

City of Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday,
April 28, 2015 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, Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw and City Attorney Daniel Jackson

1. Call to order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Combs offered prayer.

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

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

Chambers County Engineer Bobby Hall told Council about the Chambers County website (www.co.chambers.tx.us) and stated that if you click on the Road & Bridge tab, you will find a link to the 2015 Chambers County Map. This map will allow you to select flood plain, school districts, city limits and various information.

Linda Polk representing the West Chambers County Pilot Club presented Mayor and Council with a check for the Fallen Heroes Memorial in the amount of \$250.00.

Kevin Fleming, president of the Barrow Ranch Subdivision Home Owners Association (HOA) asked what Council could do to help with the flooding issues that have occurred due to the recent torrential rainfall. There is a caliche road that has been put in between the NRG Cooling pond and Barrow Ranch Subdivision causing water to hold and run toward some of the homes in Barrow Ranch. Chambers County Engineer Bobby Hall will take the information from Mr. Fleming and address this matter.

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

See attached Commissioner's Court Update.

5. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 24th, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Newman

Second: Walker

Approved: 5-0

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: Newman

Second: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Alderman Walker asked if adjustments need to be made to the Membership Dues and TCEQ/OSSF. Mayor Combs explained that Secretary Donnelly was allowed to join the Texas Municipal Clerks Association which was an additional \$100.00 to the membership dues. The Books/Subscriptions was higher than normal due to the amount of new law book updates needed.

7. **Review and Possible Action on "Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Approval of a Distribution Cost Recovery"**

Motion to suspend the application of CenterPoint Energy for approval of DCRF.

Motion: Newman

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

8. **Consider adopting a Resolution to join the Houston Coalition of Cities for the DCRF proceedings relating to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Application for Approval of a DCRF**

Motion to join the coalition.

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

9. **Review and possible Action on CenterPoint Energy's (Gas Division) "Statement of Intent to Increase Rates for CenterPoint Texas' Gulf Coast Division"**

Charles Siebert with CenterPoint Energy's Gas Division was available to answer questions from Council.

Mayor Combs remarked that this would be going back to the Railroad Commission whether or not the Council decides to deny or suspend this rate increase.

Motion to deny

Motion: Walker

Second: Colquitt

Approved: 5-0

Discussion: Whether or not denying the rate or suspending the rate is the way to go about this. Council debated the notion of joining a coalition of cities.

10. Consider Approval of an Interlocal On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Agreement with Chambers County, naming them as the City's Designated Representative (DR)

Chambers County Environmental Health Director Rex Tunze spoke to Council on the County Permit Fees and Electrical Releases for OSSF's. Chambers County charges \$215.00 for an OSSF permit. Currently, the County does not permit for swimming pools. The temporary and permanent electrical releases will be sent to CenterPoint by the City Secretary.

Motion to approve

Motion: Walker

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

11. Consider revisions to the Beach City Subdivision Ordinance and/or Regulations that would more closely align with the Regulations of Chambers County resulting in more stringent Rules for On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF)

For a platted subdivision, Chambers County requires a minimum of three quarters of an acre, for an OSSF system that has a public water system. If there is a water well and an OSSF then the County requires a minimum of a one acre lot. Council will bring back this item to next months meeting.

12. Adopt Resolution Honoring Mayor James Standridge

Alderman Walker read aloud the resolution of honor. Council members suggested various word additions or changes.

Motion to approve as amended

Motion: Lasater

Second: Newman

Approved: 5-0

13. Discussion and possible action on commercial truck traffic and possible hazardous waste dumping off of Point Barrow Road

Mayor Combs updated Council on the issues and concerns from some of the residents who live in Point Barrow Estates or on Point Barrow Road regarding the amount of heavy truck traffic. Chambers County OEM Ryan Holzaepfel has investigated this matter and these trucks are pumping out the waste not dumping waste at the old Vintage Petroleum facility. No suggestions or comments from Council.

14. Select Budget Committee for 2015/2016 Budget

Mayor Combs requested volunteers from Council to serve on the FY 2015/2016 Budget Committee. Aldermen Colquitt and Walker will serve on this committee.

Assistant Secretary Marge Bercaw volunteered to serve on this committee. Mayor Combs agreed.

15. Discuss and consider a 50th Anniversary celebration to be held in 2016. Beach City was incorporated on April 5th, 1966

Alderman Colquitt and Assistant Secretary Bercaw will collaborate on planning this event.

16. Update and discussion on 2015 Hurricane and Disaster Workshop

No update

17. Update and discuss the Fallen Heroes Memorial (FHM)

Mayor Combs noted that the invitations have been mailed out for the May 25th, 2015 Memorial Day Dedication to the FHM at 09:00. Mayor requested that the FHM committee assist him in finalizing the logistics of the dedication. Aldermen Walker and Lasater will assist the Mayor.

18. Report and update from Mayor Combs

Mayor Combs has spoken with the owner of Internet America regarding some complaints of the internet speed not being what the residents are paying for. Internet America has installed a new radio on the tower that should increase the speeds.

19. Council Comments

Alderman Lasater asked if the Fallen Heroes Memorial Dedication is by invitation only. Mayor Combs said it is open to the public and asked Alderman Lasater to add it to the website and Secretary Donnelly will post it on FaceBook. The plaques will be handed out to the donors of the FHM during the ceremony.

20. Adjourn

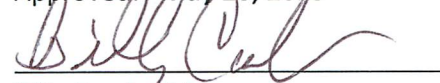
Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm

Motion: Newman

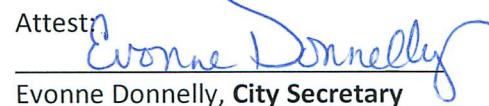
Second: Lasater

Approved: 5-0

Approved: **May 26, 2015**



Billy Combs, Mayor

Attest: 

Evonne Donnelly, City Secretary