

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS  
STATE OF TEXAS

**City of Beach City**

City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Special Called Meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at the Beach City Community Building, 12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

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

**Staff Present:** City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

**Legal Counsel:** Daniel Jackson

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

On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Mayor Dagley called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:08 PM

**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. Accept resignation of Alderman Ken Pantin**

Alderman Pantin officially resigned from his position as Beach City Alderman, effective immediately.

**4. Administer Oath of Office and Statement of Officer for unopposed Council Members and Mayor Elect: Alderman Danielle Blair, Alderman Dana Colquitt and Mayor Elect Ken Pantin**

After receiving the Statement of Officer from Ms. Colquitt, Ms. Blair and Mr. Pantin, Mayor Dagley administered the Oath of Office to each unopposed candidate.

Mayor Pantin, Alderman Blair and Alderman Colquitt each took their respective places at the Council table.

**5. Recognition of outgoing Mayor Ryan Dagley**

Mayor Pantin thanked the community for putting their trust in him to be a good steward of this city. He is aware he has some extremely big shoes to fill from the examples set by the previous Mayor's.

Mayor Pantin expressed kind words toward Commissioner Elect Dagley and gave him the opportunity to address Council.

Commissioner Elect Dagley spoke of his time on Council and as Mayor. He spoke of the support system he had from the previous Mayors. Commissioner Elect Dagley feels that the next chapter for the City is upon us. After personally thanking each Councilman for their support during his time as Mayor, Commissioner Dagley feels that Mayor Pantin will continue to be a great asset for the City.

**6. Discuss and consider approving a Resolution of Honor for Douglas Walker**

**Motion to approve the Resolution to honor Doug Walker**

**Motion:** Colquitt

**Second:** Newman

**Approved:** 4-0

Mayor Pantin read aloud the Resolution of Honor for Doug Walker.

Alderman Colquitt thanked Mr. Walker for his kindness and the respect he has always shown her.

Mr. Walker feels very fortunate to have served on City Council for the last eighteen years.

**7. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem**

**Motion to appoint Dana Colquitt as Mayor Pro Tem**

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Smith

**Approved:** 4-0

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

A resident questioned the happenings on Fisher Road and the status of the park that was promised. Mayor Pantin added that while Council cannot go into a discussion on these items, he could say that these things are in the works. Commissioner Elect Dagley will have more information on this.

RECESS: 6:26 PM

RECONVENE: 6:40 PM

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

Commissioner Combs praised Alderman Walker for his ability to go against the status quo and he also added that Doug has been an awesome Alderman.

Commissioners Court approved a tax abatement for a 1.2 million square foot building that Home Depot will be moving into. The tax abatement is subject to the three items listed below:

a). FM 1405 will undergo improvements to become a five lane road, with shoulders, from TX 99 east to the railroad tracks.

b). TGS will give \$130,000 to Barrow Ranch Subdivision for improvements to their retention pond. City Council has already committed over \$70,000 to Barrow Ranch as well.

c). Funding for five new deputies, via Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County, in the amount of \$875,000 for year one and \$625,000 in year two.

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

The BCVFD has recently purchased five new air packs and brackets at the cost of \$36,000. Chief McDonald brought along one of the packs to share with Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt asked how long the air pack would last each firefighter. Chief McDonald stated it depends on the user. These particular air packs are thirty minute bottles. The air packs have alarms in them as well.

BCVFD assisted with a downed female at Oceanview Mobile Home Park.

Alderman Newman asked about the status of the retirement committee meeting. Chief McDonald responded that he will get the form in tomorrow and get this going.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt asked when we may be able to get the new ISO rating for our homeowner's insurance. Chief McDonald knows it will be after the holidays since they need to get the other departments to bring their tankers to the hydrant, fill them and time them. There are a number of things to do for this rating which include getting the water authority out here to test the flow rating of the new hydrant. Documentation and testing are integral parts of information to be submitted for the ISO rating. Mayor Pantin questioned how recruitment is going. Chief McDonald stated that things are moving slowly in this area.

