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Mayor Combs reported that so far this year we are about \$12,000.00 to the good. Commissioner Senac, as a statement of order, said the Statement indicates that it should be ending April 30th, 2011 and not 2010. Correction noted.

B. Receive and review Investment rate/security update.

Reviewed.

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

Marilyn Harrison explained the Amended April 26, 2011 copy of the Revenues and Expenditures for current Month. Mayor Combs stated that January 1st the IRS changed their rates for the FICA calculation. They reduced by 2% the employee contribution. The employer contribution remained the same at 6%. So last month we found that we were withholding too much on Margaret's taxes. The \$73.77 on this month's Expenditure Authorization is for that reimbursement of over-payment.

MOTION made to accept the Financial Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 5 - 0

VI. Hear and consider request from ChaRT.

Mayor Guy Robert Jackson was present and stated that he was Chairman of Chambers County Recovery Plan (ChaRT). He went on to say in the aftermath of Hurricane IKE Chambers County received enough damage that FEMA came in with a Technical Project called ESF 14 which is to help Chambers County develop a long term recovery plan. They had input from the Citizens across the County and came up with a plan that had more that 175 projects in it. They formed themselves into a "not for profit" corporation and have received a C 105 C3 Designation. He handed out information about the program and explained it. He stated that for an organization like this they have to have funds and he is here to ask for a contribution of \$5,000.00 from Beach City.

MOTION made for the City of Beach City to donate \$5,000.00 to ChaRT pending allowance from our budget.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Called for twice

Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

VII. Hear report from CenterPoint Entergy on now the FY 2011/2012 franchise fees were determined.

Mayor Combs introduced Mr. Bob Roy, the Service Area Manager for CenterPoint Energy. Mr. Roy said he was very happy to be here to provide information to the City. He said the question before us is how the Franchise Fee is calculated. The Franchise Agreement that is currently in force with Beach City was signed in August of 2006. It is a 30 year Agreement and is based on the amount of kilo-watt-hours delivered within the footprint of Beach City's Jurisdiction in the preceding year and compared to the 2005 usage. This also includes street lights. Total Kw hrs hours delivered multiplied by some factor determined by deregulation, equals is what equates in revenue. The Franchise Agreement allows for once a year adjustments in the franchise fee. It will never go blow the amount that was agreed upon and paid in 2006. Alderman Lasater asks him if he had the figures on the survey that they did. Mr. Roy reported that Stephen Greenley had handed the results over to the lady that works in the Baytown Office. He talked to her today and she's ready to meet with Alderman Walker & Lasater and then report to the City. Alderman Walker thanked him for coming out.

VIII. Hear and consider request for a Plat Exemption.

Mr. Sunbeck, a resident was present to request a Plat Exemption on a 13.751 acre lot he and a neighbor want to split it in half by using meets and bounds legal description method. He stated they have no intensions of using it for commercial or selling it. Mayor Combs stated that according to our Subdivision Ordinance, "Anything thing that is less than ten acres, after it is divided, requires Plating".

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Attorney Jackson said when you allow this you set precedence, so you have to consider that when you make your decision.

MOTION made to exempt the Platting and do it by Meets and Bounds Survey.

MOTION: Bercaw SECONDED: called for twice Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

IX. Discuss and act on participation in the Great American Celebration.

Mayor Combs said last month we told Ms. Hammes we would participate and asked for ideas. Alderman Lasater suggested we will set up a table and assign people to the time slots, answer questions and pass out pins. Mayor Combs said Beach City Stickers is all we have. The Mayor said we have about 200 stickers. Alderman Walker and Alderman Newman will be Chairmen of this project.

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

This Item tabled.

XI. Update and possible action T&I Taylor Case.

Mayor Combs stated that the new owners of the facility want to meet with the City. The real thing that they want is to avoid a Hearing. The Mayor said that he wouldn't mind if they would come to a Public Meeting with Council and our Residents that are in the T&I Taylor rate area, listen to the people, answer their questions, and tell them what they are doing; instead of the TCEQ Hearing we have requested from TCEQ.

MOTION made to have the meeting on June 13, 2011 as subscribe by the Mayor.

MOTION: Smith SECONDED: Newman APPROVED: 5-0

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

Mayor Combs stated that Attorney Jackson mailed a letter to day to Ms. Tammy Benter, Manager TCEQ – Water Supply Division. He feels that it is a very good letter. Mr. Art Rodriguez's addition to it by e-mail was also very helpful, they looked at it from a different perspective. He went on to say, until we get a response back, he doesn't know what the timetable will be.

County Commissioner Senac was present and reported that they are expecting a June opening of McCollum Park. He also said the Commissioners approved a donation from Park Side Capital today to build a Segment of Kilgore Parkway that would run from Highway 99 East about 15 hundred feet. They will also be working on improving Drainage on the West side. They have moved further along getting the funds to build 1409 from the existing 1409 North at 565 North to 565 South.

Mayor Combs asked if everyone had received the e-mail from Chambers County about Pay it Forward? This refers to Jackson County, Mississippi after hurricane IKE sent Chambers County \$33,000.00. Chambers County feels that it is time for us to Pay it Forward. Chambers County is now raising funds for the small town of Smithville, Mississippi due to recently deadly tornadoes. The Mayor thinks it is a good idea but does not want to make it City Project but does recommend personal donations. He reported that he is working on the Budget and requested a Budget Workshop to be a few days before the June Meeting. In the mean time he would like for Alderman Smith & Lasater to sit down and go over the numbers before presenting it to Council.

XIII. Council Member Comments.

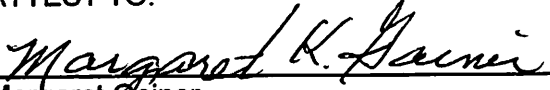
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1. Alderman Bercaw welcomed Alderman Paul Newman to the council.
2. All Council Members spoke of Past Council Member Standridge's contributions to Public Service.

XIV. Adjourn

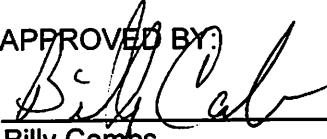
Mayor Combs adjourned the Meeting at 7.50 P.M. Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

ATTEST TO:



Margaret Gainer
City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Billy Combs
Mayor