

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on
March 22, 2016 beginning at approximately 6:00 P.M. at the
Beach City Community Building
12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

Members Present: Mayor Billy Combs (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Jackey Lasater, Alderman Doug Walker, Alderman Ray Smith, Alderman Paul Newman and Alderman Dana Colquitt

Staff Present: City Secretary Evonne Donnelly and Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw

Legal Counsel Present: City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016 Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Combs offered prayer.

Alderman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

3. Public Comments (Limited to five minutes per person)

None

4. Hear report and update from Chambers County Commissioner, Rusty Senac

The home invasion in Beach City two weeks ago is being aggressively pursued by the Chambers County Sheriff.

McCollum Park's new playground equipment should be installed in two to three weeks.

The FM 1409 extension from FM 565 South, is expected to go out for construction bids at the end of quarter three or quarter four of 2016. Right-of-Way acquisition for roadway and drainage continues.

The Joint Primary Election Runoff early voting period should be May 16th-20th at the following locations: Cedar Bayou; West Annex; American Legion Hall in Anahuac and Winnie Stowell. Election day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th. Voting Precincts 5 & 11 will vote at the Cedar Bayou Community Building Annex.

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

BCVFD Treasurer, Clayton Graves noted that the VFD is collecting bids for a new apparatus in order to prepare the department for the expansion coming this way. They are also looking into expanding the fire station in order to accommodate the newest truck. Once the new fire truck is ordered it will take approximately ten months for the arrival of the new truck. The BCVFD is applying for grants and they are counting on the monthly income they receive from the City and County funding, to help purchase the new truck and new bunker gear. Mayor Combs asked Clayton to let Council know if they need assistance with the Grant process, Council will help anyway they can.

6. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 23rd, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Lasater noted that in Item Sixteen it reads: Alderman Smith congratulated the Nerro Supply rate hike committee for the great work they did and the time they put into the rate increase. Alderman Smith suggested the word increase be changed to "proposal".

7. 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 Statements for previous month

(b) Review and approve Investment Update

(c) Review and approve Expenditures for the current month

Motion to approve the Financials as stated.

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

8. Discuss and approve Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County reappointing the Chambers County Environmental Health Director as the Floodplain Coordinator

Motion to reappoint

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

9. Discuss and approve Amendment to Ordinance 2015-02 adding RV Park Regulations

Mayor Combs noted that Chambers County has added an amendment to the Floodplain Coordinator and to their Interlocal Agreement. This amendment adds restrictions to RV Park Regulations. The City typically changes its ordinances to coincide with the County in this instance. However, the County has not made any changes to their existing ordinance in this matter. Mayor combs suggested that this item be brought back to next month's meeting after Attorney Jackson has had a chance to speak to the County Attorney.

10. Discuss and consider the approval of funds for Chambers County Crime Stoppers Reward for Beach City Home Invasion

Mayor Combs stated that the City was asked to consider adding \$1,000.00 to enhance the existing Crime Stoppers reward of \$1,000.00 for the Beach City home invasion. Mayor Combs asked Attorney Jackson if the City do this as a reward. Attorney Jackson noted that the City cannot do this as a donation. Alderman Walker asked how Crime Stoppers gets their funding. Attorney Jackson believes that donations would be their source of funding and Chambers County has given money to them but probably under a contract type agreement.

Motion that Beach City enter into a contract with Chambers County Crime Stoppers for a contribution of \$1,000.00 to go toward their administrative costs

Motion: Smith **Second:** Colquitt **Approved:** 4-1 **Opposed:** Walker

11. Review and approve Plat for Thunder Bay Subdivision

Motion to approve, pending confirmation from the Chambers County Engineer

Motion: Walker **Second:** Lasater **Approved:** 5-0

12. Discuss and consider adding additional street lights at FM 2354 & Jordan Road and various locations throughout the City

Alderman Colquitt requested a street light to be installed on FM 2354 and Jordan Road for the two handicapped children that live on Ocean Drive. Also, there are several elderly people that have a hard time seeing where to turn onto Jordan Road at night. Mayor Combs noted that CenterPoint can convert all street lights to LED lights at no charge. The monthly maintenance fee will remain the same at \$5.15.

Motion to approve a reasonable cost at the discretion of the Mayor

Motion: Smith **Second:** Colquitt **Approved:**

Discussion: Alderman Newman asked for clarification on what a reasonable cost is considered to be; \$250.00, \$2,500.00?

Motion amended to approve a cost not to exceed \$250.00, if the cost exceeds this amount then it will come back to Council

Amended Motion: Smith **Amended Second:** Colquitt **Approved:** 5-0

13. Discussion and possible action on the possible formation of a Utility District for areas served by Nerro Supply, LLC/Gulf Utility, within the corporate limits of Beach City

The Utility District Committee met with Financial Planner, Bill Blitch and Engineer, Mark Adams. Mr. Adams intends to meet with Nerro Supply; at that point he will work up a price and get back to the committee.

The committee will meet again on April 12th. Mayor Combs will meet with Representative Wayne Faircloth on April 12th regarding this matter as well.

14. Hear update and report from the Beach City Sales Tax Committee

No report at this time. Bring back to next month's meeting.

15. Discuss and consider 50th Anniversary celebration of Beach City's Incorporation

Alderman Colquitt updated Council on the remaining items needed for the celebration. Discussion on the cost of the raffle tickets, price per plate of the barbecue, etc. Signs have been ordered and should be in soon. Invitations have been sent to all local and state dignitaries.

The 50th celebration is scheduled for April 23rd, 2016, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

16. Update on legal action for non compliance to City ordinances

The City has received several complaints regarding the remaining debris from a home fire in early February.

The Beach City Municipal Court is still actively pursuing cleanup efforts at the home on Ocean Drive that has been in code violation for several years.

17. Update and discussion on the Storm Surge Suppression Study from the Gulf Coast Community Protection & Recovery District (GCCPRD)

Mayor Combs reviewed with Council the upcoming meetings regarding the Ike Dike (CR #1) and Centennial Gate (CR #2) concepts.

Mayor Combs has composed a letter with the information regarding the pros and cons of CR #1 and CR #2.

18. Report and update from Mayor Combs

Rotary tickets are for sale via Mayor Combs or Alderman Walker.

19. Council Comments

Alderman Newman is not happy with the amount of power surges we have been experiencing in Beach City.

20. Adjourn

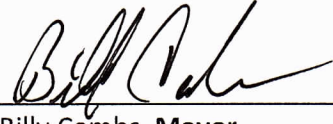
Motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

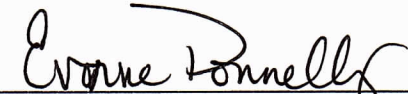
Approved: 5-0

Approved: **April 26, 2016**

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Billy Combs, **Mayor**

Attest:

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Evonne Donnelly, **City Secretary**