



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 01, 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**

*City Administrator Brick 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 Sherwood Green  
Alderman Eddie Burke, Jr.*

*The following Council Member was absent:*

*Alderman Mary Morse*

*Staff present:*

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

### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

#### **1. DISCUSS CALLING THE CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION FOR MAY 8, 2010.**

*City Administrator Brick mentioned that the officers whose terms are expiring are MPT Steve Spicer, Alderman Sherwood Green and Alderman Eddie Burke. Mayor Pierson said that this item of business would be on the agenda for the February 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.*

#### **2. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGE, ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGE, AND EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD JUDGE AND ALTERNATE JUDGE FOR THE MAY 8, 2010, CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION.**

*City Administrator Brick informed Council that Mike Bell has agreed to serve as Election Judge and Doris Niccolai as the Alternate. Mayor Pierson asked about the early voting ballot board. City Administrator Brick said they are also willing to serve in that capacity. Mayor Pierson said that this item of business would be on the agenda for the February 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.*

#### **3. DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MAJOR DAMAGED HOUSES IN THE CITY.**

*Mayor Pierson announced that the City Attorney is still working on a proposed Ordinance and will possibly present it to Council during the February 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting for action or it will be delayed until March.*

#### **4. DISCUSS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING JAMAICA BEACH ROAD.**

*Alderman South reported that the City can not start work on the drainage issues nor can the City resurface the roads until the grant money is received. That is one of the stipulations for receipt of the grant money. The City will not be reimbursed for any improvements made before the grant money is received. Alderman South informed the residents that all of their concerns are being acknowledge by Council and are taken into consideration. He assured the residents that once the grant money is received that these issues will be addressed as a priority. He mentioned that as soon as more information is obtained that he will schedule a Drainage Committee meeting to discuss the updated information. He welcomes and encourages all residents to attend.*

*Mayor Pierson asked if anyone would like to comment on this agenda item:*

*Ginny Johnston, 16718 Jamaica Beach Rd., said she has an \$800 car repair bill due to the pot holes on Jamaica Beach Road.*

*John Grow, 16631 John Silver Rd., suggested that cleaning the ditches may help the drainage issues throughout the city.*

*Jim Matthews, 16721 Jamaica Beach Rd., announced that he was a member of the Drainage Committee, then wanted clarification on the time frame of when the improvements will start.*

*Richard Beard, 16635 Jamaica Beach Rd., had a question about the 1.8 million, he wanted to know how that would be distributed to each city.*

#### **5. DISCUSS CITY PAYING ½ OF THE REEFER TRUCK EXPENSES FROM HURRICANE IKE.**

*MPT Spicer explained that during Hurricane Ike the City of Jamaica Beach had no power or resources for keeping food cold, so he requested the reefer truck. He mentioned that it was very beneficial during the City's time of need.*

*Mayor Pierson asked if anyone would like to comment on this agenda item:*

*Ginger Jones, suggested that the JBVFD should ask the surrounding communities for donations since they used the reefer truck too.*

*MPT Spicer announced that after the Hurricane he did have residents not only from Jamaica Beach, but adjoining communities donate money and thank him for the use of the reefer truck. He mentioned that the JBFD is a voluntary Fire Department, so they do not get paid for their time and they do not get funding, their entire budget is received through donations and grants.*

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - No Report**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

*Mayor Pierson reported that the next Mayor's and Councilmember's Meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>.*

#### **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

*Alderman South – No Report*

*Alderman Burke – Reported on the January 23<sup>rd</sup> JBIC meeting. He announced that Sandy Densby is the new Administrator and that the board has agreed not to double charge for permits. JB residents will only need to obtain a permit from the City, but encourages residents to still contact the JBIC before doing any improvements to make sure they are within the JBIC regulations. He also announced that there are two openings on the JBIC Board and that the entrance signs to JB should be completed by March. He welcomed residents to attend the JBIC Board meetings, which are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of each month.*

*Alderman Green – No Report.*

*MPT Spicer – No Report*

#### **POLICE REPORT**

*Chief McLane reported that there were no major arrests this past month. He mentioned that the murder trail is finish and there was a conviction. He announced that the JBPD will be receiving \$60,300 from HGAC for a computer networking system to link the surrounding counties. He is also considering applying for a grant for bullet proof vests.*

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT – No Report**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

*MPT Spicer reported that a jet ski was donated to the JBVFD. He announced that the JBVFD recently purchased a new boat and fire truck.*

**CITIZEN INPUT**

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 01, 2010.)

*Wil Zapalac, 16715 Tahiti Way, gave some suggestions and advice concerning a disaster.*

*Virginia (Ginny) Johnston, 16718 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about the drainage issues and damage to her car due to the pot holes on Jamaica Beach Road.*

*Jim Matthews, 16721 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about the drainage issue and concerns regarding Jamaica Beach Road.*

*Anna Beth Hill, 6631 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about the drainage issue and concerns regarding Jamaica Beach Road.*

*Roger Harris, 16601 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about the drainage issues around Jamaica Beach Road.*

*Dick Krolick, 16642 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about the drainage issues around Jamaica Beach Road.*

*Bob Arbeitman, 16622 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about the drainage issue, beach cleanup and inquired about the completion of the buyout program.*

**ADJOURN**

*There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.*