

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
STATE OF TEXAS

City of Beach City

City Council Regular Called Meeting Minutes

The City Council of the City of Beach City, Texas met in a **Regular Called Meeting on September 27th, 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, Alderman Paul Newman and Alderman Doug Walker

Members Absent:

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly

Legal Counsel: Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order and announcement of quorum

On Tuesday, September 27th, 2022, Mayor Dagley called the Regular 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. Public Comments (Limited to three minutes per person)

No Comments

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

Commissioner Combs thanked Council for stepping up and partnering with Chambers County on the drainage study.

Today Commissioners Court adopted the 2023 budget. The tax rate is approximately five cents lower than it was last year. Although the tax rate was lowered the overall revenue is up by three percent. The tax rates are significantly up, well over a billion dollars, according to Commissioner Combs.

RECESS: 6:18 PM

RECONVENE: 6:25 PM

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

The yearly funding from Chambers County has been set at \$100,000 for each Chambers County VFD. Santa on the Bay will be December 9th & 10th.

6. Approve Minutes for the Regular Called Meeting of August 23rd, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Called Meeting of August 23rd, 2022

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

Mayor Dagley is in support of giving \$72,000 to the Barrow Ranch HOA for this project/these projects.

Motion to give \$72,708 to the Barrow Ranch HOA

Motion: Pantin

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Secretary Donnelly asked Mayor Dagley for one HOA representative to be the liaison between the City office and the Barrow Ranch HOA Board. Marcia Hodge volunteered to be this contact person.

11. Discussion and possible action to designate the City's Representative and Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) General Assembly for 2023

Council nominated Alderman Newman as this year's representative to the H-GAC General Law Assembly 2023 Caucus.

Alderman Ken Pantin will serve as the Alternate.

Motion to nominate Paul Newman as designee

Motion: Newman

Second: Smith

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

RECESS: 7:19 PM

RECONVENE: 7:37 PM

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

No discussion

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

Mayor Dagley asked how the penalty fines read in the ordinance. Secretary Donnelly stated that it is up to \$500 per day, per incident. She will double check this information and get back to Council.

A final update to Council was given from Ordinance 2014-06, Section 11. Penalties:

Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00). Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the City may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisance, injunctive relief, administrative adjudication and revocation of licenses or permits.

15. Report and update from the Mayor

(a). McMurry University will close on the loan tomorrow.

(b). TGS wants a permanent Chambers County Sheriff patrol at Cedar Port. Mayor Dagley wants this officer to be a certified truck enforcement officer. It has been a long process, but Mayor Dagley has been trying to get TxDOT to install a "No Trucks" sign at FM 2354 and Fisher Rd. so the truckers can see information this prior to turning onto Fisher Rd. TxDOT denied the County's request for this sign months ago.

TGS is making a sign and if need be, will place it on their property.

(c). Next month's agenda will have a line item to consider dates for the November and December meetings. Council, please review the calendar prior to the October meeting.

16. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt is once again hosting a Christmas event for local area families in need of assistance. A local resident has offered to fund a trust for this very purpose. Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt and Jeannie Newman will oversee this trust. This is a 501c3 trust fund.


Alderman Newman thanked Mayor Dagley for his assistance in getting the Klinger Law Firm sign removed from the city's R-O-W in RWJ subdivision. Also, Alderman Newman questioned the consistent convoy of dump trucks up and down FM 2354 going to a site off of FM 1405. Mayor Dagley noted it appears this maybe their easiest route to/from the sand pits, avoiding Fisher Road's weight restrictions.

Alderman Walker asked about the progress of the Bay Place Subdivision generator. Mayor Dagley stated that the approximate hundred pages of paperwork is keeping a lot of the potential contractors from bidding on this. Our contact at PM Management, Aron Miller, has been keeping in touch with Secretary Donnelly regarding this matter.

Alderman Smith and his lovely wife Tammy will once again donate the candy for Council to hand out to the children during the BCVFD's Santa on the Bay. However, this will be the last year for the Smith's to make this contribution.

17. Adjourn at 7:50 PM

Minutes Approved: October 25, 2022



Ryan Dagley, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary

