

City of Beach City

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City Council Regular Called Meeting

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Called Meeting on January 25, 2022** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

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

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

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

On Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Mayor Dagley called the Regular Called Council Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Pantin 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)

None

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

Commissioners Court met today, they reviewed a proposed tax exemption for retirees, disabled homeowners, 65 and older, etc. According to Commissioner Combs, seventy-five percent of taxes collected in Chambers County come from the industrial base. This should be put to a vote soon.

TGS & Chambers County finalized the greenbelt agreement on FM 2354. This agreement allows for the widening of Fisher Road east bound to end at Cedar Gully and the transitioning lanes will end close to the first resident's home.

Commissioner Combs incorrectly added FM 3180 to the agenda item instead of FM 2354. Not having FM 2354 listed caused a delay, so this will be discussed at the first meeting of February and this line item will now cover line-of-sight.

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

No report

6. **Approve Minutes for Special Called Meeting of December 21st, 2021**

Motion to approve minutes of the Special Called Meeting of December 21st, 2021

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

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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 accept the finances

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

8. **Hear from Patrick Wiltshire, regarding the Coronavirus Local Recovery Fund (CLFRF) grant**

Aron Miller spoke on behalf of Public Management regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.

According to Mr. Miller the US Treasury is allowing an endless list of projects and has removed the limitations originally in place. Infrastructure, Drainage and Broadband projects are now allowed.

As a note to Council, Public Management's fee can be deducted from the CLFRF funds collected by the City.

9. **Discussion and possible action regarding Capital Bank CD #114 that matures February 10th, 2022**

Thanks to Mayor Dagley, the rate given to the City will be .35% for a one year CD.

Motion to approve the .35% rate for one year

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

10. **Discuss and consider nominees for the Beach City Volunteer of the Year**

Motion to approve Jackey Lasater as the 2021 Beach City Volunteer of the Year

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

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

Motion to approve

Motion: Smith

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

12. **Discussion and possible action to move the May 24th Council date, due to May elections held in the Beach City community building**

Motion to move the meeting to May 17th in honor of the Mayor's birthday

Motion: Smith

Second: Pantin

Approved: 5-0

13. **Discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with Chambers County for a county wide drainage study**

There is a multi-jurisdictional, master drainage study ongoing between Chambers County, Liberty County and various municipalities. Chambers County approached us to see if we will share in the cost of a drainage study for Beach City. After a 75% grant is applied the remaining cost to the City will be

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\$11,310. The study will encompass 4.47 miles of our City. Mayor Dagley feels this study would be beneficial to the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Colquitt asked how long this study would be good for. Mayor Dagley feels 15-20 years is a good estimate.

Alderman Walker feels that at \$11,000 this is a good deal for our City.

Council discussed the ability/possibility of using the CLFRF funds to apply toward the cost of this study.

Alderman Newman questioned how detailed this plan will be.

Mayor Dagley asked Council to send any questions to Secretary Donnelly on this matter in order to get the answers from Chambers County.

Alderman Walker added, this is a big deal for the County and even if we get nothing out of it, we should opt in and pay our part. Even if we have nothing to do with the recommendations, we will understand the flows going through Beach City; \$11,000 is insignificant for what this study will do.

Alderman Pantin asked if Council could table this item and bring it back next month; in order to acquire more information on this study.

Mayor Dagley noted that via an Interlocal Agreement, Chambers County handles all of our drainage (and any issues) and we pay nothing for this service.

After a lengthy discussion amongst Council, this item is tabled until the February meeting.

Motion to table Item 13 regarding the agreement with Chambers County for a county wide drainage study, tabled until the February Special Called Meeting or Regular Meeting

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved:4-1

Alderman Walker is opposed to tabling this item

14. Discussion and possible action to approve a Welcome Brochure for Beach City residents

Council reviewed the proposed welcome brochure created by the City staff.

Mayor Dagley would like the Mayor and Council information to be removed. Add another picture to replace this information.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt wants trash pick-up to be changed to read, *trash services*.

There were some other minor punctuational issues mentioned.

Motion to approve the welcome brochure for the City of Beach City with discussed changes

Motion: Walker

Second: Smith

Approved: 5-0

15. 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: 7:32PM

RECONVENE: 8:34

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

For a matter of record, based on Employee Matters and relating to the Assistant City Secretary position, City Council and Mayor have made a decision to move into a different direction with the Assistant City Secretary position. A previous applicant will be contacted to see if she is still available for the Assistant Secretary position.

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

No report

18. Report and update from the Mayor

Things are going well for the City.

19. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt was happy to see the mail in voting form attached to Mayor Dagley's campaign brochure mailouts.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt questioned the status of the security cameras to be added to this building. Mayor Dagley has not heard anything on this matter, but we will send a follow up email to the Commissioner about this.

20. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM

Minutes Approved: February 22nd, 2022



Ryan Dagley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

