

MINUTES
March 10, 2015
Village Council Regular Meeting

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

Employees Present: Chief Gary W. Phillips, Ronda Henson

1) OPEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) CITIZENS'/VISITORS' COMMENTS TO COUNCIL

Glenda McGonigle questioned notice to the RV parks regarding compliance with the RV ordinance regarding landscaping. Ms. McGonigle also questioned code enforcement around the island.

Brooks Porter thanked the Council for getting the beach user fee permit rates increased. Mayor Davison credited the work of City Hall staff and the GLO for getting it pushed through in such a timely manner. Mr. Porter stated that the sand for the revetment project looks great and was thankful that it was out there, but he observed that it seems to already be migrating. Mayor Davison stated that he has seen plans for the groin project that will serve to catch some of that sand.

4) MAYORAL/ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE/POLICE ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Committees:

Ronnie Grant gave the Planning Committee report from the last meeting of that committee. He described implementing new forms created by Suzan Zachariah for people submitting projects to be heard by the Committee. Committees are working together to clean monuments.

Dortha Pekar gave the update for the Historical Committee. Going out to proposals for the Trails and Ft. Velasco projects regarding the imaging for these projects. Lizzie Brown has updated the website to reflect the donations and donor listing.

Janna Williams reported to Council regarding the activities of the Tourism/Beautification Committee and thanked Ronnie Grant for attending the meeting. Still considering plants for the boat dock and discussed the current advertising the city is doing.

Chief went over the activity for the month and reported that they took seven people to the hospital this past month.

Peter Gutiérrez reported regarding the boil water notice and the leak that occurred on Bluewater Highway.

Council:

Sharon Aust: signs where Whelk turns into Beach Drive, too many of them and she has been getting complaints.

Mayor Davison reported that the bids for the Swordfish Well came in under budget at \$388,000 to Felder, and work will begin mid-May. Update on revetment project and commercial trucks on the pedestrian beach.

Chris Gaschler – regarding the Swordfish well, what is our portion of the cost? Mayor stated that we'll get a full report from John Mercer with the city's commitment as soon as possible.

Mayor Davison reported to the audience that the recent turnover in staff at City Hall has gone well and that he has not received any complaints.

5) 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 minutes from the February 10, 2015, council meeting.
- B. Consider approval of the February 2015 financials.
- C. Consider appointment of Amanda Davenport as Village City Secretary; 90-day probationary period is over.
- D. Consider appointment of Kay Huffman as Village Building Official; 90-day probationary period is over.

Councilwoman Aust asked that Items C and D be removed from the consent agenda and be discussed separately.

Councilwoman Brown motioned to approve Items A and B on the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Aust and approved unanimously.

Items C and D were then opened for discussion.

Councilman McMinn made a motion to approve both items C and D; however, the motion received no second.

More discussion ensued regarding qualifications of the Building Official specific to permitting and the employee morale within City Hall. Mayor Davison stated that he has great confidence in both members of staff and the fact that they are both even on the agenda speaks of the confidence he has in their ability.

Councilman McMinn made a motion approve the appointment of Amanda Davenport as City Secretary. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion, and the Council approved it unanimously.

Councilman McMinn made a motion to approve the appointment of Kay Huffman as Building Official. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion, and the Council approved it unanimously.

6.) REGULAR SESSION:

- A. Discuss and take possible action on Resolution 20150310 regarding hotel/motel tax rebate monies.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 20150310. Councilwoman Aust seconded, and the Council approved it unanimously.

- B. Discuss and take possible action on a variance to the campfire ordinance for the Old Guys Surf Reunion regarding a 15' bonfire.

An audience member representing the OGSR answered questions from Council regarding the design of the structure. Item died for lack of motion.

- C. Discuss and take action on granting a variance to the Historical Committee for vendors on Texas Navy Day September 19, 2015.

Councilwoman Aust made a motion to approve the variance to the vendor ordinance on Texas Navy Day on September 19, 2015. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion, and the Council approved it unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. The City Council may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing namely: police reserve officers Maria Guahardo, Jason Whittington, and Darren Barnett.

To closed session at 7:55 p.m.

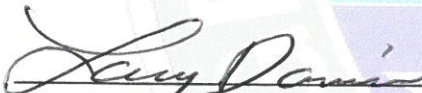
RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION at 8:05 p.m.

- B. Discuss and take possible action on any and all matters out of closed executive session regarding: Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing namely: police reserves officers Maria Guahardo, Jason Whittington, and Darren Barnett.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve all police reserve officers as named in this item. Councilwoman Aust seconded the motion, and the Council approved it unanimously

10) ADJOURNMENT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 8:09 pm.

APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2015.



Larry Davison
Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport, City Secretary