

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 **January 24th, 2023** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Ken Pantin, Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt, Alderman Ray Smith and Alderman Danielle Blair

Members Absent: Alderman Paul Newman

Members Leaving the Meeting Early: Alderman Ray Smith left at 6:25 PM

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Administrative Assistant Brenda Vojacek

Legal Counsel: Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, Mayor Pantin called the Regular Called Meeting to order at 6:06 PM

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Blair offered prayer and Alderman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

3. Administer Oath of Office and Statement of Officer for newly appointed Council Member: Stephanie Farner

Mayor Pantin administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed council member, Stephanie Farner.

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

No Comments

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint a committee regarding Council's vision for the future of Beach City

Mayor Pantin would like to discuss properties that the city could purchase for the possibility of a new city hall. The Mayor would also like to hear about any visions that Council may have for the city.

More discussion items regarding this committee:

- a). Property procurement within our City for an actual City Hall, that will serve Beach City residents.
- b). Alderman Smith would like to be on this committee.
- c). Two Council members can serve on a committee; Mayor Pantin could serve on this as well since he does not constitute a quorum.
- d). Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt would like to serve on this committee.

Motion to form a committee

Motion: Smith

Second: Farnier

Approved: 4-0

Discussion: Alderman Smith asked if any citizens will be involved? Mayor Pantin feels this depends on what Council thinks and how many citizens they are thinking.

Anders Moumoulidis, a Beach City resident, will also serve on this committee with Mayor Pantin, Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt and Alderman Smith.

Alderman Smith also asked if this would go to a city wide vote when the time comes to purchase property. Mayor Pantin stated that Council can make this decision without a vote.

6. Hear report and update from Pct. 4 Chambers County Commissioner, Ryan Dagley

Commissioner Dagley feels that the new committee just discussed by Council is a good idea. Focusing on one item at a time is the way to go.

Chambers County Commissioner's Court had five tax abatements on the agenda today.

More heavy haul trucks will be traveling on FM 3180 and FM 2354 (the section between FM 565 south and FM 3180 intersect):

a). Behind the Rush Mobile Gas Station traveling northward on FM 3180, there is a proposed five hundred thousand square foot, large scale warehouse.

b). Behind the Rush Mobile Gas Station traveling northward on FM 3180, a seven and a half acre storage container yard (box containers).

c). Yet another large scale warehouse is coming to our area, estimated at 1.2 million square feet, north of the existing large warehouse on FM 3180.

When the industrial companies do not come to Commissioners Court for an abatement, they only have to adhere to the state statute for the minimum greenbelt requirements and the minimum subdivision requirements. Receiving an abatement from the County would make the companies adhere to the County's additional requirements.

Commissioner Dagley has researched this, and he is requesting TxDOT to restrict the truck traffic ingress/egress onto FM 2354, via the new driveway permits that will be needed. With FM 2354 being listed as a C Class highway, the traffic impact analysis for the additional truck traffic will now make this an F Class highway. If Chambers County can restrict the ingress/egress from FM 3180, this will push all the trucks to FM 2354 (the section between FM 565 south and FM 3180 intersect).

A new company to our area, Sumika Semiconductors, called the Economic Development Coordinator and asked what they can do to help in our community with quality of life. This is not the norm for a company to call and ask what they can do to help within the community. The County is looking forward to working with this company.

Alderman Blair asked about the hunt for the new Tax Assessor. Commissioner Dagley noted that interviews were held today for the future appointee.

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

There was an RV fire on Point Barrow RD. that was contained to the RV, no injuries were reported.

The Fire Chief now has a new vehicle.

The BCVFD needs to have an audit due to the increase of funding from Chambers County. They are also converting to QuickBooks.

The local Chamber of Commerce has a Public Servant of the Year award. The BCVFD is nominating Stephanie Reynolds, an eighteen year old female, for this prestigious award.

8. Approve Minutes for Special Called Meeting of December 20th, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes for Special Called meeting of December 20, 2022

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Blair

Approved: 3-0

9. Approve Minutes for the Special Called Meeting of January 17th, 2023

Tabled until next meeting.

10. 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 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 financial consent agenda

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Farner

Approved: 3-0

11. Discussion and possible action regarding Capital Bank CD #114 that matures February 10th, 2023

Mayor Pantin asked Council if they would like to roll over this CD to the Capital Bank rate of 3.35% or if they would like to wire this to TexPool with an interest rate of 4.26%.

Council agreed with Mayor Pantin to move the matured funds from CD #114 to TexPool.

Mayor Pantin also reviewed with Council that CD #296 will mature February 23, 2023. He will make a decision at that time on whether to roll this CD over with Capital Bank or move it to TexPool.

12. Consider and approve participation with the Barbers Hill Lions Club for the 2023 patriotic flag program, four flags are \$200 for one year

Motion to participate in the Barbers Hill Lions Club Flag Program

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Blair

Approved: 3-0

13. Consider and approve aerial applications for purpose of Mosquito Control within the corporate limits of Beach City

Motion to approve aerial applications for mosquito control

Motion: Farner

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 3-0

Discussion: Alderman Blair questioned if this agreement stays the same from year to year. Mayor Pantin confirmed that it is the same each year.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve the specifications for the new digital sign

The Pre-Bid Construction Meeting will be held February 9th, 2023 at 10:00 AM, here at the Beach City Community Building.

Council approved the purchase of the new sign at a prior meeting.

TxDOT representative Roberto Rodriguez confirmed via email that the City is good to go with the digital sign as far as TxDOT is concerned.

15. Review and discuss revisions to the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations

Recess Regular Called Meeting: 7:12 PM

Reconvene Regular Called Meeting: 7:15 PM

Basic revisions were made to the Personnel Rules & Regulations:

- a). include the verbiage of Administrative Assistant on pages three and four.
- b). update the date of the revision(s) at the bottom of each page.

Motion to approve the updated personnel rules and regulations

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Farner

Approved: 3-0

16. 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

Executive Session was not held.

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

No action

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

No report

19. Report and update from the Mayor

- a). The new sign is moving ahead and Mayor Pantin appreciates everyone's assistance.
- b). The Bay Place HOA generator is moving forward. Mayor Pantin will be signing the contract Thursday.

20. Council Comments

No comments

21. Adjourn at 7:19 PM

Minutes Approved: February 28, 2023



Ken Pantin, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

