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CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

MAY 18, 2015
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

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

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmembers were present:

Mayor Steve Spicer

MPT Gene Montgomery

Alderman Brad South (stepped down after Newly Elected City Officers were sworn in)

Alderman Sherwood Green

Alderman Mary Morse (stepped down after Newly Elected City Officers were sworn in)

Alderman Russell Rupertus

Alderman Terry Hudson (took his seat after he was sworn in)

The following Councilmember was absent:

Alderman Rosemary Lindley (unopposed candidate, not sworn in)

The following Staff was present:

City Administrator Brick

City Secretary Rushing

Police Chief Art Chapa

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
 - a. WORKSHOP MEETING – MARCH 2, 2015
 - b. SPECIAL WORKSHOP & REGULAR CALLED MEETING – MARCH 16, 2015
 - c. SPECIAL WORKSHOP & REGULAR CALLED MEETING – APRIL 20, 2015

Alderman South motioned to approve the above listed minutes. Second by Alderman Morse. Motion unanimously approved.

2. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor Spicer presented Alderman Brad South with a Certificate of Recognition for his 6 years of service on the City Council and Alderman Mary Morse was also presented with a Certificate of Recognition for her 10 years of service on the City Council. Brad South and Mary Morse thanked everyone for allowing them to serve on Council. Jamaica Beach Municipal Court Judge J. J. Brown administered the Oath of Office to Steve Spicer and Terry Hudson who were both Unopposed Candidates during the May 9, 2015 General Election. Mayor Spicer and Alderman Hudson took their seats.

3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Mayor Spicer said Gene Montgomery was doing a good job as Mayor Pro-Tem; he asked Council if they had any other recommendation. No other recommendations were mentioned. Alderman Green motioned to appoint Gene Montgomery as Mayor Pro-Tem. Second by Alderman Hudson. Motion unanimously approved by those present.

4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPOINTING CITY CHECK SIGNERS.

City Secretary Rushing noted the current city check signers were John Brick, herself, Sherwood Green, Gene Montgomery and Mary Morse; she asked Council to appoint a check signer to replace Mary Morse. Alderman Green motioned to appoint Russell Rupertus as an additional check signer to replace Mary Morse. Second by Alderman Hudson. Motion unanimously approved by those present.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION INSTALLING GOLF CART SIGNS IN JAMAICA BEACH.

City Administrator Brick provided a picture of a proposed golf cart sign that read "Licensed Golf Cart Drivers Only It's the Law" to Council; he said 12 signs would cost approximately \$1,100.00; he noted signs were \$54.00 each, brackets: \$144.00 each, labor: \$300.00. Council discussed the agenda item then Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Jeanne Hudson, 16614 Jamaica Cove, suggest rephrasing the wording to Golf Cart License Drivers Only.

Gordon Morse, 16615 John Davis, suggest replacing "it's the law" with the actual penal code.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, spoke in favor of the signs; she thinks they are a good idea.

Joe Corbitt, 16626 Francis Drake, offered to allow his company to install the signs for free.

Alderman Green motioned to approve the purchase and installation of golf cart signs in Jamaica Beach. Second by MPT Montgomery. Motion unanimously approved by those present.

CITIZENS INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON MAY 18, 2015.)

Terry Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, attended the meeting on behalf of JBIC; she said JBIC was against the planned City Park Parking Lot; she noted their concerns and alternative suggestions.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick provided a status update on the City Hall Parking Lot; he reported the City Pool opened this past weekend and collected \$1,525.00 on Day and Season Passes; he noted the Swimming Pool will be open on weekends only until June 5th then it will open every day except Tuesdays.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Dance on Saturday, May 23rd from 6pm-11pm.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Rupertus also mentioned the Memorial Day Dance and noted the Park Board was still in need of volunteers.

MPT Montgomery, Alderman Green and Alderman Hudson – No Reports

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Chapa reported the beach has been busy; PD receives lots of calls; he said there has been complaints of beachgoers peeing in public, but unless an Officer witnesses it, they cannot do anything; he suggest the city put Port-O-Lets on the beach.

ADJOURN

Mayor Spicer said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Green motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by MPT Montgomery. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.