

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 March 22, 2022** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

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

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Dana Colquitt

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, March 22, 2022 Mayor Dagley called the Regular Called Council Meeting to order at 18:07 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)

Sharon Pantin requested more City of Beach City print more decals.

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

Chambers County Commissioner's Court is looking at a grant from the General Land Office (GLO). Chambers County and the City of Beach City could partner together for this grant, and possibly other area municipalities.

Chambers County awarded the road contract for the Kilgore Parkway (KPW) extension to Gulf Coast (formerly Angel Brothers). The Notice to Proceed date is scheduled for May 1st. There is one more public hearing to be held for a transit reinvestment zone in the first part of April.

Drainage study is well underway and should be completed in September 2023.

The County is hoping to reinvest the tax abatement monies into areas of county where the abatements originate from.

The Grand Parkway/99 total completion is scheduled for mid April 2022.

The Pilot Program that allows overweight vehicles to travel on the Grand Pkwy, from I10 to 146, expires at the end of March. Commissioner Combs feels that a six month extension is doable, after the completion of the construction. The hours of restriction are from 06:00-09:00 and 15:00-18:00. There is an ongoing effort to get the restricted hours lifted for a true pilot program.

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

Many of the incoming calls are for lift assists.

All the members required are ready to serve on the BCVFD Pension Board

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The Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year nominee for the BCVFD is an active Volunteer Firefighter, Reserve Deputy and Reserve National Guard, Joshua Jennings. Joshua has recently been deployed to the border and is very deserving of this award.

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Called Meeting of March 22nd, 2022

Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Called Meeting of March 22nd, 2022

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

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 financials

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 4-0

Discussion: Alderman Walker questioned why the Natural Gas income / franchise fee payment is not showing on the report. Secretary Donnelly noted that the payment typically arrives by the end of February. However, it came in at the beginning of March this year. This will show on the March financials, which will be presented at the April meeting.

Mayor Dagley asked Council to note that two CD's #164 & #165 will mature at the end of April.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas 2022 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications Right-Of-Way (ROW) Access Line Rates

No Action

9. Discussion and possible action on CenterPoint Energy 2022 Annual (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program GRIP Adjustment (increase) for the Texas Coast Division

No Action

10. Discussion and possible action to use CoronaVirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) grant money for a generator backup required by TCEQ for the water system and new building in Bay Place Subdivision, per a Homeowner's Association request

Bay Place HOA President, Neil Ligertwood, spoke to Council regarding the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) mandate for Bay Place to add a backup generator for the water system. According to Mr. Ligertwood, this will also require a new building for the generator. The verbal cost estimate given to Council is \$25,000 for the generator and \$25,000 for the new building. The HOA is asking Council to assist with these costs by using the City's CLFRF funds.

Mayor Dagley stated that projects have been discussed for the CoronaVirus funds and he feels this request should be entertained. The HOA is asking for any allotment of the grant, whether it is a \$1,000 grant or the whole amount of the grant.

Alderman Newman questioned the timing of this matter, how soon is an answer needed. Mr. Ligertwood stated that the HOA's plan has been submitted but is currently delayed by TCEQ. There is also an equipment delay as well.

Mayor Dagley questioned the financial stability of Bay Place HOA, are funds available to meet the needs up to the allotment? Mr. Ligertwood stated that they will make it work, if they have to make it work; a special assessment for all homeowners can be done.

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Motion to allow a grant for \$25,000 right now, half of the cost

Motion: Pantin

Second: Newman

Approved:

MOTION WITHDRAWN

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Discussion: Alderman Pantin feels the cost of the generator is high and would like for more cost comparisons to be obtained. Mr. Ligertwood stated this includes for the cost of the pad, concrete, the whole infrastructure for the generator. Susan Clanton, treasurer of the HOA, stated they could actually provide details to Council on this matter.

Mayor Dagley asked for this to be tabled until next month so more details can be given to Council.

To make certain this request will qualify for approval, all grants have to be approved by the City's public administrator.

Alderman Newman concurred with tabling this item. Council needs all of the information in advance of the meeting, so they have time to review it.

Jim Smoke, a Bay Place resident, arrived and addressed Council. He gave a few details regarding the size requirements of the generator. Mr. Smoke stated that three bids were obtained for the generator, but no information was presented to Council.

Alderman Newman requested the spec information, cost of the building structure, etc., to be sent to Council.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding healthcare coverage for the City Secretary

Several different routes have been approached but no positive headway has been made on healthcare coverage.

Mayor Dagley asked Chambers County if the City Secretary could jump on their health insurance plan with all costs paid by Beach City. A request was sent to that insurance pool and denied.

Currently, Texas Municipal League Health (TML) is reviewing the Secretary's application for coverage. Secretary Donnelly noted that personal health questions and medication information was requested on the TML health coverage application and she is not hopeful for a positive outcome.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding new signage for Beach City, City Hall

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt is spearheading this but was not at the meeting to discuss the bids or other information she has acquired.

13. Discussion and possible action to contract with an IT company, VC3, to service all five City computers on a yearly basis

Secretary Donnelly participated in a Zoom Meeting last week with VC3 and feels that the City could benefit from contracting with an IT company to assist with computer and security issues. The quote was just received prior to the meeting and the Secretary did not have time to review the bid.

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14. 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

No Executive Session

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

No action

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

A McCollum Park Road Property, that was mentioned at the February meeting, has been inspected and it was determined that the homeowner laid piping for an irrigation system. The homeowner neglected to tell Secretary Donnelly this during their phone conversation last month. The OSSF was tested and ran without an issue, per Inspector Victoria Figueroa's report.

17. Report and update from the Mayor

a). The TGS greenbelt/greenspace has been under negotiations with County officials. As Commissioner elect, Mayor Dagley has been allowed to sit in on these meetings. After a lengthy update, Mayor Dagley noted that he is working to obtain the best outcome for Beach City residents.

b). The GLO (General Land Office) has a new grant for drainage infrastructure. Beach City can partner with Chambers County for these funds.

c). The Founders Day Fundraiser in Old River gives a scholarship to a child each year. Mayor Dagley asked Council to consider creating a scholarship for a Beach City High School Senior. Create a criteria, partner with the BCVFD, consider all students in Beach City - even those that may attend Goose Creek ISD, etc.

d). The Mayor also noted that the future plans for Cedar Port are eye opening. There are areas within this industrial park that will be allotted for Petro Chemical. This makes the greenbelt agreement imperative to Beach City residents.

18. Council Comments

After hearing Mayor Dagley's update, Alderman Newman is concerned about future facilities in Cedar Port and would like a whole lot more information on this subject.

Alderman Smith commented on the height of the buildings and what the height of the berm would need to be and is willing to assist the Mayor with his calculations.

Alderman Smith also wished a Happy Birthday to Secretary Donnelly and proceeded to sing Happy Birthday, in an off key.


Alderman Walker thanked the Bay Place people for their presentation.

Alderman Pantin concurred with Alderman Walker.

19. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Minutes Approved: April 26, 2022



Ryan Dagley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary