

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS  
STATE OF TEXAS

**City of Beach City – City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes**

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Special Called Session** on **May 14, 2018** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Billy Combs (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Jackey Lasater, Alderman Doug Walker, Alderman Dana Colquitt, Alderman Ray Smith and Alderman Paul Newman

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw

**1. Call to order and announcement of quorum**

On Tuesday, May 14, 2018 Mayor Combs called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**3. Citizens Comments**

None

**4. Hear report and funding request from BCVFD (Beach City Volunteer Fire Department)**

Chief McDonald shared the BCVFD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 budget with Council and reviewed what has been spent to date.

The truck expenses are just over \$16,000 due to repairs and testing to improve the VFD's ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating.

It was also noted that the funding from Chambers County has increased by \$20,250 for FY 2018-19. Also, the donations for the BCVFD are up by almost 200% this FY.

Chief McDonald asked Council to keep the BCVFD's service contract funds at \$40,000.

**5. Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

Mayor Combs reviewed the prepared budget worksheet with Council by presenting it on the projector screen. Print outs were also available for each Alderman.

Secretary Donnelly prepared a budget workbook with an itemization of each category and the projected income or expense per item.

The current budget worksheet allots for a 3% increase in pay to the City Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

CenterPoint Electric's Franchise Fee will be reduced for FY 2018-19 by almost 2%.

Mayor Combs is waiting on a response from a CenterPoint representative as to how this decrease has been determined.

Recess: 6:39 p.m.  
Reconvene: 6:47 p.m.

There was discussion regarding the projected permit fees and expenses paid to the inspector. Swimming Pool permits have greatly increased this past FY. This is possibly due to word getting out about the penalty fee(s) assessed by the City.

Secretary Donnelly would like to conduct a mass mailout to the residents to inform them about the City's permit requirements and the fee schedule.

At the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting there will be a line item asking Council to consider increasing the City's permitting fees and the penalty fee. Secretary Donnelly would also like Council to consider implementing an administrative fee for any permits that currently do not have a City fee associated with them (i.e. permanent power reconnects, etc.).

Council has reviewed the preliminary budget information. This will be presented at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and public hearing.

**6. Report and update from the Mayor**

None

**7. Council Comments**

None

**8. Adjourn**

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.

**Motion:** Colquitt

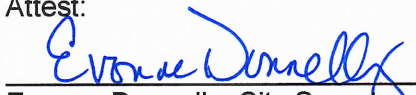
**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 5-0

**Minutes Approved:** May 22, 2018

  
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Billy Combs, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

