

BEACH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting September 23, 2008 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Guido Persiani

MAYOR PRO TEM: Rita Standridge

ALDERMAN: Tommy Clayton Ray Smith Vaughn Bercaw

 Douglas Walker – Absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer – Absent

Minutes transcribed from tapes and notes taken by Alderman Rita Standridge. Mayor Guido Persiani called the meeting to order Tuesday September 23, 2008 at 7:20 P.M. This was 10 days after Hurricane Ike.

I. Review and consider approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of September 2nd, 2008.

This item will be reviewed and considered for approval at the next meeting.

II. Review and consider approval of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for 2 month ending August 31st, 2008.

This item will be considered for approval newt meeting.

III. Review and consider approval of the proposed expenditures and investments.

Expenditure reviewed.

MOTION made to approve expenditures as stated.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Clayton

Show of hands

APPROVED: 4 – 0

The Expenditure Authorization approved in the amount of \$6,155.69 by Council on September 23, 2008 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

IV. Presentation by BHISD regarding the tax roll-back election to be held on October 11, 2008.

Mayor Persiani presented a Power Point presentation from Barbers Hill Independent School District regarding the tax roll-back election to be held on October 11, 2008. The \$1.33 tax now will be \$1.33 in the next year but will be in Maintenance & Operations instead of Savings and interest. Net cost to tax payers will be the same.

V. Review and act upon interlocal agreement with Chambers County for debris removal within the City of Beach City.

Mayor Persiani said on September 19th, the Mayors of Chamber County were called to Anahuac for a meeting with Governor Perry, County Commissioners Bill Wallace and Jerry Nelson, Judge Sylvia, Sen. Tommy Williams, Zeb Zbranek representing Con. Craig Eiland and Edna Hoffer. They wanted to know what we needed. As they waited for Governor Perry they received an interlocal agreement to be signed and authorized by each of the Cities for Debris Clearance and Removal Services as the result of hurricane Ike. They went ahead and signed it. The Chambers County Commissioner Court Secretary Gei Weaver attested to it. To make it official the Mayor said he would have to have Council approve it. Debris removal discussion followed and recommendation made that Chambers County use the phone notification system to notify citizens of debris pick-up will be suggested to the County by the Mayor.

MOTION made to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Debris Clearance and removal Services as the result of hurricane Ike.

MOTION: Clayton

SECONDED: Standridge

Show of hands

APPROVED: 4 - 0

VI. Review impacts of Hurricane Ike to the residents of Beach City and consider approval for additional services and/or support.

Mayor Persiani stated that this is almost a work session type question; first we have to figure out where we are, what we could do, what we were able to do and not able to do and what resources we have, and don't have. He asked if that is something the City wants to get involved with some day? He did suggest that sometime in the future we set up a brain storming session with the citizens. The Mayor stated that with the help of Bill Oates of Lee College internet was available Friday, after the storm, as soon as power was available. This helped with "after the storm information". Rusty Senac, past Mayor, suggested written correspondence in/on mail boxes has been effective in the past in communicating information to citizens. He also suggested radio station 99.9 as a way to get information out. The Mayor said a passing thought he had was, what we need to do is segment off the City in manageable sizes and responsibilities. The Mayor asked if there is anything we need to do right now, either in communication to the County or the Residents or doing something for the Residents? Alderman Smith said he would like for the record to show that it was poor planning that Cedar Gully Bridge was not raised during reconstruction. It was under water during this storm. The Mayor its elevation is about 13', so the messaging before the storm was, "any line between that point and Iams Gully, you needed to evacuate".

VII. Council Member Comments

1. Rusty Senac reported on the County Commissioner Court that met this morning.
2. Alderman Bercaw asked about size of debris (tree trunks) which can be picked up. Referred to Don Brandon, County Engineer for specifics.

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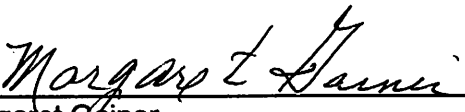
3. Attorney Jackson asked if curfew still in effect. No body present knew answer.
4. Tracy Lippe, VFD Fire Chief, reported 1 fire during period of powering up in Beach City. Alderman Standridge asked if VFD will "Monitor & cover" burns of large debris piles by citizens. Tracy Lippe said they cannot cover such incidents due to the fact that they must respond to emergencies and would have to leave to cover the emergency.
5. Alderman Smith asked if cellular phone service could be improved which would benefit all citizens in an emergency.

VIII. Adjourn

Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting at 8:43 P.M. Tuesday September 23, 2008.

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED BY:


Margaret Gainer
City Secretary


Guido Persiani
Mayor