

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 **July 27, 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, July 27, 2021 Mayor Dagley called the Regular Called Council meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Pantin offered prayer and Alderman Newman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

Jennifer Campbell would like information on the dry hydrants Trans-Global Solutions (TGS) should be installing throughout the City. Mrs. Campbell would also like the City to install a streetlight in front of her subdivision, Oaks at Houston Point.

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

Chambers County Commissioners Court is continuing to work with area industrial partners; TxDOT, Port of Houston and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) to improve the heavy haul truck traffic on Hwy 146 and Hwy 565. Currently, State Legislation does not allow heavy haul vehicles on toll roads therefore, these trucks cannot travel on TX 99.

Commissioner Combs spoke to Mrs. Campbell and stated the pond at Oaks at Houston Point is actually a dry hydrant.

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

No report

6. **Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting and Public Hearing for FY 2021-2022 of June 22nd, 2021**

Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Called Meeting and Public Hearing for FY 2021-2022 of June 22nd, 2021

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

7. **Review and approve financial statements and revised budget for FY 2020-2021 ending June 30, 2021**

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Per Mayor Dagley, there is a net upward adjustment of \$232.70 to the income due to slight increases to the interest, swimming pools and miscellaneous expenses.

Motion to approve financials and revised budget for FY 2020-2021

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Alderman Newman questioned why the changes. Mayor Dagley, noted expense wise, there was a \$6.00 charge for two bank statements from Capital Bank. On the income side, the interest was finalized and there was one more swimming pool fee arrived before June 30th.

8. 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 financial consent agenda

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

9. Authorize City Election to be held November 2nd, 2021:

- (a) Authorize Order of Election and Notice of Election for November 2nd, 2021
- (b) Appoint Election Committee

Motion to approve authorizing the city elections to be held November 2nd and the Secretary and Assistant Secretary as the election committee

Motion: Smith

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

10. Hear report and update on CD #989 that matured on July 8th, 2021, which is now CD #193

Capital Bank agreed to a CD rate of .40% for twelve months.
Mayor Dagley added that all CD's will be renewing in 2022.

11. Hear report and update regarding engineering firm RPS Group as the City's vendor to review the City's pipeline applications

RPS Group is the engineering firm the City is using for the review of all pipeline applications. The City of Mont Belvieu uses this same group and gave positive feedback to Mayor Dagley.

12. Hear report and update for two pipeline applications

The City has received two pipeline applications.

Air Products has applied for a hydrogen gas line to run under the east side of FM 2354 along the Lasater property, out into Trinity Bay.

Kingwood Exploration did apply for a natural gas pipeline, and they have already laid the pipeline on the NRG property, along the canal corridor. This pipeline will run underneath FM 2354, to the west side in Baytown's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Mayor Dagley stated that Kingwood Exploration contacted him with some concerns they had with the City's Pipeline Ordinance. The concern(s) mentioned pertain to the requirements listed in the ordinance referencing technical aspects to the pipeline, the size of the pipe, etc. Mayor Dagley

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suggested they send in the application; we will forward it to the engineer and let them review and advise. RPS Group should have a report back to the City Secretary tomorrow/Wednesday.

13. Discussion and possible action to amend Ordinance 2017-04 Regulating Off Premises Signs

Secretary Donnelly noted the Ordinance to amend is Ordinance 2017-06.

Mayor Dagley's concern is there are signs built in this City that do not comply. This is a function of Agenda Item 15 and a part of being a small city.

After a brief discussion among Council, a committee will meet and review changes to present to Council at the August meeting. Aldermen Walker and Pantin and will serve on this committee.

14. Discussion and possible action to amend Ordinance 2014-06 Establishing Permit Requirements

When a resident has applied for an Improvement Permit and the inspector has determined that the On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) must be redesigned in order for the improvement to be approved, there is not a mechanism in the current ordinance that creates a detailed follow through for this.

Secretary Donnelly provided Mayor Dagley with suggestions to update the current ordinance.

Mayor Dagley reviewed the secretary's suggestions with Council and suggested that an additional penalty be added to ensure the follow through is met for the OSSF redesign.

Aldermen Pantin and Newman will serve on a committee to review the proposed changes and will present their findings to Council at the August meeting.

15. Discussion and possible action to hire a Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Dagley feels that the City is to the point where we need to hire a Code Enforcement Officer.

This could be a once a month occurrence. There may be an opportunity to partner with a sister city. The fees for this could be added to the permit fees.

It was suggested that the secretary gather information to see what training is required and whether or not we could do an interlocal with another entity.

16. Discuss and consider removal of surplus office equipment or office items

There are items in the City storage closet such as sound equipment given by another entity that cannot be used. Also, there is a coffee urn that has been with the city for many years that is never used.

Motion to remove surplus office equipment from office

Motion: Smith

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

17. 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: 7:18 P.M.

Reconvene: 7:35 P.M.

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

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No report

19. Report and update from the Mayor

a). The BCVFD Annual Fund Raiser and Poker Run was held July 17th, 2021 and collected over \$40,000

b). The TGS folks have not gone before Commissioners Court yet to request more access to Fisher Road.

c). There is an opportunity for grant money from the State and Feds for COVID relief but, there is a criteria to be met. The deadline is Monday to accept these funds and respond to the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM).

d). The Planning Committee met recently and discussed public safety and preservation of the city's tranquility.

20. Council Comments

Alderman Smith said, "good job" to Mayor Dagley.

21. Adjourn meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Minutes Approved: September 28, 2021



Ryan Dagley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary