

BEACH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on September 27, 2011 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were:

MAYOR: Billy Combs

MAYOR PRO TEM: Jackey Lasater

ALDERMAN: Ray Smith

Douglas Walker

Paul Newman

Vaughn Bercaw

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

I. Citizens Comments.

No Citizens present.

II. Review and consider approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 23rd 2011.

Minutes reviewed prior to the meeting.

MOTION made to accept the minutes.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

Discussion: Alderman Newman corrected three items on Page 3, Item XI.

MOTION made to amend the motion to include Alderman Newman's comments.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 5 - 0

III. Financial Consent Agenda;

A. Review and approve of the Financial Statements for month ending August 31st, 2011

Mayor Combs stated that we are running a little behind of what we did last year; just about the amount we are spending on our legal service fees. Alderman Lasater questioned items, "Pay Roll Taxes and Sentry Lights", that were over budget. Mayor Combs explained them to Alderman Lasater's satisfaction.

B. Receive and review Investment rate/security update.

Alderman Walker reviewed the CD Account Balances and stated that nothing will be coming due for over a year.

C. Review and approve Revenues and Expenditures for current Month.

Council reviewed the Revenues and Expenditures prior to the meeting.

MOTION made to accept the Financials.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Newman

APPROVED: 5-0

IV. Consider and adopt resolution appointing a designated representative and alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Nomination made by Alderman Lasater to appoint Alderman Paul Newman as Beach Cities designated representative for Houston-Galveston Area Council.

MOTION made to close the nominations.

MOTION: Bercaw

SECONDED: Walker

APPROVED: 5-0

Nomination made by Alderman Walker to volunteer as the Alternate.
Mayor Combs called for a vote to nominate Alderman Walker as the Alternate.

APPROVED: 5 -0

V. Update and possible action concerning the purchase of property for future city office.

Mayor Combs stated that last month there were two Alderman absent. Council requested that we bring this item back so everybody could discuss it. His only question is, "Do we want to look into purchasing property for a future City Office at this time?" We all know there could come a day when we could no longer use this building. Alderman Lasater said he has a request that we change the way we refer to it. Instead of referring to it for City Office use, let's say for City use. Mayor Combs said, "That's a good point". The point the Mayor was making is that if we wanted to do it right now, Beach City is not really distressed from a property standpoint. Mayor Combs went on to say "you probably never will see cheaper real-estate or lower interest rates in Beach City than it is right now".

MOTION to consider the purchase of property for future City use.

MOTION: Smith

SECONDED: Lasater

APPROVED: 5-0

This will be put on the Agenda for next meeting as a Workshop.

VI. Update and possible action on survey of Beach City Residents.

Jay Hammes, Secretary with the VFD spoke to the Council that she thought some of the wording in the Survey should have been changed. The Mayor stated that we received about 130 surveys back from the post office as "non-deliverable". He asked if anyone on the Council would be interested in taking some of them home to investigate why we had so many sent back to the City Office. Alderman Bercaw agreed to take some home with him.

VII. Update and possible action on distribution of Weather Radios.

The City Office and the VFD have been handing out these 300 radios. Jay Hammes with the VFD said that they have about 60 radios left. The Council decided to let the VFD hand out the rest of the radios at Beach City Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual Kids Safe Night on Oct. 22, 2011.

VIII. Executive Session Authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government code, Section 551.071, concerning the legal action in the city's efforts to overturn the actions of TCEQ in the T&I Taylor rate case.

IX. Update and possible action on T&I Taylor / TCEQ Case.

No updates at this time.

X. Council Updates; From the Mayor and County Commissioner.

Commissioner Senac said that he had come into the City Office to talk to City Secretary Ms. Gainer about improvements to the inside of the building. The County had been into the building, painted and replaced blinds. There was a meeting on the Cedar Bayou Watershed. H-GAC and the Texas State Board of Water and Soil Conservation Districts got together and trying to get local stake holders to sit and come up with an overall plan for Cedar Bayou to try to improve the water quality at Cedar Bayou. It is considered an impaired stream and the Commissioner strongly suggests that the Beach City Council take a seat at the table to give their input. Commissioner Senac said that the toll road will start on November 1, 2011. The County is still working with Living Shoreline for McCollum Park and this will probably take place. They are asking for volunteers to help with this project.

Mayor Combs told Commissioner Senac and the Council that he talked to Verizon and they are going to have DSL in Beach City, North of Cedar Gully probably by the end of this year. The Judge, Commission and EDC are working with all cell companies to get service upgraded in Beach City.

XI. Council Member Comments.

No Council Member Comments.

XII. Adjourn


MOTION made to adjourn meeting at 8:10 P.M. Tuesday, September 27th, 2011.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Bercaw

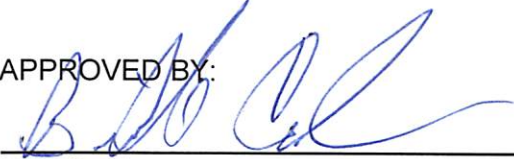
APPROVED: 5-0

ATTEST TO:



Margaret Gainer
City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Billy Combs
Mayor