

## MINUTES

Public Hearing of the Board of Adjustments and Regular City Council Meeting April 8th, 2014

### OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Larry Davison, Councilperson & Mayor Pro Tempore William Griffin, Councilperson Bob Petty  
Councilperson Chris Gaschler, Councilperson Gregg Bisso, Councilperson Sharon Aust

### VILLAGE EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Chief of Police Gary Phillips, City Secretary Sandra Miller, PW Supervisor Pete Gutierrez, FP Manager Andy Moody

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance

Take notice that the Board of Adjustments of the Village of Surfside Beach, Texas will hold a meeting on Tuesday April 8th, 2014, at 1304 Monument Drive, within the corporate limits of the Village, beginning at 6:30 pm in the evening, at which time the following item of business will be discussed:

4. Open public hearing to discuss a variance for 303 Texas

Concerns were raised about the conflict between the zoning ordinance and the changes made to it. The City Secretary gave the historical account on this change. The Council has acted as the BOA since 2007 when Mayor Bedward and the Council then moved to make the change. Nelda Galloway was recognized to speak. She passed out some information. She explained that she was opposed to granting the variance as it would affect her line of sight. Mrs. Galloway suggested that the owner Adrain Xibraku consider use of his other lots and build the larger house further back. Mrs. Galloway went into a historical account of the old build lines and the intention. Mayor Davison suggested that Adrian build the house to accommodate the smaller lot size that Adrian had requested three years ago. He explained that Adrian had turned the lots to face the road and in doing so knew that the lots would be undersize. A member of the audience suggested that the city be consistent with the rules. Glenda McGonigle spoke of her knowledge of this issue while she was Mayor. Mayor Davison once again agreed and suggested that the house be built to fit the lot size. Councilman Gaschler suggested that the house could be built in a different shape or design that would fit on one or two of his four lots.

5. Close public hearing.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Councilwomen Aust and with all in favor the motion passed. No motion was made to approve the variance and so with no motion the item was dead and the public hearing was adjourned for a ten minute break.

Reconvene to the Regular City Council Meeting to follow.

6. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS TO COUNCIL

\* Brooks Porter asked about CEPRA re-nourish and groin projects. Mayor Davison gave the update that the project was now in progress. Mayor Davison gave the scope of work for the projects in that the work would consist of repair to the revetment and then to re-nourish the sand and that they were going to look at a groin. Councilman

Bisso asked if the work would include the revetment being extended to the Jetty's. Mayor Davison responded to say no, and that the plan is to apply for some to the RESTORE funds for this project.

\* Glenda McGonigle wanted to ask why the city employees were being placed on the agenda every month. Mayor Davison said that was an agenda item and so would be brought up at that time.

## **7. MAYORAL/ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE/POLICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* Mayor Davison wanted to update folks on the road repair on Surf and Seashell. That the work was in progress and should be wrapped in May. Also that we would be able to use round two Ike Recovery funds for the new well at Swordfish. Pete gave additional information on the status and findings of the well tests. Some of the options as far as size and depth were discussed. Councilman Griffin asked that t Council be presented with the choices prior to any designs being made. Mayor Davison also mentioned that he and Peggy Llewelyn had met with the conservancy and he felt that it went well. After birding seasons the salt cedars can be mulched.

\* Councilman Petty asked Pete about the arsenic levels of the new well site. Pete responded that they were within range and that we only have elevated levels at the Surfside Shores well. Pete also mentioned that we have to send notices out to the whole island as all water are blended.

\* Councilman Bisso wanted to commend the police for a good job during the St Patty's Day parade. He also wanted to thank Pete for all of the updates during the oil spill. Councilman Bisso added that keeping the beach raked will help with attendance. Councilman Bisso mentioned repairs to the backhoe, Glenda asked if the new building was built to house it.

\* Councilwomen Aust gave the update for the tourism committee in that they had met and that they spoke about many good topics and had a productive meeting.

