

BEACH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting November 23, 2010 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Rita Standridge Douglas Walker Ray Smith Vaughn Bercaw- Absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Tuesday, November 23, 2010. He offered prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

I. Citizen Comments.

The Mayor stated to the citizens that we would be glad to hear what they have to say but the City Council could not communicate or make comments back to the citizens tonight according to the "Texas Open Meeting Act". If the citizens would like to ask to be put on the Agenda next month we could do that, but for a non agenda item the Council can not discuss it tonight. The Mayor then opened the floor for Citizen Comments:

- 1) Warren Lisenbee said he was a concerned citizen and had lived in McCollum Park for 20yrs + with just a small group of residents in his area. His main complaint is the stop signs on McCollum Park Rd. that had just been installed. He didn't understand them and would be back next month to discuss it when it is on the Agenda.
- 2) Laurie Emery lives in McCollum Park and her concern are the mailboxes. They are very close to the road and if someone stops to check their mail, cars have to wait to pass due to how narrow the road is. Also, the 4-Wheelers and Golf Carts flying up and down McCollum Park Rd. all times of the day and night and they leave trash in their yards. There are no lights on these vehicles, and someone is going to get hurt and these are people from Barrow Ranch Subdivision.
- 3) Mary Abling said her concern is that the children are playing on their bicycles in McCollum Park Rd. one ran in front of her and she hit a mail box. She would like for someone to come and get the 4-Wheelers and speeders off of McCollum Park Road because it is a very dangerous road.
- 4) James Morton who lives in McCollum Park thinks the stop signs are unnecessary and is very unhappy with the 4-Wheelers going up and down McCollum Park and said it will be stopped.
- 5) Jim Hamilton lives on Wilma Lane and he said there is an age limit on the 4-Wheelers and he sees 6, 7 & 8 yr. olds racing up and down the road and wants to know why someone has not done something about it. They have reported this to the Sheriffs Dept. many times and no one does anything about it and that is why they need help from Beach City.

II. Review and consider approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of October 26th, 2010.

MOTION made for approval of the minutes with a change to item X. Final acceptance of roads and ditches in Barrow Ranch Section III. Next to the last word says "recommended that the City except them". Alderman Standridge said it should be "accept". She says it changes the meaning of the action.

MOTION: Standridge

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 4-0

III. Financial Consent Agenda;

- A. Review and approve of the Financial Statements for month ending October 31, 2010
- B. Review and approve corrections to prior month's financial statement

C. Investment rate/security review and update

D. Review and approve Revenues and Expenditures for current Month

Mayor Combs stated that he is presenting a Financial Consent Agenda this time so that we can roll everything into one motion. He began the discussion by saying Item A is a review of the Financial Statements for October 31st, 2010. He went on to say the financial statements are stapled together in a certain order so they can be discussed in that order.

Last month he noted that he had discovered that one of the entries on one of the CD's was in error. After researching what had been reported from June 2009 through October of 2010. He explained how the CD's were posted; quarterly, monthly, or when the CD has matured.

Looking at the Summary of CD Reconciliation sheet he pointed out where the error was. He reported on all of the CD's and when he finished he said overall when you average everything out and take all of these CD's in we are a grand total of \$1,279.04 better off than we thought we were. The Mayor said he does want to let everyone know that he seriously thinks that it will be hard to stay in budget. Interest is going to be down, our utility and franchise fees are hitting just below what they were hitting last year and our expenditures are up. Alderman Walker was concerned about the Payroll Taxes and Office Expenses. After a discussion Mayor Combs said he invites him, and he really wants him, because he is asking all these questions, to come with him and they will meet at the office. It is really easy to look at these numbers and see where the expenses are coming in. Alderman Walker said he would.

MOTION made to approve the Financial Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 4 - 0

IV. Update and possible action on CenterPoint franchise payment calculation audit.

Alderman Lasater said he had nothing new to report other than to say he is on the last year 2005, it never developed. We should have that completed, hopefully this month. He is afraid he is not going to see the "smoking guns" that he had hoped for.

V. Update and possible action on audit for all Beach City franchise accounts.

The Mayor reported that he had spoken to Comcast last month and again about 2 weeks ago and Comcast has filed with the State to get a franchise license in Beach City since they are already here. Comcast promised us that as soon as they got everything figured out, they would get back to us.

The mayor also spoke to Verizon and it will be in 2012 before they will have a new tower here in Beach City. They are going to start looking for a place to put a repeater tower in January 2011.

VI. Update and possible action on application of T&I Taylor's Rate Increase Request.

The Mayor reported that he has had no response. Last month the Council asked the Mayor to go back to T&I Taylor to remove some of the items on our request list and the Mayor did. They responded to the City Attorney asking when the City will make their decision on this. That is where it stands now. The Committee did meet and will have recommendations and a drafted Ordinance for the December 21st meeting for the Council to look at.

VII. Update on SECO Grant Agreement.

The equipment is in, the Mayor says we are now Green. He said it is working pretty good, he has looked at the meter a couple of times and when the sun shines it generating electricity. We have not been billed for this yet, but as soon as we do, we will take care of the paper work.

VIII. Discussion and possible action on City's Emergency Plan.

The Mayor stated that back in June right at the beginning of Hurricane season, the Council approved the City's Emergency Plan and it was discussed that the Council will bring this back up after Hurricane season was over. Since that time the Mayor said that he has time to think about it and he personally thinks we should keep the plan. Alderman Walker said that he thinks the Mayor is absolutely right on keeping the plan with the County.

No Action Needed.

IX. Discussion and possible action on meeting dates for December 2010 and January 2011

Mayor Combs asked the Council if they could move the December meeting from the 28th to the 3rd Tuesday December 21st, 2010 due to the Christmas Holidays and Council being out of town.

MOTION made to move the next City Council Meeting to December 21st 2010.
MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Lasater APPROVED: 4-0

X. Discussion and possible action on nominate for person of the year.

This will be in the January Meeting for the Chamber of Commerce. This needs to be taken care of in the December meeting. Alderman Walker asked if the Mayor could refresh the Councils memory on whom they were. Jay Hammes, Matthew Faulkner and Rev. Sam Hughes were the nominees and Rev. Sam Hughes received the award.

XI. Consider renewal of Janitorial Contract.

MOTION made to renew or extend the contract indefinitely or until further action.
MOTION: Standridge SECONDED: Lasater APPROVED: 4-0

XII. Council Member Comments.

- 1) The Council talked about sending a picture of Landmarks in the City
- 2) The Mayor said that Internet America has installed their new equipment on the tower and He has been using it for about a week and said it is great. They are also doing the VOIP Phone System and the Mayor got that today and turned it on and it is \$20.00 a month. If it works, he wants to see if Internet America would be less expensive than Vonage, which runs about \$68.00 a month.

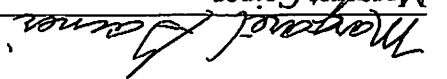
XIII. Adjourn

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Tuesday, November 23, 2010.
MOTION: Smith SECONDED: Walker APPROVED: 4-0

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ATTEST TO:

Margaret Gainer
City Secretary



APPROVED BY:

Billy Combs
Mayor

