



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 03, 2011
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order then asked everyone to please take a moment of silence for Office O'Donnell who served the City of Jamaica Beach and passed away on Christmas Eve of a tragic accident.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

Alderman Brad South led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Pierson
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing*

The following Councilmember's were absent:

Alderman Mary Morse

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS APPOINTING TWO PARK BOARD MEMBERS: LORRAINE JONES & LINDSAY TOUCHY.

Lorraine Jones attended the meeting and introduced herself. She mentioned that she has lived in Jamaica Beach for 10 years. Her house is located across the street from the Park and she would love to be on the Park Board. Park Board President, Joan Zapada, announced that Lindsay Touchy was unable to attend the meeting, but hopes to attend the meeting on the 17th.

2. DISCUSS ADOPTING A DUMPSTER ORDINANCE.

Mayor Pierson mentioned that he was not present during the last Council meeting, but it was brought to his attention that Mr. Breck Porter attended the meeting and voiced his concerns regarding the appearance of dumpsters. City Administrator Brick explained to Council that there are approximately 11 dumpsters throughout Jamaica Beach. Mr. Brick mentioned that the city does not require a permit for dumpsters, but this may be the time to start requiring them.

Mayor Pierson requested staff to obtain a copy of Galveston's dumpster ordinance. He thinks that Mr. Porter has a legitimate complaint and thinks the city should look into possibly requiring a permit and adopting an ordinance. Ginger Jones, 16631 Curlew, said the dumpsters behind the shopping center are disgusting; she thinks all dumpster she be enclosed.

James Rankin, 16610 Jamaica Inn, said that he has spoken to Mr. Porter and he thinks the biggest concern is keeping the dumpsters closed, so the trash isn't all over the place.

JR, 16712 Jolly Roger, inquired about size limit.

Margaret Lloyd, 16643 Bahama Way, thinks that the concern is more than keeping the dumpsters closed, but also the view of the dumpster. She stated the importance of businesses within Jamaica Beach, but also feels that the residences are as important and believes the two should work together to address the issue.

3. DISCUSS VARIANCE FOR BOAT DECKS EXTENSION AT 4224 SPANISH MAIN.

City Administrator Brick informed Council that the Planning and Zoning Board has reviewed the request for a variance and recommends approval.

Mayor Pierson advised staff to notify the homeowners of lot 92 of the variance request.

4. DISCUSS AWARDING THE TORTUGA WATER LINE AND FIRE HYDRANT CONTRACT.

City Administrator Brick explained to Council that we only received one bid and it was from Matula & Matula. The city budgeted \$45,815 for the Tortuga Water Line Project. The bid received from Matula & Matula was for \$48,943.

Fire Chief Steve Spicer explained the importance of the fire hydrant and the need for the new water line.

Mayor Pierson informed everyone that Jamaica Beach's fire rating is a 3. He stated most fire insurance companies provide discounted rates for having such a great rating.

Alderman Montgomery inquired if the water line was going to be enlarged.

Fire Chief Spicer replied yes.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson – reported that he would like to hold an Executive Session in February to Review the City Administrator, City Secretary and Police Chief. He will also like to schedule a Called Workshop on January 17th before the Regular Meeting.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery – announced that he and a few other Councilmember's are scheduled to tour the sewer plant next Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

Alderman Green – No Report.

Alderman South – No Report.

MPT Burke – No Report.

POLICE REPORT

Police Report was given by Cpt. Todaro. He thanked everyone for their support for Officer Ann O'Donnell. She started her career as a Reserve Officer for the City of Jamaica Beach. He explained that Officer O'Donnell passed away on Christmas Eve of a tragic accident while on duty at U of H. As of any fallen officer, she will be missed.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON JANUARY 03, 2011.)

There were no requests to address Council.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pierson said that if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. MPT Burke motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved by those present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.