**11. Approve Minutes for the Regular Called Meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Minutes were not ready for Council review, bring back to the December meeting.

**12. 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 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:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**13. Discussion and possible action approving a Resolution Amending the Authorized Representatives for the TexPool Account**

**Motion for approving a resolution amending the authorized representatives for TexPool**

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Colquitt

**Approved:** 4-0

**Discussion:** Former Mayor Dagley and former Alderman Walker will be removed as signers for this account.

**14. Discussion and possible action approving a Resolution Amending the Authorized Representatives for the City's Capital Bank General Fund Checking Account, and/or the CD and Investment Accounts**

**Motion to add Danielle Blair**

**Motion:** Smith

**Second:** Newman

**Approved:** 4-0

**Discussion:** Secretary Donnelly noted that the same thing applies to this line item, former Mayor Dagley and former Alderman Walker will be removed from these accounts as well.

**15. Discussion and possible action regarding a new digital sign and/or signs for Beach City**

The sign committee, consisting of Mayor Pantin, Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt and Chief McDonald, recently met with a new sign company. The representative of this company brought a digital sign out for the committee to see. Having the opportunity to see the difference between ten millimeters and sixteen millimeters showed the clarity, or lack of, between the two. Ten millimeters being more clear and crisp to the eye.

The bid package should be completed soon. This package will be on the website and posted in the local newspaper, the Baytown Sun. The bids will be open for thirty days.

Commissioner Combs had the County shoot the elevation here to determine what the road grade can be for this sign. The new sign could go to fourteen feet in height, which will place it at the twelve feet above road grade.

Mayor Pantin is working on the details of the specifications and will send out to the committee to review.

Alderman Smith asked for clarification on the road elevation numbers. Mayor Pantin answered, the road (FM 2354) is two feet at the crown.

**16. Discuss and consider the framework to appoint an Alderman to fill the position vacated by Ken Pantin**

Mayor Pantin would like to have an Alderman ready to go by the January Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt asked if this should be sent out in a mayor's update. Mayor Pantin will send this out in his newsletter.

Council will need to meet prior to the January 24, 2023 meeting to interview candidates.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt has a potential candidate that works for Chambers County.

Mayor Pantin requested that any potential candidates have a serving attitude and be able to make most of the meetings.

January 17<sup>th</sup> or January 18<sup>th</sup> was decided as the two dates to interview potential candidates and Secretary Donnelly will check to see if the building is available for rental for either one of these dates. January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is the cutoff date for all letters of interest to be sent to Mayor Pantin. Alderman Newman would like any information on questions that have been asked to prior candidates to be emailed to Council. Secretary Donnelly will look to see what may be on file.

**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

Executive Session was not held

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

No discussion

**19. Discussion on Council participation with the BCVFD Santa on the Bay**

Council discussed which nights each of them would be available to participate.

**20. Discuss and consider a Christmas celebration at the December 20, 2022 meeting**

Council will email Secretary Donnelly what dish they will bring to the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**21. Discussion on Nominations for the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award (VOTY)**

The cutoff date is January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for all nominees.

Secretary Donnelly will email Council the requested list of former nominees on Wednesday.

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

Secretary Donnelly updated Council on the forward progress with the FM 2354 property, regarding the mobile home that was moved onsite without obtaining a permit. The original home has been torn down and the OSSF installer is waiting for the ground to dry up so he can get his equipment onto the back of this property.

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

Mayor Pantin thanked former Mayor Dagley, former Mayor Lasater and former Alderman Walker for their support.

**24. Council Comments**

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt: If anyone want to sponsor a child, there are several children left that need Christmas gifts.

Alderman Newman: Had to use defensive driving to get around someone who pulled out in front of him at Fisher Road and FM 2354, Mayor Pantin will speak to someone at Chambers County to see if they are able to post signage on Fisher Road stating that cross traffic does not stop.

Alderman Smith: Stop signs are not a suggestion.

Alderman Blair: Thankful and honored for this opportunity to serve on Council.

25. Adjourn at 7:35 PM

Minutes Approved: December 20, 2022

  
Ken Pantin, Mayor

Attest:

  
Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary