

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 **March 23, 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, March 23, 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 Mayor Dagley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

No comments

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

FM 1409 construction is ahead of schedule. Southside traffic of FM 1409 should open in May 2021. The northside traffic should open in August 2021. Hopefully, this will all happen prior to school starting in August.

The first phase is underway to create a five lane concrete road expansion. This expansion consists of approximately 1,400 square feet on Fisher Road at the Cedar Port Parkway area. This phase is in preparation for the 1.2 million square foot Floor & Décor warehouse.

A submission was made to Chambers County Commissioners Court to change the name of Old Needle Point Road to Chambers Parkway.

There are three large road projects currently underway:

1. Commissioners Court approved today to hire Engineers to oversee the extension of Old Needle Point Road over to TX 99. A route will be created to take Old Needle Point Road over TX. 99 to FM 3180.

2. Kilgore Parkway will be extended west of Hwy 146 and eastward to FM 3180. This will cause the name to be changed to Kilgore Boulevard.

3. EW4 will also have a new name, Johnny Jennings Road. Hopefully, this project will be designed where EW4 can be located on the eastside of 99 allowing the dump truck traffic to access 99 and FM 1405, without using FM 2354 as a main access point.

TGS has produced preliminary plans for a greenbelt along FM 2354. Commissioner Combs is impressed with the initial plans. The final plans should be submitted to Commissioners Court on April 13th.

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

BCVFD responded to a number of medical assists; several brush fires, and a tire fire in Hankamer. Chief McDonald spoke of many mechanical issues with the Tanker Engine 81, affectionately known as Margaret.

Mont Belvieu FD and Cove VFD will meet here at the BCVFD over the weekend to train on vehicle extraction, etc.

6. Approve Minutes for Regular Called Meeting of February 23rd, 2021

Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Called Meeting of February 23, 2021

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

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

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

RECESS: 6:18 P.M.

RECONVENE: 6:26 P.M.

8. Discussion and possible action to move the majority of the TexPool investment funds to the Capital Bank Plus Money Market account, until the interest rate improves

TexPool interest rates have dropped significantly in the last few months. This account currently has approximately \$126,772.35. The current seven day yield is .01%.

The Money Market account has \$25,000 in it and it is yielding 0.1%.

Secretary Donnelly asked Mayor Dagley if Council would like to review this matter and move money from TexPool to the Money Market account in order to yield the most interest obtainable at this time. If Council moves at least \$100,000 to the Money Market account, then the interest rate will go up to 0.25%, due to the larger balance. This would keep the money liquid and not invested into a long term CD, in case the interest rates do rise again.

Motion to approve

Motion: Smith

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

9. Discussion and possible action to add streetlights at FM 2354/Skylane and FM 2354/Lawrence Road, per request from Keith Magill - RWJ Subdivision HOA

Keith Magill formerly requested Council add a streetlight at Lawrence Road/FM 2354 and Skylane/FM 2354.

Mayor Dagley noted that the City pays approximately \$208 per month to Reliant. Divide this cost out between the current fifteen streetlights and the cost of each light is approximately \$14 a light, per month. Adding two additional lights, we could assume a bill of less than \$325 per month.

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Motion to add streetlights to FM 2354 at Skylane and FM 2354 at Lawrence per request from Keith Magill

Motion: Smith

Second: Pantin

Approved: 5-0

10. Discussion and possible action on CenterPoint Energy 2021 Annual GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) Adjustment (increase) for the Texas Coast Division

The rate increase will happen whether Council takes action or not.
No action taken by Council.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas 2021 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications Right-Of-Way Access Line Rates

No action taken by Council

12. Discuss and consider 2021 membership in the West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Dagley discussed the pros of being a member of the local Chamber: monthly luncheons and promoting the City at an event when other businesses are there.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt questioned what the City gets out of being a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Combs asked if he could answer this, which Mayor Dagley allowed.

According to Commissioner Combs, Chambers are there to promote business and the local economy. So, by supporting the Chamber you are supporting an organization that supports businesses in your City. The Commissioner likes to see government entities participate in it and this supports the whole business climate.

Alderman Walker wonders why we as a City would want to be apart of the Chamber when it is focused toward businesses.

Alderman Pantin stated if you're not putting anything into the membership then you cannot get anything out of it. Alderman Walker replied, the Chamber is really a network building organization for businesses. The only way to get anything out of it is to go to the meetings, etc.

Mayor Dagley does not want Beach City to be the only City in the region that is not a member of the Chamber.

Attorney Jackson added that the Mayor could give an update for the State of the Cities at the Chamber luncheon and this would be a good way to participate.

After a brief discussion, Alderman Walker was won over by Mayor Dagley's assessment of the benefits of being a Chamber of Commerce member.

Motion to continue our involvement with the Chamber of Commerce for Chambers County

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

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

1. A property, in Walker Parkview Subdivision, that was investigated last year for running a sewage pipe into the culvert pipe is once again having issues with their OSSF. This is an ongoing issue, and it is questionable if this home is able to put in a new OSSF, due to the small lot.

2. A complaint came in for a home in Bayridge Subdivision and the investigation yielded no abnormalities.

14. Report and update from the Mayor

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1. There is still a reckless driver in our City limits, as discussed at last month's meeting. Mayor Dagley is still working with the Chambers County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) regarding this matter.

2. After attending several HOA meetings, there has been feedback and/or questions about the Sales & Use Tax and what the City is doing with this money. The City is saving money and Mayor Dagley feels the City should consider long term planning. Mayor Dagley feels that creating a long-term plan for the additional income is the way to go.

Some of the ideas are to hire a Chambers County Deputy to only patrol Beach City.

Mayor Dagley feels it is time to invest in property for the potential of a new City Hall. The City office is currently located inside of the Chambers County Community Building.

3. It is time for a new City Survey. Mayor Dagley added that asking the community what their ideas and input are for the long term goals and City amenities are, should be on this survey .

4. Beach City dealt with a company in 2018 named HoltMar who tried to move dredge material from the San Jacinto River Superfund Site to McCollum Park Road. Recently, HoltMar tried to move this same material to Devers, TX. Approximately 400 opposition letters were sent to the Corp of Engineers to stop this material from being moved to Devers.

15. Council Comments

Alderman Newman asked Mayor Dagley to speak to the Dredge material disposal in Devers by HoltMar; see Item 14 - 4.

16. Adjourn meeting at 7:49 P.M.

Minutes Approved: April 27, 2021



Ryan Dagley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

