

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

The City Council reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item, should the need arise and if applicable, pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1) Mayor Davison called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and acknowledged that a quorum was present. Toni Capretta was absent. Audience attended via webex portal due to COVID 19 pandemic.

- 2) INVOCATION by Councilman Robertson, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 3) Mayor/council/committee/department head/organization reports

Chief Phillips – monthly pd activity report, fundraiser will be held Nov 14, 2020

Gregg Bisso – need to look at sound ordinance; commend Kay Huffman for a job well done;

Toni Capretta – absent

Oscar Jalifi – Is there a timeline for having an officer on the beach at night?

Jennie Green-Prats – cut the council desk and need water in the trail;

Larry Davison – gave update on storm recovery;

Sean Robertson – need to find a way to get the Velasco Drainage District to respond. Commend the city water and sewer department for all the work they've done.

Michelle Booth –

- 4) ***ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SELF-EXPLANATORY, AND THE COUNCIL WILL ENACT THEM WITH ONE MOTION. UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS WILL OCCUR.***

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consider approval of minutes from the Council meetings on July 27, August 11, 17 and 25th, 2020.
- B. Consider approval of the August 2020 financials.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

- 5) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2020-09-08A voluntary annexation of property legally described as A0639 R H BARROW TRACT 2-2A ACRES 32.02; Address: 3113 COUNTY ROAD 257 TX.

Motion by Bisso to approve Ordinance 2020-09-08A annexation of property.
Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

- 6) **Discuss and take possible action to purchase a mobile lighted information sign with funds coming from Hotel Motel funds. The sign would be used to advertise upcoming city events as well as other information that would be beneficial to our tourist and visitors to the city.**

Motion was made by Robertson to purchase a mobile lighted sign not to exceed thirty-nine thousand dollars. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved unanimously.

- 7) **Discuss and take possible action on developing a better method in identifying and locating the correct addresses for the monthly water meter readings.**

Motion by Bisso to table this item. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

- 8) **Discuss the damages from Hurricane Laura to the city's infrastructure, roads, dunes, beach walkovers and other city property and the city's plans on correcting these damages and recovering funds from FEMA.**

No action taken.

- 9) **Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2020-09-08B adopting the FY2020-21 Municipal Budget. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$42,563 OR 4.3%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$25,996 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR. (must be a record vote)**

Motion by Robertson to approve Ordinance 2020-09-08B, adoption of the FY2020-21 municipal budget. Motion was seconded by Bisso and approved as follows: Jennie Green-Prats – aye; Gregg Bisso – aye; Oscar Jalifi – aye; Sean Robertson – aye; Toni Capretta-absent not voting

- 10) **Discuss and take possible action to ratify the FY 2020-2021 Budget and find that the Proposed Tax Rate of .334846/\$100 will generate more property tax revenue than the previous fiscal year budget.**

Motion by Green-Prats to ratify the budget. Motion seconded by Bisso and passed unanimously.

- 11) **Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2020-09-08C setting the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operation of .280268 and the Ad Valorem tax rate for Debt Service of .054578 totaling a rate of .334846 (must be a record vote and use exact language in the motion)**

Motion by Green-Prats to approve Ordinance 2020-09-08C, adoption setting the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operation of .280268 and the Ad Valorem tax rate for Debt Service of .054578 totaling a rate of .334846.
Motion was seconded by Jalifi and approved as follows: Jennie Green-Prats –

aye; Gregg Bisso – aye; Oscar Jalifi – aye; Sean Robertson – aye; Toni Capretta-
absent not voting

**12) Discuss and take possible action regarding an update on the Air Vac
sewage system.**

No action taken

13) Discuss and take possible action to sell the 2014 Ford Police pickup.


Motion by Green-Prats to sell the truck for \$500. Motion was seconded by Bisso
and passed unanimously.

14) Business of visitors not on agenda.

Erminie Minard discussed Beachfront Bar & Grill using Santar Loop for parking
area.

15) Adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Passed and approved this 13th day of September 2020.


Larry Davison, Mayor

Attest:


Amanda Davenport, City Secretary