



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2010
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Victor Pierson called the meeting to order.

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 Council Members were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
MPT Steve Spicer
Alderman Brad South
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Eddie Burke, Jr.*

The following Council Member was absent:

Alderman Sherwood Green

Staff present:

*City Administrator John Brick
City Secretary Lupe Rushing
Police Chief Andy McLane*

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON JANUARY 18, 2010.)

There were no requests to address Council.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
 - a. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2009**
 - b. CALLED COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 02, 2009**
 - c. WORKSHOP MEETING – DECEMBER 07, 2009**
 - d. CALLED COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 07, 2009**
 - e. WORKSHOP MEETING – JANUARY 04, 2010**

MPT Spicer moved that the above listed minutes be approved as written. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present.

- 2. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED SIGNATORS FOR ITS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM DISASTER RELIEF CONTRACT DRS010209.**

Mayor Pierson read the caption. MPT Spicer motion to approve a resolution of the City of Jamaica Beach authorizing designated signatures for its Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Relief Contract DRS010209. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved by those present.

3. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE DURING NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS, INCLUDING PHYSICALLY BARRING ENTRANCE TO A FACILITY OR LOCATION WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF SUCH DEMONSTRATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, COUNTY OF GALVESTON, STATE OF TEXAS.

Mayor Pierson read the caption. MPT Spicer motioned to approve a resolution establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, including physically barring entrance to a facility or location which is the subject of such demonstration and providing penalties for violations thereof in the City of Jamaica Beach, County of Galveston, State of Texas. Second by Alderman Burke. Unanimously approved by those present.

4. CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING MAJOR DAMAGED HOUSES IN THE CITY.

Mayor Pierson read the caption then introduced the City Attorney, Carlton Getty. Mayor Pierson explained to Mr. Getty the situation the City of Jamaica Beach is dealing with in regards to damaged houses in the city and would like to know what approach the city can take against the property owners. After a short discussion, the City Attorney recommended that the city pass an ordinance. Mayor Pierson asked the City Attorney if he could draft an ordinance and present it during the next Council workshop meeting held February 1st. Mayor Pierson suggest that Council could have further discussion at that time then vote on the February 15th Council Meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick informed Council that the city received a \$23,000 grant that will be used towards the purchase of a new A/C unit, lighting at the City Park and City Hall.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson mentioned that he was glad to hear that the Drainage Committee met earlier in the day.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman South elaborates more on the Drainage Committee meeting. He said that the committee discussed the drainage problems on Jamaica Beach Rd and plans on voting soon to resolve those issues.

Alderman Morse thanked the Jamaica Janes for their \$500 City Park donation.

Alderman Burke – No Report

MPT Spicer reported on behalf of the Fire Department. He said that the JBVFD received a total of \$87,000 in grant money. The grant money was distributed between the purchase of a new fire truck and new rescue boat. He also thanked the Jamaica Janes for their \$500 JBVFD donation.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief McLane reported that the JBPD was able to identify and locate suspects and property in Houston from a December burglary. There have not been any major events to report for the month of January. Officers were testifying in a murder trial from 2005. He also mentioned that he was in the process of completing a grant application for the Galveston County OSSI system, so the department will be linked to all surrounding counties.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

City Administrator Brick reported that the city is no longer using IKE permit numbers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

MPT Spicer did the Fire Department report during his Alderman report.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pierson said that if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. MPT Spicer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.