\* Peggy Llewelyn said that the BAC met and that they had some concerns about signage in that we should add more details about where permits can be bought. Also, they reviewed the Petty Dune Mitigation plan and felt it was a good plan. A suggestion was made to get some stickers with catchy public notices that can be stuck on the trash barrels. (DO NOT BURN TREES, NO GLASS CONTAINERS) – the City Secretary said she would order these. Finally Peggy mentioned that there may be an opportunity for businesses to open parking lots in lieu of the migrating soft sand causing access issues at the main all the way to Ocean Avenue.

\* Jan Grant announced that the Historical Committee met and discussed the Navy Day and planned another work day. She encouraged folks to come and help with the next work day and that folks can sign up at the water clerk window.

\* Ronnie Grant of the planning committee announced that they had met and discussed a variety of items to include the open meetings act, the noise ordinance and the IRC Code. He said it was a productive meeting. Councilman Petty added that he attended the meeting. He said that he encourage the group to take their time on the parking issue as this is a complicated problem in a unique situation.

\* Chief Phillips gave an update on the month's criminal activity and police reports. Pete gave an update on the latest public work projects and activities.

## **8. CONSENT ITEMS:**

Consider approval of the minutes from City Council Regular Meeting on March 11, 2014.

Consider approval of the financials for March 2014.

\*Councilman Bisso made a motion to accept, Councilman Griffin second with all in favor, the consent items were approved.

**9. REGULAR SESSION**

Discuss and consider adopting a Proclamation for Officer Sergeant Carlton Ragan.

Mayor Davison read the proclamation allowed. It was noted that Ronda Henson created the wording. A motion was made by Councilman Bisso to approve the proclamation, second by Councilwomen Aust and with all in favor the item was passed.

Discuss and consider adopting a Proclamation naming April 26th, 2014 "Old Guys Surf Reunion Day"

Mayor Davison read the proclamation allowed. A motion was made by Councilman Bisso, second by Councilman Griffin and with all in favor the item passed.

Discuss and consider a variance of Ordinance No. 2003-7 Chapter 18 Section 35 for OGSR to have a "bonfire" in front of Pirates Alley on the beach.

Many folks had questions about this item as to where and when the fire would be built. Troy McMinn suggested that they build several 3x3 fires rather than a bonfire. No motion was made and so the item was not approved.

Discuss and consider amendments to Ordinance No. 2007-16 Chapter 20 Section 52, 56 regarding enclosures below the Base Flood Elevation.

Andy Moody (the certified floodplain manager) gave some details on the goals of the Community Rating System. He went into some of the things we will have to improve and do in order to get a better rating. Mayor Davison said that reducing the restrictions would hurt the rating and suggested that the city obtain the better rating first. Councilman Petty stated that the louver enclosures were acceptable to FEMA. Glenda McGonigle cited an example of the rate hike that can occur when a house has materials below the base flood elevation. Sue Gray of the audience was recognized and stated that she would like to try for the discount and that any amount would be helpful. There was no motion made and all council requested that the issue be tabled until after the community rating was in place.

**10. CLOSED SESSION – 8:48 PM**

a) The City Council to convene in closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code: Section 551.074, deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, and/or duties regarding personnel as follows:

City Secretary, Sandra Miller  
City Bookkeeper, Ronda Henson  
Public Works, Supervisor, Pete Gutierrez  
Utility Clerk, Teresa Timms  
Building Official, Linda Manning  
Certified Flood Plain and Booth Attendant, Andy Moody

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**11. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 9:17 PM**

b) The City Council to reconvene in open session pursuant to the Texas Government Code: Section 551.074, deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, and/or duties regarding personnel as follows:

City Secretary, Sandra Miller  
City Bookkeeper, Ronda Henson  
Public Works Supervisor, Pete Gutierrez  
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Certified Flood Plain Manager and Booth Attendant, Andy Moody

NO ACTION OR MOTION MADE

12. ADJOURNMENT - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Attest: Sandra Miller  
Sandra Miller, City Secretary 5-9-2014