

City of Beach City

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Special Called Session** on **December 15, 2020** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Ryan Dagley, Alderman Paul Newman, Alderman Ray Smith, Alderman Doug Walker and Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Deanna Wallace

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Mayor Dagley called the Special Called Council meeting to order at 6:18 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt thanked Ed Cashat for his assistance with the Santa on the Bay; rain and cold weather did not keep him from attending.

Also, the Mayor Pro Tem collected \$3,125 to help needy families with Christmas gifts, etc.

Mayor Dagley thanked Mr. Cashat for his assistance with Santa on the Bay.

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

Commissioner Combs answered a question from Secretary Donnelly regarding the widening the of the NRG canal bridge on FM 2354. This bridgework has always been apart of the plan for TxDOT's construction to widen the road and incorporate a turn lane.

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

Santa on the Bay was held December 11th & 12th, it was successful, bad weather and all.

Two pickup truck beds full of food were taken to the West Chambers County Food Pantry.

Since the BCVFD mailed out letters to the local area residents, they have collected over \$14,000.

There are a couple of new members; one of which is a certified firefighter and a National Guard reserve member.

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of November 24th, 2020

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Motion to approve minutes for Regular Meeting of November 24th, 2020

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

- 7. Financial Consent Agenda** *(All financial consent agenda items are considered routine by Council and will be enacted by one motion. A Councilmember may request an item to be removed and considered separately.)*

(a) Review and approve the Financial Statement(s) for the previous month

(b) Review and approve Investment Update

(c) Review and approve Expenditures for the current month

(d) Review and approve Weekly Review of Accounts

Motion to approve the Finances

Motion: Walker

Second: Smith

Approved: 4-0

- 8. Discussion and possible action on TexasTERM CD #045 maturing on January 11th, 2021**

Capital Bank has offered a .60% interest rate for twelve months.

Motion to accept the Capital Bank .60% rate

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 4-0

- 9. Discussion and possible action approving a Resolution for new CD investment**

No discussion was held on this agenda item.

- 10. Hear and accept audit results for FY 2019-2020 from Start, Garcia & Stanley (SGS)**

Albert Garcia stated to Council that the City has a clean report, and he will send the official, bound report in the future.

Total Assets are just over \$937,000. Of this approximate \$937,000, cash and investments are \$896,000. Mr. Garcia added, the City does a very good job with their assets and are good stewards of the City's money.

The City started collecting Sales and Use Tax in April of 2020. The way this works with the State Comptroller's office is the April -first quarter payment- will not be paid until June; there is a two month lag time. The payments collected in June and July 2020 were in the previous Fiscal Year. On a go forward basis with this category, keep doing what we are doing.

There was one reclass item, when the investments accounts are reconciled accrued interests are included in this. There is a line item called accrued interest that represents what is being reconciled.

Typically, you like to see two to three months of fund balance to cover operating expenditures. Beach City exceeds this, and it is unusual to see. This is a good, healthy fund balance to have.

Last year Mr. Garcia spoke of GASB 84 and how it relates to fiduciary duties. The Fallen Heroes Memorial falls under this item and the City does keep this account on a separate financial statement.

Motion to accept the audit results

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

- 11. Discussion and possible action regarding the appraisal report from Brice Fuselier to purchase the City's Right of Way (ROW) on Ocean Drive, connecting to his property**

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Mr. Fuselier thanked Council for allowing him to present this to them once again. The local title company can close this at anytime at the Fuselier's expense.

Mayor Dagley called the appraiser to correct a few typos. Mayor Dagley feels this appraisal report is a fair offer for the City.

The appraisal report for the Right of Way (ROW) land value is, \$16,536.00.

Motion the City sells said plot of land to Mr. & Mrs. Fuselier

Motion: Colquitt **Second:** Smith

Yay: 2 - Colquitt and Smith

Nay: 1 - Newman

Abstain: 1 - Walker

12. Discuss and consider renewing the following Agreements with Chambers County: Food; Nuisance; Flood Plain Administrator and On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) for 2021

These agreements were reviewed by Assistant Secretary Wallace and there is no apparent reason not to renew the agreements listed above.

