

# City of Beach City

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS  
STATE OF TEXAS

## City Council Special Called Meeting

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Special Called Meeting on November 16, 2021** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

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

**Staff Present:** City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Shannon O'Keefe

**Legal Counsel Present:** City Attorney Daniel Jackson

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

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Mayor Dagley called the Special Called Council Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

### 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Donnelly offered prayer and Mayor Dagley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

### 3. Administer Oath of Office and Statement of Officer for unopposed Council Members: Ken Pantin, Ray Smith and Paul Newman

Each Councilman was sworn in by Mayor Dagley.

The Oath of Office and Statement of Officer were read aloud by Alderman Paul Newman, Alderman Ken Pantin and Alderman Ray Smith.

### 4. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

**Motion to nominate Dana Colquitt**

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 4-0 Colquitt abstained

### 5. Recognition of outgoing Assistant City Secretary Deanna Wallace

Mayor Dagley read aloud his Proclamation of Appreciation for Deanna Wallace and presented her with a plaque for her three years of service in the city office.

**RECESS:** 6:38 PM

**RECONVENE:** 6:53 PM

### 6. Public Comments (Limited to three minutes per person)

None

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

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No report

## 8. Beach City Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD)

Several of the BCVFD members went to an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) course. Santa on the Bay will be December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Motion** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2021

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 5-0

## 10. 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:** Colquitt

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 5-0

## 11. Discussion and possible action on a request from Chief Pat McDonald regarding a pension fund(s) for the BCVFD

Chief McDonald reviewed with Council the estimated pension costs for the BCVFD members. Adding that the BCVFD will pay from their own funds the cost of purchasing 10 years of service for several of their long-term members.

Chief McDonald would like this pension fund to begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Using the pension formula of 6 months x \$36.00 x 16 members equals to \$3,456.00 bi-annually (every six months).

Three of the BCVFD firemen will serve as board members for the pension fund. This board is required to meet two times per year and requires one member of City Council to serve on the board as well. Alderman Newman volunteered to serve on the board.

**Motion** the City of Beach City funds the pension fund for the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department as discussed previously with the Bi-Annual payments, those coming out of what has already been budgeted towards the fire department

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** Motion Withdrawn

**Discussion:** Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt asked, is this how we should state the motion: 'funding the pension fund'? Mayor Dagley added, since we are the sponsor, we are allocating our funds.

Mayor Dagley felt it is clear, this is a reallocation of the payment by withholding a portion to pay out from the City.

Alderman Newman withdrew his motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt restated Council is not funding this, we are reallocating a portion of the funds we have already funded to them. Alderman Newman said, we are funding the entity for the pension, we are not adding to the overall budgeted item for this.

Mayor Dagley consulted with Attorney Jackson, we need to make sure we clarify in the motion, for budgetary reasons, that we are going to amend the budget to reflect that a portion of the funds will come out of what is already allocated for the fire department.

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**Motion** that we allocate a portion of the current budgetary item for contribution to the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department to go towards the pension fund on a bi-annual basis and also that we will amend the 2021-2022 budget to reflect those two line items

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 5-0

**Motion** to nominate Alderman Newman to serve on the board

**Motion:** Pantin

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 5-0

12. **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 Action

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

No Action

14. **Discussion on the 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award (VOTY) Chamber recognition luncheon held today**

Mayor Dagley recapped today's luncheon where Mr. Edgar Cashat was honored as the City's 2020 Volunteer of the Year.

15. **Discussion on Nominations for the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award (VOTY)**

The nomination form is ready and will be on the city's website and social media.

The local chamber will attempt to honor the 2021 VOTY's in the Spring of 2022.

Mayor Dagley would like for Council to continue to honor the Beach City VOTY's in January during the City Council meeting.

16. **Discussion on Council's participation with the BCVFD Santa on the Bay**

Per Fire Chief McDonald, this event will be held the on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Council discussed which members will be participating on Friday and Saturday.

17. **Discuss and consider a Christmas celebration at the December 21, 2021 meeting**

This Christmas celebration tradition will continue with Council and staff each bringing a dish.

Alderman Smith may not be in town for this meeting.

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

No report

19. **Report and update from the Mayor**

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- a). Mayor Dagley signed up to run in the primary election for Chambers County Commissioner Pct. 4.
- b). The streetlights at RWJ Subdivision are supposed to be up and running.

## 20. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt would like the sign issue to be on the next agenda, as discussed in prior meetings over the years. Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt also requested, for safety reasons, solar security lights be affixed to the community building. There are six families with a total of eighteen children that have requested assistance this year. The local community has been very supportive.

Alderman Walker attended the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) General Law Cities Caucus. When asked at this meeting what our biggest problems are, Alderman Walker responded, trucks up and down the highway.

H-GAC has a budget of \$477 million dollars and they added that they help small cities who cannot afford items such as fire engines, drainage issues, etc.

## 21. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM

**Minutes Approved:** December 21, 2021

  
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**Ryan Dagley, Mayor**

ATTEST:

  
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**Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary**

