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CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 19, 2021

The City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, held a regular meeting on Monday, April 19, 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

Ginger Jones made the following comment; "In reading over the parking ordinance there are a lot of streets with parking problems. Maybe we should consider restricting parking during certain hours. I know our street has had parking problems. I know that there are certain streets that need it more, but maybe we should consider the parking problems throughout the City."

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on March 15, 2021.
2. Approval of the September, October, November, December 2020, January and February 2021 General Fund Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Alderman Rizzo to approve the Consent agenda item #1 (approval of minutes) and Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Alderman Rupertus to table agenda item # 2 (GF Financials) and Alderman Morris seconded this motion. The vote to table the agenda item was unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to accept the increased access line rates from the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

A motion was made by Alderman Rupertus to accept the increased line rates from the PUC of Texas. Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt an ordinance AMENDING ORDINANCE 87-4; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL NO PARKING STREEETS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINAINCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Alderman Rupertus to approve the amended ordinance as stated. Alderman Rizzo seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

3. Discuss and consider action to approve the new City Personnel Policy.

A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman to table the approval of the City Personnel Policy. Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Brad Heiman, Interim City Administrator, reported he will be reviewing all ordinances for needed updating and revisions and will be presenting the amended revisions to Council at later dates. He also reported that the Winter Storm Claim was pending additional action and there has been no changes as to the additional categories of loss by FEMA at the time of this report.

MAYOR

Mayor Spicer reported that this meeting would be his last full meeting and he thanked all members of the Council for their hard work and dedication to Council.

ALDERMEN

MPT Green thanked the Mayor and advised that he was sorry to see him go.

Alderman Hoffman reported that the Easter event had a great turnout and there were plenty of eggs for all the kids. She also thanked everyone for helping set up and clean up after the event. She advised that she was getting inquiries as to a Memorial Day event and invited anyone with input to contact her and she would "see what we should do" about the event for this year.

Alderman Rizzo reported that she attended the JBIC meeting, however there was nothing to report.

Alderman Morris gave "thanks" to the Mayor for everything he has done for the "great City of Jamaica Beach and then reported that he was going to focus on ordinance updates, beach access, and enhanced communications on all levels for the Council and City.

Alderman Rupertus advised that if anyone cared to comment on the FM 3005 work project they could reach out to the City of Galveston, Texas DOT, or Angel Brothers Construction. He further reported that he had been getting comments about the confusion as to beach access from citizens. Additionally he added that he thought Spring Break was a he success and there were no complaints about excessive speeding or vehicles. He added that he wanted to give a "shout out" to Brad, John and the PD staff for staying on top of the beach. He then stated that he believed that "we are going in the right direction" in regard to the beach.

Alderman Rupertus added that the Marina is another "hot topic" and that he led the fight and worked diligently on the Marina plan. He invited anyone with comments or complaints concerning the Marina to contact him. He closed the Marina comments by stating that we have done a good job in cutting down outside traffic tremendously at the Marina. The Alderman Rupertus then advised everyone to pay close attention to the new tax appraisals and that he urged everyone to make comments (citing two ways to do so). He closed his report out by stating that there was a really important election coming up and recommended that everyone do their due diligence in casting a vote.

POLICE

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

1. Body Worn Cameras:

We are continuing to evaluate the BWCs and will be forwarding a report of the findings to the Council and City Administrator.

2. League City Consortium:

We have had several meetings with the LCC in reference to having to change software program vendors due to the fact that the current vendor's program is no longer being supported with needed updates. This affects about (15) different agencies and everyone is working on finding other vendors to contract with for the near future. The costs for the new vendor will be on a "scaling system" depending on the size of the agency.

Police Activity: .

In March we had 11 new cases opened for various issues.

210013 3/2/2021 16503 HENRY MORGAN RD DEATH - UNATTENDED DEATH
INFORMATION ONLY

210014 3/7/2021 4828 BASIN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, PRIVATE
PROP DAMG
INFORMATION ONLY

210015 3/8/2021 16535 JOHN DAVIS RD PROPERTY - LOST PROPERTY
INFORMATION ONLY

210016 3/10/2021 16603 FRANCIS DRAKE DR PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES - PUBLIC
ORDER CRIMES
REFERRED TO INVESTIGATION

210017 3/12/2021 16628 FM 3005 THEFT - THEFT OTHER
INFORMATION ONLY

210018 3/14/2021 FM 3005/BUCCANEER DR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - TRAFFIC
ACCIDENT, VEHICLE DAMAGE
INFORMATION ONLY

210019 3/21/2021 16518 BAHAMA WAY HARASSMENT - ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATION
REFERRED TO INVESTIGATION

210020 3/23/2021 16619 CAPTAIN KIDD RD PUBLIC INTOX - PUBLIC
INTOXICATION
REFERRED OTHER JURISDICTION

210021 3/27/2021 16523 HENRY MORGAN RD PROPERTY - FOUND PROPERTY
INFORMATION ONLY

210022 3/28/2021 16700 FM 3005 RD PROCESS SERVICE - WARRANT SERVICE
REFERRED OTHER JURISDICTION

210023 3/29/2021 16500 FM 3005 RD PROCESS SERVICE - WARRANT SERVICE
REFERRED OTHER JURISDICTION

Traffic Enforcement:

Our officers, while working traffic penetration and related items, issued 118 citations in March 2021.

Personnel Issues:

We have hired a new full-time officer to fill the vacancy from Officer Miller. Erin Harris has completed the FTO program and will be a great asset to our team and this City.

Beach Patrol Enforcement :

I am very pleased to say that our new beach patrol program has been very well received by residents and guests. We have a very visible presence on the beach which is keeping the enforcement of rules and ordinance highly effective

FIRE

No report given.

ADJOURNMENT of Open Session:

At approximately 6:19 PM, Mayor Spicer called for a temporary adjournment of the open session to go into Executive Session.

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.

- a. For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer (551.074 Personnel Matters) of the Police Chief, City Administrator, City Secretary, Building/Utility Clerk, Court Clerk/Pool Supervisor, and Laborer.
- b. Reconvene into Open Session and consider action, if any, on discussed items in Executive Session.
- c. There was no action taken after the reconvene from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Alderman Rupertus and seconded MPT Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

These minutes were approved on the 17th day of May, 2021.

Clay Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brad Heiman, Interim City Administrator