Motion to renew the agreements with Chambers County for Food, Nuisance, Flood Plain Administrator and On-Site Sewage Facility

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

13. Discussion and possible action to accept City ownership of the streets within Thunder Bay Subdivision, pending final approval from the Chambers County Engineer

Commissioner Combs explained to Council:

The City of Beach City adopted the County's Subdivision Regulations. Within those regulations it states that when a developer puts in the streets and drainage, the developer and/or Homeowner's Association (HOA), must maintain and own those streets/roadways and drainage for a two year period; after a fifty percent buildout.

Thunder Bay Subdivision has reached this timeframe and buildout and they are asking Chambers County to accept the roads. However, Thunder Bay is in the City of Beach City. Therefore, the City will need to accept the roadways and through the Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County the Thunder Bay Subdivision roadways and ditches will be maintained by Chambers County Road and Bridge department.

Motion to accept City ownership of the streets within Thunder Bay Subdivision

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

Approved: 4-0

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council will now hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code

a). Section 551.074 Texas Government Code concerning appointment of a public officer

RECESS: 6:48 P.M.

15. Reconvene into *Special Called Meeting*, discuss and consider appointing a replacement to complete the term vacated by Alderman Ryan Dagley

RECONVENE 7:40 P.M.

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Motion to consider appointing a replacement to complete the term vacated by Alderman Ryan Dagley

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Dagley noted there were four candidates to apply for this Alderman Appointment. James Colquitt and Chad Bird have withdrawn their letters of interest.

Marcia Hodge and Ken Pantin spoke to Council in the Executive Session regarding their interest to fill this interim position.

Motion to bring Ken on to fill the spot

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 4-0

Discussion: Alderman Walker encouraged Marcia Hodge to run for the office in the future.

16. Discuss and consider authorizing the purchase of up to ten tickets for the West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce (WCCCC) Annual Awards Banquet in January

This awards banquet is now a luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. scheduled for January 19th, 2021. This event may no longer allow the City to recognize our Volunteer of the Year (VOTY). Secretary Donnelly sent an email to the Chamber asking for clarification on this matter.

Mayor Dagley noted that the City could set aside the funds listed on the expenditures in case they will let the City recognize the VOTY. The City can host their own VOTY awards recognition at the January Council meeting.

Alderman Newman does not want to attend the Chamber event with a large group of other people at this time. If we do not get to recognize our VOTY at the Chamber event, then Alderman Newman suggests we do not participate at all. Mayor Dagley agrees one hundred percent.

Motion if we are allowed to recognize our Volunteer of the Year, that we purchase tickets for whoever wants to go and the Volunteer of the Year. If we are not allowed to, then we do not buy any

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

Discussion: Alderman Walker stated, if it is a Chamber of Commerce meeting than he votes we do not go. If it is a recognition of Cove, Beach City, area wide volunteers, then we should get a table. This should be a Beach City function and not a Chamber Meeting, after thought, add on.

17. Discussion regarding Nominations for the 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award (VOTY)

At our last meeting there were three nominations.

1. Jackey Lasater

2. Edgar Cashat

3. Ken and Sharon Pantin

Alderman Smith feels that Council should get two votes for these nominees.

Alderman Walker can build a case for any of these three nominees and this is a very difficult vote for him. Jackey went above and beyond as Mayor and Alderman and Alderman Walker is leaning towards former Mayor Lasater.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt stated she is of course wanting Ed Cashat to be the VOTY, since she nominated him.

The Pantin's removed their name from consideration.

Motion for Jackey Lasater

Motion: Smith **Second:** Walker

Yays: 2 - Smith and Walker

Nays: 2 - Newman and Colquitt

Abstain: Mayor Dagley

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Former Mayor Jackey Lasater stated he does not need the award and feels that Ed Cashat deserves the award.

Motion that Edgar Cashat be named our Volunteer of the Year

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 4-0

18. Discuss and consider an alternative for the 2020 VOTY Award presentation if the WCCCC does not hold their Awards Banquet in January due to COVID concerns

Mayor Dagley recommends that Council plans to host the VOTY awards banquet here at the January 26, 2021 meeting.

19. Discussion on the BCVFD Santa on the Bay

This was discussed in Item 5.

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

No report

21. Report and update from the Mayor

Two thank you notes were read out loud to Council.

22. Council Comments

Alderman Smith regrets he was not be able to attend Santa on the Bay.

23. Adjourn meeting at 8:14 P.M.

Minutes Approved: January 26, 2021



Ryan Dagley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

