

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS  
STATE OF TEXAS

**City of Beach City**

City Council Regular Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Called Meeting** on **August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

**Members Present:** Mayor Ryan Dagley, Alderman Ray Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt, Alderman Ken Pantin and Alderman Doug Walker

**Members Absent:** Alderman Paul Newman

**Staff Present:** City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

**Legal Counsel:** Daniel Jackson

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

On Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Mayor Dagley called the Regular Called Meeting to order at 6:15 PM

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**3. Public Comments (Limited to three minutes per person)**

No Comments

**4. Hear report and update from Pct. 4 Chambers County Commissioner, Billy Combs**

During today's Commissioners Court, Commissioner Combs tabled the action to rule on the Wes Klinger / RWJ sign removal. This sign is on the corner of Lawrence Road and FM 2354, in Chambers County's Right-of-Way (ROW). Mr. Klinger made an appearance at the Commissioners Court meeting and he stated that he will now meet with Commissioner Combs to discuss a resolution to this matter. If a resolution is not found, then this will once again be placed on the Court's agenda and the removal process will be initiated.

High Ridge Estates is a subdivision owned by the Cognata family in Beach City located off of Lawrence Road, at the back of RWJ. According to Commissioner Combs, there is offsite work that needs to be done on a ditch that is on the County's side of the property. After much back and forth deliberation, Chambers County will do the work/excavations and the Coganta's will pay the County for their labor. The single biggest cost to the Chambers County budget is the Sheriff's department. Efforts are underway to incorporate a full-time Sheriff's patrol for the industrial area of Chambers County. This would include traffic control to weigh the trucks and to provide nighttime security. Commissioner Combs would like this new patrol to be funded by industry one hundred percent. Currently, there are four full-time patrols for Chambers County.

If you are not aware, one out of every three shipping containers that arrives at the Port of Houston is sent into West Chambers County.

**5. Hear report and update from Beach City Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD)**



the building. The Assistant Secretary locked the front door to the community building while Secretary Donnelly called Chambers County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) dispatch.

**Motion** to purchase the additional camera to cover the southside of the building

**Motion:** Colquitt

**Second:** Pantin

**Approved:** 4-0

**Discussion:** Alderman Smith asked if the BCVFD has security cameras. Chief McDonald stated there is one camera on the far end of the building looking out to the end of the road. Alderman Walker noted this is a pretty significant blind spot for the City staff.

**11. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution reviewing the City's Public Funds Investment Policy (PFIP) per Texas Government Code §2256.005(e)**

Tabled until next month

**12. Discussion and possible action regarding a new digital sign for Beach City, City Hall**

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt, Alderman Pantin and Chief McDonald recently met to discuss options and rough estimates for a new sign.

Alderman Pantin purchased a hand counter and he conducted a car/traffic count at various sections of FM 2354 between 4:00 PM and 5:15 PM on different days:

1. In front of RWJ, close to Skylane, 343 vehicles were counted traveling northbound. Southbound, 330 vehicles were counted.
2. While parked at our City Hall, Alderman Pantin counted 61 vehicles traveling northbound and 82 vehicles traveling southbound.
3. Vehicles coming off of Fisher RD. and turning onto FM 2354: there were 273 vehicles traveling northbound (that turned left) and 48 vehicles traveling southbound (that turned right).

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** City Council will hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. *Items for executive session may include, but are not limited to, applicable sections under Texas Government Code*

(a) Consultation with attorney – Section 551.071

(b) Employee matters – Section 551.074

**RECESS:** 6:49 PM

**RECONVENE:** 7:11 PM

**14. Reconvene into Regular Called Meeting and consider action, if any, for items discussed in Executive Session**

Discussion consisted of replacing the assistant secretary position by means of posting it on the City's website; Baytown Sun; Facebook; the City newsletter; etc.

Also, there was discussion to possibly obtain a city cell phone for the Mayor or an Alderman to hold onto if the City Secretary is out.

Mayor Dagley recommends a job committee for the interview process. Mayor Dagley, Mayor Elect Pantin and Secretary Donnelly will make up this committee.

Another possibility for this position is to take the job down to one day a week, only working every Thursday.

**15. Update and discussion on non-compliance to City ordinance(s) regarding On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF's)**

No report

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

(a). Mayor Dagley requested that DPS monitor Fisher Road for the presence of eighteen-wheelers. This road is weight restricted. Hopefully, this should help mitigate the increasing issue of eighteen wheelers traveling this road when leaving Cedar Port businesses on Cedar Port Parkway.

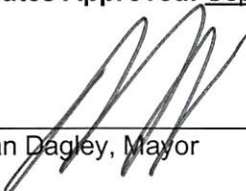
**17. Council Comments**

Alderman Pantin asked about the status of the eighteen-wheeler pilot program on the TX 99 toll road. Commissioner Combs stated that he does not expect to hear anything prior to the end of September. Alderman Walker spoke of the large amount of mud on FM 2354 in front of the sand pit. Commissioner Combs reported this road hazard today and asked that the sand pit be shut down until they have cleaned the mess up. It was cleaned up earlier today.

Alderman Walker asked about the status of the Bay Place generator. The request for quotes (RFQ) was posted in the Baytown Sun and the last day for proposals is August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**18. Adjourn at 7:50 PM**

**Minutes Approved: September 27, 2022**

  
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Ryan Dagley, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

