

## ***City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes***

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday,  
**March 24, 2015** at the Beach City Community Building  
12723 FM 2354 Beach City, TX. 77523

**Members Present:** Mayor Billy Combs (presiding), Alderman Paul Newman, Alderman Doug Walker and Alderman Ray Smith

**Members Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Jackey Lasater and Alderman Dana Colquitt

**Staff Present:** City Secretary Evonne Donnelly, Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw and City Attorney Daniel Jackson

### **1. Call to order**

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:06 pm.

### **2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Combs offered prayer.

Alderman Newman 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**

Due to the significant rain events, a home on FM 2354 did get water inside of it.

RWJ and Barrow Ranch subdivisions also had drainage issues.

Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) will host Marsh Mania at McCollum Park in Beach City this year, on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 08:00-1:00pm. Cord grass will be planted and GBF does need volunteers for this event. NRG's Cedar Bayou Plant grows the cord grass for the GBF.

### **5. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Motion** to approve the minutes.

**Motion:** Smith

**Second:** Newman

**Approved:** 3-0

- 6. Financial Consent Agenda** (All financial consent agenda items are considered routine by Council and will be enacted by one motion. A Council member 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.

**Motion:** Walker

**Second:** Newman

**Approved:** 3-0

**Discussion:** Mayor Combs pointed out the Fallen Heroes Memorial (FHM) account contains a slight error. The error came about while trying to correct a journal entry in QuickBooks (QB) regarding the expense account used on one of the checks written. The check had already been reconciled and after the correction, it is now throwing off current reconciliation attempts.

FUTA (Federal Unemployment Tax Act) & SUTA (State Unemployment Tax Act) are still showing up as expenses to be paid and this will also need to be looked at. We will have Claudia Johnston Bookkeeping and Tax Service come to the office in April to review these issues.

There is a revised Expenditure on the table, which is different than the one in the agenda packet last week. The cost of the flowers for former Mayor Jim Standridge's funeral has been added as an expense to come out of the general fund. Also, an invoice from TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) just arrived this morning.

- 7. Consider and approve CenterPoint Energy's 2015 Franchise Payment Calculation**

Mayor Combs reviewed with Council the new franchise fee payment calculation for fiscal year 2015/2016.

- 8. Discussion and possible action on the 2015 Consumer Price Index Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates**

No action taken

- 9. Hear presentation from Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF)**

GBF President Bob Stokes gave a thirty minute presentation to Council and approximately 25 residents explaining the four program areas and focus of the GBF.

Seventeen plus acres in Beach City on Trinity Bay was purchased in 2014 by GBF to develop the Trinity Bay Nature Center. The property is bisected by Cedar Gully. Currently, there are plans to replace the septic system, rebuild the pier, build a bridge over the gully, create minimal walking and hiking trails on the property, plant more marsh, replace the bulkhead

and there is a possibility of building an outdoor school. You can reach Bob Stokes at:  
bstokes@galvbay.org

**RECESS:** 7:20pm

**RECONVENE:** 7:30pm

**10. Discussion and possible action on 2015 Hurricane and Disaster Workshop**

Council agreed to select a committee to discuss hosting a hurricane workshop and possibly only inviting local county officials and our Volunteer Fire Department as speakers at this event. Aldermen Smith and Newman will serve on this committee.

**11. Consider and approve changes to Ordinance 2015-1 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**

Mayor Combs stated that after the February 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Secretary Donnelly noticed a missing paragraph in the approved Ordinance 2015-01. On page 12, paragraphs 2 and 4b, a base flood elevation plus *twelve inches* was added. On page 14, Section E: **Floodways** was added per the Chambers County ordinance. Section F is now: **Coastal High Hazard Areas** and a base flood elevation plus *twelve inches* was added.

**Motion** to approve Ordinance 2015-02 replacing Ordinance 2015-01

**Motion:** Smith

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 3-0

**12. Consider and adopt Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for Flood Plain Administrator**

**Motion** to adopt Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for FloodPlain Administrator

**Motion:** Smith

**Second:** Newman

**Approved:** 3-0

**13. Review and approve new On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF)/Building Permit**

Council reviewed the new and improved permit application before them. There are a few changes to be made.

Alderman Newman would like to see the wording stating that the permit must be placed in a conspicuous place on the property, moved to the top of the permit from its current location.

**14. Hear update on legal and/or other action on non compliance to City ordinances**

Mayor Combs updated Council on the Ocean Drive property. There has been no response from two of the three heirs regarding the two nuisance violation notices.

The Walker Lane property is scheduled to close this week.

**15. Consider and approve Resolution 2015-09 establishing rates for non-compliance to Ordinance 2014-06**



Mayor Combs made a few changes to the rates; including a penalty fee for not purchasing a permit prior to installation of an OSSF, building or pool.

**Motion** to approve Resolution 2015-09

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 3-0

**16. Discuss and consider resolution recognizing former Mayor James Standridge**

Council spoke of a resolution and plaque for former Mayor Jim Standridge.

Aldermen Walker and Smith will serve on a committee to assist the Mayor with the task of writing and/or reviewing the resolution.

**17. Update, discuss and approve Resolutions of Appreciation for the Fallen Heroes Memorial (FHM). Consider and approve date for FHM dedication**

Mayor Combs reviewed the Resolutions and gave an update on the memorial. The staining work to be done on the concrete will begin this week. The black granite plaque has been added to the monument.

Mayor Combs has invited Congressman Brian Babin to attend the dedication to the memorial. An invitation will also be sent to Representative Wayne Faircloth.

**Motion** to approve Resolutions 2015-07 and 2015-08

**Motion:** Newman

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 3-0

**18. Report and update from Mayor Combs**

Mayor Combs stated that a new five year Emergency Plan from Chambers County was delivered to the City office for the Mayor to sign.

**19. Council Comments**

Alderman Newman would like for future agenda packets to be printed out for him, due to the large amount of paper required to print the packets at home or work.

**20. Adjourn**

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:51 pm

**Motion:** Smith

**Second:** Walker

**Approved:** 3-0

Approved: April 28, 2015



Billy Combs, Mayor

Attest:



Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary