

**BEACH CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

The City of Beach City Council met for a Special Meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Rita Standridge    Douglas Walker    Raymond Smith    Vaughn Bercaw

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer                      ASSIST. SECRETARY: Marilyn K. Harrison

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. May 17, 2011. The Mayor offered the Prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and The Texas Flag.

**I. Discussion and possible action on rate increase granted to T&I Taylor by the actions of TCEQ.**

Mayor Combs reviewed the history of the rate increase issue and the reasons that he believes that Beach City has a good legal argument to support the appeal of the rate increase to TCEQ.

**II. Discussion and possible action the proposed sale of the utility currently owned by T&I Taylor.**

Mayor Combs suggested that this item be tabled until a later date. Council agreed and there was no discussion or action taken on this item.

**III. Hear and consider action on request from Ocean Mobil Home Park pertaining to the number of connections allotted for them in the T & I Taylor application for a rate increase.**

Ms. Davis, manager of Ocean Mobile Home Park made a request to Council that there be a vote to certify that there is a "single connection" for their location. She explained that T&I Taylor does not maintain any lines or the lift station within their property. She said all improvements and maintenance is done by the owners of the mobile home park. She explained that personnel at TCEQ told her that Beach City has jurisdiction to make this decision. A discussion followed by Council Members, Mayor Combs and City Attorney, Daniel Jackson about whether Beach City should grant the request by Ocean Mobil Home Park's representative. Members of the audience who were also rate payers of T&I Taylor utility expressed concern that by granting the "single connection" request, it may cause the remaining rate payers an even larger cost than the rate recently imposed. (The reason the rate payers explained is that if T&I Taylor had to take a loss from the Mobile Home Park, T&I Taylor would try to recover the lost revenue by passing it on to the remaining customers.)

Council Members wanted more information about how granting the request might affect the rate payers. Mayor Combs recommended and Council agreed to table this request until the next regular meeting of Beach City Council on May 24, 2011

**IV. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, concerning employing legal counsel to represent the City of Beach City in the city's efforts to overturn the T&I Taylor rate increase.**

Council recessed for Executive Session 7:45 P.m.

**V. Consider action of employing legal counsel.**

Council reconvened at 8:07 P.M.

MOTION made to employ Legal Counsel to represent the City of Beach City and the City's efforts to overturn the T&I Taylor Rate increase, by using the Law Firm of Russell & Rodriguez, L.L.P.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 5-0

**VI. Citizens Comments.**

No comments.

**VII. Council Member Comments.**

No comments.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M. on Tuesday May 17, 2011.

ATTEST TO:

  
Margaret Gainer  
City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
Billy Combs  
Mayor