



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2020
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

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

MPT Sherwood Green led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flag.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
MPT Sherwood Green
Alderman Clay Morris
Alderman Russell Rupertus
Alderman Terry Rizzo (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Hutchison
City Secretary Rushing*

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON)

No requests to address Council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM: CONSIDER APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT 10 FEET IN WIDTH CENTERED ALONG THE COMMON LINE OF LOT 87 AND LOT 88 OF JAMAICA BEACH, SECTION 23, A SUBDIVISION IN GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AS REFLECTED BY THE RECORDED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION. ANY PERSON MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Spicer explained the reason for the Public Hearing; he noted the drainage easement was moved in 1993 when the owners re-platted their lots to build an addition on their home; the homeowners are now selling their house and the original drainage easement showed up on the deed, because the city did not officially abandon the original drainage easement when it was moved; this request is basically housekeeping that should've been done in 1993.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if there were any other easements that needed to be abandoned. Mayor Spicer replied no.

PRESENTATION:

1. PRESENTATION FROM COREY BOSTICK WITH USW REGARDING THE STATUS CONDITION OF THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM.

Corey Bostick with USW (the city's new contracting company for water and wastewater services) said USW did an evaluation of all of the city's water and wastewater facilities; he attended the meeting to report the results of their investigations; his report also included suggested repairs and/or replacement of equipment.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 - a. WORKSHOP MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2020
 - b. REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2020

No edits and/or corrections were mentioned.

2. DISCUSS ORDERING THE CANCELLATION OF THE MAY 2, 2020 CITY OFFICER'S GENERAL ELECTION BY ACCEPTING A CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FROM THE CITY SECRETARY.

(DISCUTIR ORDENANDO LA CANCELACIÓN DE LAS ELECCIONES GENERALES DEL 2 DE MAYO DE 2020 CIUDAD OFICIAL ACEPTANDO UNA CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS SIN OPOSICIÓN DE LA SECRETARIA DE LA CIUDAD.)

Mayor Spicer noted the City Secretary certified that all candidates were unopposed. No further discussion.

3. DISCUSS APPROVING THE QUOTE FROM AMERICAN PARKS COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,681, FUNDING FROM 50035 RESERVE PARK FUND AND 50050 RESERVE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUND.

City Administrator Hutchison recommended approval of the quote from American Parks Company, a vendor found on the Texas Buyboard Local Government Purchasing Cooperative website; he provided a brief explanation of the Pirate themed playground equipment being proposed; he also noted that it was made of recycle plastic.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the park equipment had a warranty.

City Administrator Hutchison replied that he believes it might have a 1 year warranty and a longer warranty for certain parts.

4. DISCUSS APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE VEHICLE PATROL UNIT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,500, FUNDING FROM THE TML INSURANCE CLAIM SETTLEMENT AND 50026 RESERVE POLICE VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT FUND.

Police Chief Heiman explained the purchasing options for replacing the vehicle damaged in the auto accident involving Officer Ornelas.

5. DISCUSS APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 76-12 PROHIBITING UNREASONABLY LOUD, DISTURBING OR UNNECESSARY NOISE OR NOISE DETRIMENTAL TO HEALTH.

Police Chief Heiman explained the proposed ordinance; he noted that if Council approves the ordinance the city would need to purchase sound level meters for Police Officers to have when they report to a noise nuisance complaint.

6. DISCUSS APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, ABANDONING THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT 10 FEET IN WIDTH CENTERED ALONG THE COMMON LINE OF LOT 87 AND LOT 88 OF JAMAICA BEACH, SECTION 23, A SUBDIVISION IN GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AS REFLECTED BY THE RECORDED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Mayor Spicer noted this item was discussed during the Public Hearing. No further discussion.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, ABANDONING THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT 10 FEET IN WIDTH CENTERED ALONG THE COMMON LINE OF LOT 87 AND LOT 88 OF JAMAICA BEACH, SECTION 23, A SUBDIVISION IN GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AS REFLECTED BY THE RECORDED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve the above captioned ordinance. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved. Creating Ordinance 2020-1.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported on the following: will be meeting with Galveston County in March to discuss finding of the preliminary engineering work performed on the streets listed in the Street Improvement Project; update on the Erosion Response Plan; he met with the City Engineer to discuss recommendations for pump replacement options and the replacement of piping and valves at the liftstations; he noted the beach is ready for Spring Break, signage has been installed and all waste containers have been relocated to the beach; reminder about Council approving an ordinance barring people from leaving personal property on public beach between the hours of sunset to sunrise, JBPD will be enforcing the city ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer reported that golf carts would no longer be allowed to drive on the pedestrian side of the beach, unless the golf cart had a handicap plaque displayed per the General Land Office.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Green and Alderman Rizzo – No Reports

Alderman Kurtz reported that she was pleased about the city purchasing new playground equipment.

Alderman Morris reported that he is looking forward to the discussion about parking on the beach at a future Council Meeting.

Alderman Rupertus reported his attendance at the JBFVD Meeting; he mentioned that Kroger and Amazon will give the JBVFD a portion of the purchases from residents that link their Kroger and Amazon cards to JBVFD; he thanked the STR Committee; he spoke about the parking issue at the Marina; wipes clogging the pumps at the liftstations; Spring Break coming up; last day to vote; congratulated Clay Morris on his marriage.

POLICE REPORT – No Report

FIRE REPORT – Absent, No Report

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.