

MINUTES
Regular City Council Meeting February 11, 2014

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OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Councilperson Sharon Aust

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Chief of Police Gary Phillips
City Secretary Sandra Miller

1) CALL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4) CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS TO COUNCIL

Sandra from the Lions club gave a presentation as well as Ron Martin asking for support for the newly reformed Surfside Beach Lions Club. They spoke of the potential benefits of forming a club such as matching funds and hurricane relief.

Toni Capretta was recognized; she wanted to make sure that the police, road work contractor and the committee would be in sync when parade time came so that the road work would not interfere with the parade. She also announced the March 1st costume party at Stahlman Park.

Glenda McGonigle was recognized; she wanted to thank Pete Gutierrez for getting the water line at Detenbeck covered as well as getting Velasco Drainage out here to clean out the ditches.

5) MAYORAL/ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE/POLICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Bisso announced that the Surfside Marathon was a real success.

Chief Phillips gave an update on the month's police activity. He also presented Council with the radios that had been ordered and said they would return the one that was on loan back to Lake Jackson.

Jan Grant of the HC announced that they had a very good meeting and thanked Mayor Davison for being in attendance. She also said that a work day had taken place that day and was very productive and that they would be having another soon and would appreciate any help.

Pegi Llewellyn announced that the BAC had met and discussed the maintenance plan as well as some other beach related issues. She also announced that she had attended the ASPBA meeting and it was a good source of information. Mayor Davison thanked her for her time and her attendance of that meeting.

Dortha Pekar gave an update on the Tourism Committee meeting; she thanked the Mayor for being in attendance. She said that the meeting was very productive in that they spoke about the trail, the fort and the RFP for the elevator. She also mentioned the TIKI hut that her son had built the past year on the beach and what a success that was.

Linda Manning said that the PC had met and spoken about the ratio of parking spaces required on new homes. The committee is looking at if this is too much etc.

6) CONSENT ITEMS:

All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or citizen so request. For a citizen to request removal of an item, a speaker card must be filled out and submitted to the City Secretary

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from City Council Regular Meeting on January 14, 2014.
- b. Consider approval of the financials for January 2014.
- c. Consider resignation of Councilman Gaschler as liaison to the Tourism Committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Bisso, second by Councilman Petty with all in favor the motion passed.

7) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discuss and consider setting a town hall (special) meeting.

There were some concerns raised over the time, date and intention. After some Q and A it was suggested that the tentative time could be May 17, 2014 at 3:00 PM. A motion was made by Councilman Bisso, second by Councilman Gaschler with all in favor the motion passed.

- b) Discuss a tracking system for all correspondence that comes through city hall.

No Motion was made.

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss and consider approval of expansion layout for Beachfront RV Park @ Resort.

Councilman Petty stepped down from the Council seat in order to recuse himself and so that he could answer any questions regarding the proposed expansion. He stated that all pads would be built to code and within current Surfside regulations. He also assured Council and the audience that he would do all steps in conformity with the GLO and that he would be filling in the pond on his land. Erminie Minard of the audience had asked about this. Councilman Bisso made a motion to approve the expansion, second by Councilman Gaschler with all in favor the motion passed.

- b) Consider an Ordinance calling for the Annual General Election of Officers on May 10th, 2014.

Councilman Bisso made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilman Gaschler with all in favor the resolution passed.

- c) Discuss and consider a Resolution and Joint Election Agreement Contract with the Brazoria County Election's Department to hold a Joint Election for all Political Subdivisions in May 2014.

Councilman Petty made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilman Gaschler. With all in favor the resolution passed.

- d) Discuss and consider a variance to the sound ordinance for Bingo's Boards on March 15, 2014 for the St Patty's Day Parade.

Glenda McGonigle stated that she felt that the music was too loud and that it was in competition with the Parade. No Motion was made. The motion was NOT passed.

- e) Discuss and consider a variance to the Animal Control Ordinance to allow horses and donkeys in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15, 2014.

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- f) Discuss and consider a variance to the Traffic Control Ordinance to block traffic on Monument Drive from Texas Street to Parkview and block traffic on Jettyview from Middle Road to Monument Drive for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15, 2014.
- g) Discuss and consider a variance to the Temporary Vendor Ordinance allowing the St. Patrick's Day Organization of Surfside Beach to sell novelties, t-shirts, food and beverages at the staging area being City Hall, throughout the crowd of parade spectators, and on the corner of Ft. Velasco and SH332 on March 15, 2014.
- h) Discuss and consider a variance to the Ordinance prohibiting discharge of firearms within the Village for a Re-enactment of a Battle at the St. Patrick's Day Parade staging area, which is located at City Hall on March 15, 2014.

