Minutes of Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Village of Surfside Beach
1304 Monument Drive
Surfside Beach, TX 77541

COUNCIL MEETING:

1) CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Bisso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum of City Council was in attendance with Robertson, Parsch and Chief Moncier attending via zoom.

- 2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

 Jalifi gave the invocation and Mayor Bisso led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Mayor/council/department head reports

Gerber - pleased to be here

Green-Prats –Been receiving calls regarding drainage, water quality, pot holes.

Parsch – the GLO has the Beach Advisory Committee Plan update in limbo until their legal has the preamble ready to publish in the Texas Register.

Mayor Bisso – gave an update regarding the groin project, the Stahlman Park repair bids, on the HGAC sewer grant the GLO is asking for more information again;

Chief - gave monthly PD report;

Hinton- gave the monthly EMS report and they are looking to fill one vacant position. Thanked the VFD for sharing their training and announced there would be a "a fill the ambulance" food drive on December 9.

Erick Ingram – the number of calls for water issues has decreased drastically and public works is down two vehicles.

Michelle Booth announced upcoming events such as Tree lighting, Surfing Santas and Night Kites;

- 4) Business of visitors not on the agenda. None.
- 5) 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 meeting on October 10, 2023.
 - B. Consider approval of accounts payable from October 2023.

Motion was made by Gerber to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

6) Discuss and take possible action making changes to the committees and commissions in the Surfside Beach Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Jalifi to table this item. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed with 4 for 1 against (Gerber)

7) Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2023.11.14 regarding lighting as submitted by the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Parsch to table this item. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

8) Discuss and take possible action to vote members to the Brazoria County Appraisal District Board via Resolution 11.14.23.

Motion was made by Gerber to give all 7 votes to Gail Robinson. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

9) Discuss and take possible action regarding Waste Connections and garbage rates.

Motion was made by Jalifi to accept the increase from Waste Connections. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

10) Discuss and take possible action to increase the Hotel/Motel tax rate.

Motion was made by Jalifi to table until January town hall meeting. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

11) Discuss and take possible action to appoint Sean Britt to the Tourism committee.

This item was removed from the agenda until such time as the new committee/commission ordinance is completed.

- 12) Discuss the free (FMT) Financial, Managerial, and Technical Assistance program Surfside is participating in through a TCEQ contract.

 Gerber presented this item and no action was taken.
- 13) Discuss and take possible action on a resolution for the procurement and financing of three new City vehicles. Financing is to be provided by Government Capital Corporation.

Motion was made by Gerber to approve financing for three city vehicles. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

14) Adjourn at 8:20 pm

Gregg Risso, Mayo

Attest:

Amanda Davegport City Secretary