

City of Beach City

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City Council Regular Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Called Session** on **January 26, 2021** 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, Alderman Ken Pantin 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, January 26, 2021 Mayor Dagley called the Regular Called Council meeting to order at 6:06 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. Administer Oath of Office and Statement of Officer for newly appointed Council Member: Ken Pantin

Mayor Dagley administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Alderman Ken Pantin

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

None

5. Recognize the 2020 Beach City Volunteer of the Year, Edgar Cashat

Mayor Dagley read aloud a brief biography of Mr. Cashat's accomplishments, interests and volunteer habits.

A lovely award was presented to Mr. Cashat as the City's 2020 Volunteer of the Year.

Recess: 6:14 p.m.

Reconvene: 6:30 p.m.

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

Chambers County has a COVID19 vaccination hub set up.

Chambers County purchased new playground equipment that will be placed behind the Beach City community building.

Floor & Décor are new tenants at the Cedar Port Parkway and Fisher Road location.

Texas 99 should be complete within a year.

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

BCVFD has received funding from Chambers County in the amount of \$50,000. The recent mailouts brought in an additional \$20,000 in funding for the BCVFD. Mont Belvieu Fire Department is hosting a new recruit's class. Some BCVFD members will participate.

8. Approve Minutes for Special Called Meeting of December 15th, 2020

Motion to approve minutes for Special Called Meeting of December 15th, 2020

Motion: Colquitt Second: Newman Approved: 4 Abstain: 1 - Ken Pantin

9. 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: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

10. Discuss and consider opening a Money Market account for excess funds from the General Fund Account

The TexasTERM CD matured in January. These funds were sent to the City's general fund account until Mayor Dagley could speak to Council regarding this matter.

Typically, Council will add excess funds from the general fund account to a new CD(s). The City's Public Funds Investment Policy allots for a three month expenditure reserve in the general fund Account.

The idea is to move the excess funds into a newly created money market account where it will collect some interest until the funds are large enough to invest it into a CD. Currently, there is an approximate \$46,000 overage in the general fund that will need to be moved out of this account.

Motion to approve

Motion: Smith

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Dagley reviewed the benefits of the Capital Plus Tiered Money Market account and the Investor's Choice Money Market account.

Alderman Smith left the money market account choice up to the Mayor's discretion.

Alderman Walker noted he preferred the Investor's Choice account because it is twice the rate. Mayor Dagley added, that is only when the account gets over \$100,000 that this money would be invested into a CD.

The Mayor prefers the Capital Plus Tiered Money Market account. The amount to open the money market account is 'to be determined'.

11. Discussion and possible action to add additional funds from the City's General Fund Account to the matured funds from TexasTERM CD #045

The TexasTERM CD matured January 11, 2021 at \$107,156.94. A Capital Bank CD will be created for these funds.

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Referring to Item 10 and the excess funds in the City's General Fund account, the City has approximately \$46,000.00 that needs to be moved out of this account. Mayor Dagley proposes adding \$21,000 to the \$107,000 amount for a new CD in the amount of \$128,000.00. With the remaining \$25,000, used to open the money market account. This will elevate the excess funds issue in the General Fund Account.

Motion to add \$21,000 to the TexasTERM CD amount
Motion: Newman **Second:** Colquitt **Approved:** 5-0

12. Discussion and possible action approving a Resolution for new CD investment

Motion to approve a resolution for the new CD investment
Motion: Newman **Second:** Smith **Approved:** 5-0
Discussion: Secretary Donnelly noted for the record, this is Resolution 2021-01.

13. Discussion and possible action to formally accept the streets and ditches in the Thunder Bay Subdivision as part of the City of Beach City roadways, per request from the Thunder Bay Homeowners Association (HOA)

Last month Council preliminary approved the streets and the ditches were not apart of that line item.

Commissioner Combs added the roadside ditches are automatically apart of the roads. Any other ditches in the subdivision are the responsibility of the HOA/Subdivision.

Motion to formally accept the streets and ditches in Thunder Bay Subdivision as part of the City of Beach City roadways
Motion: Newman **Second:** Walker **Approved:** 5-0

14. Discussion and possible action to approve Richard Kelley Estates Minor Plat, Platting one lot into three lots

Mr. Kelley confirmed the lot sizes and location of this property with Council.
Council reviewed the plat delivered to the City by Wells Land Surveying.

Motion to approve Richard Kelley Estates Minor Plat, platting one lot into three lots
Motion: Newman **Second:** Colquitt **Approved:** 5-0
Discussion: Alderman Smith questioned the size/division of the lots and after reviewing the plat was satisfied with the noted division of the lots.

15. Discussion and possible action to amend Ordinance 2020-03, Regulating Pipelines Within the Incorporated Limits of Beach City, to include penalties and/or fines

Mayor Dagley reviewed with Council the preamble of Ordinance 2020-03 that refers to a penalty fee. However, the body of this ordinance does not mention a penalty fee. Mayor and Council discussed the verbiage to be added and various amounts for a penalty fee. It was determined that the penalty fee will be \$10,000.

Alderman Newman will create the wording for the penalty fee.
There is a pipeline company who has already dug/punched a well in the NRG canal and are wanting to run a pipeline on the east side of FM 2354. Mayor Dagley will contact this company and apprise them of the City's Pipeline Ordinance.

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Motion to amend Ordinance 2020-03

Motion: Pantin

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: The motion will institute a \$10,000 fine for a violation of the permit ordinance and any occurrence within the ordinance and associated engineering costs.

Alderman Newman asked if the associated engineering costs are those potentially incurred by the City. Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt added, associated engineering costs and any legal fees that could be occurred by the City. Additional verbiage to be added, 'including but not limited to inspection costs'.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt asked if Council is approving this now, or if it will be brought back in February.

Mayor Dagley wants Alderman Newman to create the verbiage and send it to him for a final review, to which Council agreed.

16. Hear from members of the Bayridge HOA regarding a property inside the Bayridge subdivision

This line item will be brought back to the February meeting.

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

Motion to approve

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Alderman Smith asked if there have been changes to the type of spray used in the last two years, due to the volume of mosquitos. Mayor Dagley will send an email to Lawrence Lewis with this concern.

18. Consider and approve participation with the Barbers Hill Lions Club for the 2021 patriotic flag program, four flags are \$200 for the year

Motion to approve

Motion: Walker

Second: Pantin

Approved: 5-0

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

No report

20. Report and update from the Mayor

The new website should be up and running in the next month.

The email addresses for the Council members are still active. The City was charged last fall by GoDaddy and they will not issue a prorated refund.

21. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt thanked Council for recognizing Ed Cashat.

22. Adjourn meeting at 7:47 P.M.


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Minutes Approved: February 23, 2021



Ryan Dagley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

