

(d) Review and approve Weekly Review of Accounts

Motion to approve the financials

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Alderman Newman questioned an apparent error on the last line item of the Budget vs. Actual. According to Secretary Donnelly the rounding error has already been caught and will be corrected.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution adopting the City's Public Funds Investment Policy for FY 2022-2023, per Texas Government Code §2256.005(e)

Each year Council must conduct an annual review of the City's Public Funds Investment Policy (PFIP).

Motion to approve a Resolution adopting the City's Public Funds Investment Policy for FY 2022-2023

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

9. Discussion and possible action on the City's investment accounts

Mayor Dagley discussed the interest rates for the investment accounts with Council.

Currently, TexPool has a interest rate of 2.93%. It would be prudent to move \$80,000 from the General Fund into TexPool. Per the PFIP the City shall not keep more than three months of expenditure reserves in this account.

The Investor's Choice Money Market account and Money Market account #713, could each have \$100,000 wired into the TexPool account. The interest rates for the money market accounts are a variable rate that range from approximately .15% to.25%.

Mayor Dagley recommends moving a total of \$280,000 in city funds to the TexPool account due to the significant interest rate increase the investment funds would collect.

Mayor Dagley would like Council to consider investing in T-bills. He also advised Council to keep an eye on any money that could be left on the table by not pivoting with the everchanging interest rates. Council agreed with Mayor Dagley on his statement.

Alderman Newman feels a committee would be appropriate to review the Fed rates and discuss investment ideas. Alderman Newman would like the committee to meet a few times and be ready to give a report to Council at the November or December meeting.

Alderman Smith asked Alderman Walker his thoughts on the finances. Alderman Walker replied, he would be happy to consult anytime. Alderman Walker also agrees with moving the \$280,000 to TexPool, per Mayor Dagley's recommendation.

Alderman Elect Danielle Blair, Alderman Paul Newman and Doug Walker will make up the committee. To reiterate, \$80,000 will be moved from the General Fund / checking account; \$100,000 will be moved from the Money Market account and \$100,000 from the Investor's Choice Money Market account to the TexPool account.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding funds processing and/or received from the State of Texas Opioid Settlement

Mayor Dagley reviewed with Council that we have received an email from the State and they are still processing these funds. However, there is a hold up with the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM). Beach City will receive approximately \$12,000 from these funds.

Mayor Dagley was recently made aware of a group in Baytown called CAN Behavior Health, which is run by one of our area residents. They are a non-profit and specialize in behavior health and opioid addiction. This group is located in the old Texas Bank Building on Texas Ave.

Hopefully GCCISD will pick up the curriculum this group has created that addresses positive reinforcement and anxiety in school aged children.

Opioid addition is also a focus for CAN Behavior Health. Mayor Dagley noted that this group is looking for a permanent facility on the Decker Drive area of Baytown. The City could send funds to this group whenever TDEM releases the opioid settlement funds to Beach City.

Mayor Dagley feels it would be prudent for this group to speak to Council and review their opioid assistance program prior to Council finalizing the appropriation of these funds.

11. Discussion and possible action to amend Ordinance 2022-02 Regulating Off-Premises Signs

There was an audio glitch during last month's meeting. The discussion and motion could not be heard on this line item.

Mayor Dagley and Secretary Donnelly wanted to bring this line item back to make certain, for the record, that the motion written down by Secretary Donnelly is exact and true.

The amendment to this current Ordinance will now make this Ordinance 2022-03.

Mayor Dagley reviewed page three, Section 7, subsection 3 and the highlighted area that adds '*road grade under the sign*' to this section. Page four, Section 8, subsection 3b, the verbiage added is, '*must not exceed 50 square feet*', replacing 32 square feet.

Motion to accept Ordinance 2022-03 as presented

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Secretary Donnelly asked Attorney Jackson if any changes need to be made to the ordinance preamble, to which he replied, no.

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

Mayor Dagley is really, really excited to obtain new signs for the city. He is in favor of using the funds from the city's nest egg to purchase these signs since they will be an improvement to Beach City.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt thanked Alderman Pantin and Chief McDonald for serving on this committee with her.

After reviewing the sizes of the two signs it was noted that the larger sign will be placed at the north end of town. The smaller sign will be placed in front of City Hall, aka the Beach City Community Building.

Alderman Pantin reviewed warranty and cost information with Council. It was also noted that it would be more cost effective to purchase a labor warranty. There are fans inside of these digital signs to keep them cool, since they get pretty hot.

Alderman Pantin and Chief McDonald visited the sign manufacturer. Chief McDonald added that one of the companies they have spoken with gives the purchaser the ability to use their graphics department as part of one package.

Alderman Walker feels that going with the ten millimeters is the way to go, the incremental costs compared to the total cost is warranted.

