

BEACH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Douglas Walker Ray Smith

Vaughn Bercaw-Late

Paul Newman- Absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer- Absent

ASSIST. SECRETARY: Marilyn K. Harrison

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Tuesday, November 22, 2011. The Mayor then led a prayer and asked Mayor Pro Tem Lasater to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

I. Citizens Comments.

Randy McDonald came to the meeting to introduce himself. He has been an Attorney for 32 yrs. and moved to Anahuac 5 yrs ago. He said that Judge Wilbur will be retiring after 28 yrs. on the Bench and Mr. McDonald will be running for that position as Judge for the 344th District Court.

II. Review and consider approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting & Work Shop on October 25th 2011.

Minutes were reviewed before the meeting by Council.

MOTION made to accept the Minutes as written.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 3-0

III. Financial Consent Agenda;

A. Review and approve of the Financial Statements for month ending October 31st, 2011

B. Receive and review Investment rate/security update.

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

Alderman Walker questioned the Sentry Street Light amount on the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual that he thought it was too high and Mayor Combs said that he would check on this.

MOTION made to approve subject to looking at this one line item.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Smith

APPROVED: 3-0

IV. Consider and possible action on moving the city election date from May to the November uniform election date.

Mayor Combs said the Council looked at this item at last month's meeting and said that it would be brought up again this month. He went on to let the Council know that there was a Resolution in their packets and if we decided to go ahead with this date change, we would sign the Resolution tonight. He talked to Heather Hawthorne, County Clerk, about the cost benefits, he also talked to Dr. Poole with Barbers Hill ISD and Dr. Poole said that they were not going to change their Election dates. As from a cost standpoint it would not affect us moving it to November instead of May. County Clerk Hawthorne was at this meeting to say that the County will be behind Beach City which ever decision the Council makes. She said it would be a big benefit financially to the city if the elections were held with the General Elections in November because the cost would be split with the city paying 1/26th of the Election cost.

MOTION made to move Beach City's City Election date from May to November.
MOTION: Smith SECONDED: Bercaw APPROVED: 3-1

Let the record show that Alderman Walker opposed this vote.

V. Discussion and possible action on survey of Beach City Residents.

This survey was looked over by Council prior to meeting. Mayor Combs said that we had approx. 136 residents that filled out and returned the survey. The Mayor said that he was concerned about question 9 on the survey; "Do you feel the city should provide information and/or workshops for emergency preparedness and response?" The percentage of residents that said "yes" was 50%, so the Mayor asked the Council if they thought we should hold a workshop. The Council said yes and thought that May would be a good month to have it. Alderman Walker and Bercaw offered to head a committee to put this workshop on in May 2012.

VI. Discussion and possible action on meeting dates for December 2011 and January 2012

After discussing this item, Motions were made.

MOTION made to change the December 27th meeting to December 20th, 2011
MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Lasater APPROVED: 4-0

MOTION made to change the January 24th meeting to January 17th, 2012
MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Smith APPROVED: 4-0

VII. Discussion and possible action on nominee for volunteer of the year.

Mayor Combs let the Council know that we will be needing nominees at the December meeting. He also said that he will e-mail the form that needs to be filled out to the Beach City residents that he has on his e-mail list.

VIII. Discussion and possible action for purchase of real estate for future city use.

The Mayor asked Council if they are interested in pursuing the purchase of real estate for the City. Mayor Pro Tem Lasater and Alderman Smith agreed to be on this committee to see just what the City's options really are.

IX. 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.

Mayor Combs said that the Executive Session was not needed because he received information on the T&I Taylor/TCEQ Case.

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

Mayor Combs sent our Attorneys an e-mail to see if they had anything to report. The e-mail that he received from Attorney Rodriguez said "No. The State has not set their plea to the jurisdiction for a hearing yet. In order to expedite the process, we have drafted a response to the plea which we intend to file this week. At that point, we will seek a setting on the plea to the jurisdiction to get this thing moving along."

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

Commissioner Senac informed the Council that wireless communications for Verizon is working on putting a tower in South Beach City. They have to get their regulatory filing and wait on the process. Their plans are to have the tower up by the end of 2012. AT&T is saying that they will have tower service operating by the end of 2012 for 2G and by the end of 2013 they hope to have 4G services. The Commissioner said that he hasn't gotten any information from Sprint at this time.

Mayor Combs reported that construction has begun on Toll Rd. 99 for the turning lane to turn onto Fisher Rd. The start date was Nov. 14th, 2011 and the Mayor was told that it would only take approx. 2 to 3 weeks to complete. He also said that Alderman Smith and his wife cooked the meal for the Mayor's Luncheon. The Mayor's wife, Patricia came in, decorated and set the building up for the luncheon. The Mayor said it was the best meal he has had at one of these luncheons and that all of the Mayors attending really enjoyed the meal. The Mayor noticed that he had not seen any franchise fees in the past from CenterPoint Gas. He said that he would check further into this.

XII. Council Member Comments.

Alderman Smith thanked the Mayor and Council for letting him cook and provide the food for the Mayor's Luncheon. He said he really enjoyed preparing it and was honored to be asked. Council wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving".

XIII. Adjourn

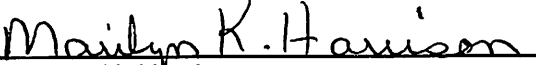
The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 8:37 P.M.

MOTION made to adjourn.
MOTION: Walker

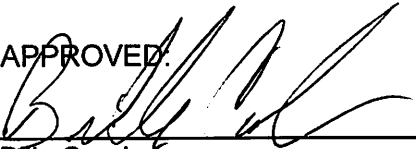
SECONDED: Smith

APPROVED: 4-0

ATTEST TO:


Marilyn K. Harrison
Assist. Secretary

APPROVED:


Billy Combs
Mayor