Councilman Bisso asked that all four items be considered in one motion; he made the motion, a second by Councilman Gaschler to approve the variances and with all in favor the motion passed.

- i) Discuss and consider a resolution supporting the RESTORE ACT implementation in Texas.
A motion was made to adopt the resolution, second by Councilman Griffin and with all in favor the resolution was adopted.
- j) Discuss and consider a Resolution designating the Mayor to act for and on behalf of the Village of Surfside Beach in dealing with the Texas General Land Office for the purpose of applying for State assistance to clean and maintain the public beach.
Motion was made by Councilman Bisso, second by Councilman Gaschler and with all in favor the motion was passed.
- k) Discuss and consider a Resolution setting fees for equipment used in the maintenance of the public beach.
Mayor Davison explained how the rates are arrived at and noted that the new Beach Rake Free was added. Some discussion ensued. Motion was made by Councilman Bisso, second by Councilman Gaschler and with all in favor the motion was passed.
- l) Discuss and consider Ordinance No. 201304, an Ordinance re-imposing a local sales and use tax on residential use of gas and electricity.
Mayor Davison gave the history and background of this item. After some Q and A from the public a motion was made by Councilman Petty to adopt the ordinance, second by Councilman Griffin and with all in favor the motion passed.
- m) Discuss and consider options for purchase of new police fleet vehicle.
Chief Phillips gave some background on the two quotes that he had, he stated that he felt that the Ford was the best choice as long as we could get the undertow sprayed with a protectant coat. A motion was made by Councilman Bisso, second by Councilman Griffin and with all in favor the motion passed.
- n) Discuss and consider having the Villages water storage tanks inspected and repaired if needed.
Mayor Davison explained some of the problems that the city had faced surrounding this. Now that Yucca was complete these inspections could take place on a more routine basis. No action was taken.
- o) Discuss and consider the drainage situation in the Village and what actions should be taken.
Mayor Davison explained that a letter had been sent to VDD back in October for work to be done, the response given to them was that it was too cold outside by the public works. Mayor Davison said that they were here in the community now and many of the drainage issues were being addressed. No action was taken.
- p) Discuss and consider what actions the Village can take in order to get the beaches ready for Spring Break and the Summer.

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Councilman Petty asked how the road from the main to Yucca would be managed. Mayor Davison gave the plan for how the road would be maintained, as well as other plans for maintenance. No action was taken.

- q) Discuss and consider the pay of city employees and overtime policy.

Councilman Bisso had some concerns that some of the employees were not being paid their overtime and also that only some of the employees were being called out. He felt that all should share in the chance to be called out. Mayor Davison explained that only the ones that were qualified to operate the sewer station would be called out to answer those calls and that all overtime was being curtailed in order to stay within budget. Councilman Petty asked the City Secretary if the issue had been resolved, she answered yes. No action was taken.

- r) Discuss and consider the duties of city employees.

Councilman Bisso asked that all city employees make a list of their job duties. No action taken.

- s) Discuss and consider appointing a member of Council to be the liaison to the Tourism committee.

A motion was made to appoint Sharon Aust as liaison to the Tourism Committee, second by Councilman Gaschler and with all in favor the motion passed.

- t) Discuss and consider appointing a member of Council as liaison to the Historical Committee.

A motion was made to appoint Gregg Bisso as liaison to the Historical Committee by Councilman Petty, second by Councilman Gaschler and with all in favor the motion passed.

9) CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. 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:

- a. Discuss moving employment status from probationary status to permanent status for William Davis.
- b. Discuss new reserve officer Stephen Heckler.

NO ACTION TAKEN

10) RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

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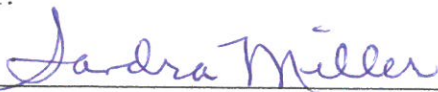
- a. Discuss and consider moving employment status from probationary status to permanent status for William Davis.
NO MOTION MADE – appointment did not pass.

- b. Discuss and consider new reserve officer Stephen Heckler.

Motion was made by Councilman Bisso to accept Stephen Heckler as a reserve officer for the Village of Surfside, second by Councilman Gaschler and with all in favor the item passed.

10) ADJOURNMENT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ATTEST:



Jandra Miller, City Secretary

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