by radio systems. Instead of coming out and reading the meters they would have a signal that they would capture your reading. They went to the PUC because they wanted to recapture the cost from the customers . There was a hearing in Dec. 2008 where there was a stipulation where the rate was approved that applies to everyone. Now Centerpoint wants to lessen these charges. Attorney Jackson said no action was needed at this time.

VIII. Environmental Services and Nuisance Mitigation.

A. Review open items on the Environmental Complaints Log.

Mrs. Gainer reports that Mrs. Lynn Forbester owner of the property at 8640 Ocean Dr. had Robert Nichols fix her septic system that was hit by lightening during Hurricane Ike. This complaint is complete. Lanny Enderle at 10115 Walker Ln. signed off on an Abatement Plan to be completed by Dec. 31, 2009.

B. Review and act upon Interlocal agreement with Chambers County for Public Nuisance Abatement.

Mayor Persiani stated that Chambers County will be taking over Public Nuisance complaints. They agreed to come out and check the

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complaints
and act upon them accordingly. Each complaint will cost the city \$30.00.
This however, does not include the septic systems and/or OSSF
complaints. Inspector Nalley will continue taking care of this.

MOTION made to adopt this Interlocal Agreement with Chambers
County.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Lasater APPROVED: 3-0

IX. Review and act upon Service Provider Agreements.

- A. Beach City Volunteer Fire Department**
- B. Trinity Bay Emergency Medical Services**
- C. Environmental Services**

Council members reviewed the three agreements. The Beach City Volunteer Fire Department agreement changed only in the amount of payment that went up to \$46,800. The VFD additional Expenses went down to \$2,000.00. The Trinity Bay Emergency Medical Services stayed the same. Those agreements are heavy loaded agreements where insurance is required, their independence of services fully laden and they have no problem complying with those requirements. Last year we ran into a problem on the agreement for environmental services because Reggie expressed some concern over a couple of things. He did not want to invoice the city and didn't want to secure insurance so the Mayor reworked the agreement to be more compliant with that request.

MOTION made to accept all three agreements with one minor change on the Environmental Services Agreement.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Bercaw APPROVED: 3 - 0

X. Review and act upon proposal to acquire City Council name plaques.

Mayor Persiani brought several name plaques for Council's review. He wants to acknowledge Tommy Clayton and Geanie Ballard for past service on Council. He also thought if we have names for present Council members the residents could see who they were talking to. His intent was to have the full name, the position and the date started. When you leave we will put that date when your service terminated. It was the general consensus of those present that we purchase only the plaques for Tommy Clayton and Geanie Ballard at this time.

XI. Council Member Comments.

1. Mayor Persiani gave a report of where we are as it pertains to launching the City Web Site.
2. Mayor Persiani handed out Chambers County Greenprint For Growth and Conservation pamphlets.
3. Alderman Walker asked if we had heard any news about exiting off 99 to Beach City, if there was going to be a traffic light there. Mayor Guido said no.

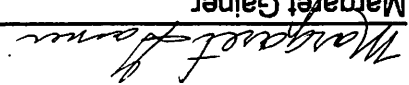
Right Turnoff Road

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XII. Adjourn

Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting at 9:07 P.M. Tuesday July 28th, 2009.

ATTEST TO:


Margaret Gainer
City Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Guido Persiani
Mayor