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CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING March 15, 2021

The City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas held a regular meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, at City Hall, 16628 San Luis Pass Road, Jamaica Beach, Texas. Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting in person or by video or audio conference.

Present:	Mayor:	Steve Spicer
	Mayor Pro Tem:	Sherwood Green
	Aldermen:	Clay Morris
		Terry Rizzo
		Marci Kurtz-Hoffman
		Russell Rupertus

Interim City Administrator: Brad Heiman
City Secretary: Crystal Dozier

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Spicer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance to U.S. and Texas flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on February 22, 2021.
2. Approval of a resolution of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, authorizing the aerial spraying for mosquitos by the Galveston County Mosquito Control District.

A motion was made by Alderman Morris to approve the Consent agenda and Alderman Rizzo seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution suspending Texas Gas Service Company's 2021 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") rate adjustment for 45 days.

A motion was made by Alderman Green to adopt a resolution suspending Texas Gas Service Company's 2021 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") rate adjustment for 45 days and Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the City to use Reserve Park Funds to host the Easter in the park.

A motion was made by Alderman Green to approve the City to use Reserve Park Funds to host the Easter in the park not to exceed \$500.00. Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

3. Discuss and consider action to approve an application of Special Use Permit for new restaurant and bar, Venados Cantina, for MB/LH TABC permit, located at 16510 Termini San Luis Pass Road. Owners: Vibes Inc. (Tim and Joey Buck).

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4. Discuss and consider action for the proposed re-opening plan for the City of Jamaica Beach including City Hall, Municipal Court, and Open Meetings.

A motion was made by Alderman Green to reopen the City of Jamaica Beach including City Hall, Municipal Court, and Open Meetings. Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Brad Heiman, Interim City Administrator reported he will be filing an Emergency Article Blast Claim by March 21, 2021 with FEMA as part of the first phase of claims. He is working with DSO to get into Category A to replace all the vegetation in the city rights-of-ways and parks.

MAYOR

Mayor Spicer reported on the success of Market Day in the city.

ALDERMEN

Alderman Hoffman reported the Easter Event will take place Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00 am.

Alderman Rizzo reported the Short Term Rental Committee to meet this month. The last meeting was in October 2020.

Alderman Rizzo commented on all the acts of kindness observed by her during the winter weather event.

Alderman Morris reported on looking into GLO funding opportunities and agreed with Alderman Rizzo on moving forward with the Short Term Rental Ordinance.

POLICE

John Aucoin, Interim Police Chief gave a brief summary of the report. He reported Projects Pending:

We have been working on multiple projects in February to help provide our City, citizens, and officers better safety and protection. Below is a summary of the initiated projects:

1. Body Worn Cameras:

We did a two week eval of reveal body camera systems. They sent us six cameras with docking station and laptop. I have several officers wear them to test functions and make comments to ease of use. The reveal system did very well.

We are still working on research and demos of other systems as well.

2. City-Wide CCTV System:

Continued working on proposals for camera systems in the City – We have been researching multiple vendors and going through demos of systems and offerings. We have gathered several proposals to review. We have also been working on granting opportunities for this.

Police Activity: In February we had 4 new cases opened for various issues.

210006 2/5/2021 16526 JAMAICA INN RD FRAUD - FRAUD, CONFIDENCE
GAMEINFORMATION ONLY

210007 2/6/2021 16705 DAVY JONES RD FRAUD - IDENTITY THEFT
INFORMATION ONLY

210008 2/23/2021 17200 FM 3005 OTHER SEX OFFENSE - INDECENT
EXPOSURE REFERRED OTHER JURISDICTION

210010 2/28/2021 16717 FLETCHER CHRISTIAN DRUNKENNESS -
DRUNKENNESS CLEARED ADULT ARREST

During the freeze our officers were out doing many welfare checks on citizens, turning off water at residences, as well as all their other duties required. They did outstanding work to help the city during this difficult time.

Traffic Enforcement:

Our officers while working traffic penetration and related items wrote 45 citations in February 2021.

Personnel Issues:

Officer Jeff Petta had applied for full time employment Texas City Police Department back in February 2020 while as a reserve with us. Officer Petta became a full-time officer with us in October of 2020 and has done a outstanding job with our department. In February 2021 he received an offer to goto work for Texas City as a full-time officer and decided to accept this offer to give him more opportunity in his career.

Officer Chris Nolen has been moved from our reserve staff to full time as the replacement for Officer Petta.

We have been working on preparations and plans for the beach season. We had a department meeting on February 6th with all reserves as well as Brad Heiman City Administrator and Clay Morris City Alderman / Police Liaison to discuss the new ordinance and how we plan to make our beaches and city a safer place for our residence and guests.

No report given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION It is anticipated that all, or a portion of the discussion of the following items, if any, will be conducted in closed executive session under authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act. However, no action will be taken on these items until the City Council reconvenes in open session.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Alderman Rizzo and seconded by Alderman Morris to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

These minutes were approved on the 19th day of April, 2021.

Steve Spicer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal R. Dozier, TRMC, City Secretary