

MINUTES

13 January 2015

Village Council Regular Meeting

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Larry Davison, Councilwoman E. Elizabeth Brown, Councilman Troy McMinn
Councilman Chris Gaschler, Councilman Gregg Bisso, Councilwoman Sharon Aust

Employees Present: Chief Phillips, Amanda Davenport

PUBLIC HEARING #1

- 1.) Open Public Hearing regarding annexation of a 4.551 acre tract of land and a 27.464 acre tract of land pursuant to a voluntary petition for annexation by the landowners. Both of these tracts are located adjacent to the eastern most city limits of the Village of Surfside Beach along both sides of what is commonly known as Bluewater Highway.**

Public Hearing was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Bisso (because of conflict of interest - Mayor Davison is an owner of the proposed land to be annexed and did not preside over the hearing). Glenda McGonigle inquired as to the intended property use and if the portion of the beach in that area would also be annexed. Larry Davison responded stating that they intended to build homes on the property which would add to the Village's tax base and the beachfront at that location would not be annexed at this time.

Mr. Brooks Porter spoke in favor in of the annexation.

- 2.) Close Public Hearing.**

With no further comments or questions from the audience, Mayor Pro Tem Bisso closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

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Public Hearing was opened at 6:47 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Bisso (because of conflict of interest - Mayor Davison is an owner of the proposed land to be annexed and did not preside over the hearing). Sharon Aust inquired about drainage in the area, and Mr. Davison responded that there is a drainage plan in the subdivision development that will be implemented.

- 2.) Close Public Hearing.**

With no further comments or questions from the audience, Mayor Pro Tem Bisso closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1) OPEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Larry Davison called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated there is a full quorum of Council in attendance.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) CITIZENS'/VISITORS' COMMENTS TO COUNCIL

Brooks Porter inquired into the status of the revetment and beach nourishment projects. Mayor Davison gave an update on the project stating that there had been a pre-bid meeting held at City Hall earlier this week, and the process to begin the project is underway. The project will cost approximately \$1.8 million and should be starting on February 19, 2015, and be completed by May 31, 2015.

4.) **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. City Council will adjourn into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY): specifically to discuss litigation regarding the hotel/motel audit.**

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:11 p.m.

- B. Reconvene into Open Session.**

Council reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bisso to instruct the City Attorney to file suit against Brannan Realty involving non-payment of Hotel/Motel taxes. Motion was seconded by Elizabeth Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

5) **MAYORAL/ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE/POLICE ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

Greg Bisso reminded everyone that Dunes Day will be held on January 24, 2015. Participants will be placing Christmas trees and planting sea oat plants. Bisso has been in contact with Rep. Bonnen's office requesting that another 1% of taxes for beach re-nourishment and asking Bonnen to sponsor legislation to that effect. The county is installing a new playground at the Jetty Park.

Elizabeth Brown stated that she noticed the Lions Club signs were hung and thanked the village for placing the signs for the Lions Club.

Committees:

Ronnie Grant gave the update on the latest Planning Commission meeting.

Peggy Llewellyn stated that BAC did meet, completed the Beach Maintenance Plan changes, and it will be ready to go as soon as the Beach User Fee amendment is approved.

Dortha Pekar also addressed the Council and gave an update on the Historical Commission. She described the Thunder on the Brazos fundraiser and plans for story boards (poster displays) for the museum to tell the history of the island. The group is waiting for the grant agreements to come in, so that the reconstruction of Fort Velasco can begin.

Janna Williams reported to Council regarding the activities of the Tourism/Beautification Committee.

Chief went over the activity for the month. Peter Gutiérrez was not in attendance. Glenda McGonigle asked Chief Phillips about a neighborhood watch group and discussion ensued.

6) CONSENT ITEMS:

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 the minutes from the December 9, 2014, council meeting.
- B. Consider approval of the December 2014 financials.

Bisso made motion to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7) REGULAR SESSION

- A. Discuss and take possible action on a Conditional Use Permit requested by Troy McMinn for property located at the NW corner of the Highway 332 and Ft. Velasco Drive intersection.**

Troy McMinn approached Council and explained his plans for the NW corner of Highway 332 and Ft. Velasco Drive and explained the necessity for a Conditional Use Permit.

Motion was made by Mr. Bisso to approve the CUP. Motion was seconded by Ms. Brown. Motion was approved with 4 voting for and 1 abstention. (McMinn abstained because of a conflict of interest, as the CUP was his request.)

- B. Discuss changes to Chapter 30 of the Village of Surfside Beach Ordinance 89-8.**

Discussion ensued regarding changes to Chapter 30-20 of the Itinerant Vendor Ordinance No. 89-8. Section (e) one year permit (365 days); (e)(7) Brazoria County food permit required; and in section (f) allow sub-operators under the same permit; single \$250 fee; (h) make non-amusement vendors general liability insurance \$100,000.00 instead of \$1 million. The Mayor announced that these changes will be made to the ordinance, and it will come back for approval on the February 2015 agenda.

- C. Discuss and take possible action on a Conditional Use Permit requested by Todd Hoffman representing RWN Holdings regarding property for an RV Park development along the west side of Canal Road.**

Motion was made by Mr. Bisso to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Aust. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2015.01.13 regarding ordering the 2015 General Municipal Election.**

Motion was made by Mr. McMinn to approve Ordinance 2015.01.13. Motion was seconded by Ms. Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015.01.13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SURFSIDE BEACH, TEXAS, CALLING THE ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SAID VILLAGE; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTION PRECINCT AND DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATION FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATIONS AND LOYALTY OATHS FOR CANDIDATES AND FIXING DEADLINE TO ACCOMPANY SUCH APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS; APPOINTING OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION AND THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID THE ELECTION JUDGE AND CLERKS; AND CONFIRMATION BY THE MAYOR OF SAID VILLAGE OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

E. Discuss and take possible action appointing a new member to the Historical Commission.

Motion was made by Ms. Brown to appoint David Devaney to the Historical Commission. Motion was seconded by Mr. McMinn. Motion passed unanimously.

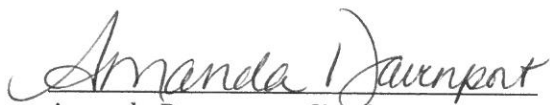
10) ADJOURNMENT - CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 8:45 pm.

APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.



Larry Davison
Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport, City Secretary