Alderman Pantin will add the specification design requirements to the bid request. He also noted that the cost of two, ten millimeter signs is approximately \$146,000.

Chief McDonald noted that there is work to do to get approval with the RWJ HOA to place a sign at the edge of their property.

Mayor Dagley added that the BCVFD is contributing \$4,500 toward the sign in front of City Hall.

There is hope that the County will help with the electrical or costs toward the sign. Alderman Pantin added that the warranty will not be covered if the County provides the electrical connection.

Alderman Walker feels that the City should allow the sign company to do all the work since too many cooks spoil the broth.

Mayor Dagley thinks that getting the sign up around the RWJ area of town will be further down the road since we still have to secure a spot for the sign. Also, the runway will require the City to verify any possible FAA requirements for this sign.

Mayor Dagley added that CenterPoint (CNP) may purchase the land beside its property, at the NRG canal area, on FM 2354. CNP may be receptive to the City placing a sign on their property.

Motion to move forward with the two signs

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

13. Discussion and possible action to purchase magnetic signs, or a banner, for the City Council vehicle used during the Santa on the Bay event

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt would like to purchase three sets of magnetic signs, six signs total, to clearly identify the City Council vehicle while participating in the BCVFD Santa on the Bay.

Motion the City purchase three sets of magnetic signs for the Santa on the Bay event for the City of Beach City, City Council

Motion: Colquitt

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

14. Discuss and consider alternate dates for the November and December 2022 Council meetings

Mayor Dagley proposes that the November meeting be moved to November 29th, the last Tuesday of the month. We have to wait until after canvassing for this meeting.

Move the December meeting to December 20th, the third Tuesday of the month.

Council concurred to move the meeting in November and December to: November 29th and December 20th.

15. 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: 7:25 PM

RECONVENE: 7:34 PM

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

Council will offer the position to a new assistant.

17. Discussion and possible action regarding nominations for the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award (VOTY)

A couple of years ago Council decided that they will host their own VOTY award, but still participate in the Chamber Volunteer of the Year luncheon.

The nominations will be open until January 12th, 2023.

Alderman Smith asked how hard is it to resurrect the former nominees for consideration.

Secretary Donnelly announced that she will email the former nominees to Council.

Mayor Dagley asked for the VOTY nominee information to be posted on the City's Facebook page and the website.

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

Secretary Donnelly updated Council on the ongoing status regarding the FM 2354 property owner that moved a mobile home onsite without obtaining a permit. This home was tied into the old conventional system, which is antiquated and requires a new aerobic system. The property owner is contacting an OSSF installer.

19. Report and update from the Mayor

(a). TxDOT's Commissioner Ryan sent an email to Chambers County Commissioner Billy Combs regarding Commissioner Combs' request to lift the Heavy Haul time restrictions on TX 99 from IH-10 to the Fred Hartman bridge on Hwy 146. An extension has been granted and the restrictions

have been lifted. Currently, the heavy haul vehicles are able to travel TX 99 anytime of the day. There are discussions by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) to post cameras to calculate the number of trucks leaving Bayport and coming into our neck of the woods. Also, FM 1405 is now classified as Heavy Haul.

(b). TGS is willing to pay \$800,000 to Chambers County for a permanent Chambers County Sheriff patrol at Cedar Port. One patrol with Chambers County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is considered five deputies, this will include the vehicle and any equipment. There is also an additional \$250,000 that some of the other large companies (i.e., KTN, etc.) could put forth and this would/could add an additional sixth or seventh officer to this patrol. According to Mayor Dagley, he has requested that the officers be trained in truck enforcement.

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt questioned the length of time this payment would be made to the County. Mayor Dagley answered that this is a five year term. After five years they/TGS hopes they have created enough value in their buildings that when the tax abatements roll off, the County will absorb the cost into the County budget to subset the cost(s) of the additional deputies.

Home Depot is signing a long term lease with TGS for a new building on FM 1405 north of TX 99. They will be going to Chambers County Commissioners Court for the tax abatement. In lieu of paying taxes, Home Depot and TGS will show that they will be paying the County for the Sheriff patrol and they will also pay \$130,000 toward the Barrow Ranch Detention Pond Project.

20. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt: Is once again hosting a Christmas event for local area families in need of assistance. To date, she has four families signed up.

Alderman Newman: Beach City drivers please be less aggressive.

Alderman Smith: Go Astros. Apologized for missing the interview for the new admin assistant.

Alderman Pantin: Asked Mayor Dagley for an update on the greenspace. Mayor Dagley noted that the greenspace is not triggered until TGS builds on / at FM 2354. Once they build a building within 1,000 feet of 2354 then the greenspace will be invoked. TGS is not tied to a specific greenspace design.

21. Adjourn at 7:59 PM

Minutes Approved: December 20, 2022



Ken Pantin, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary