



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2019
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO 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
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Hutchison
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Heiman*

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

No requests to address Council.

PRESENTATION:

1. EPILEPSY AWARENESS PRESENTATION BY 18-YEAR-OLD, TRYSTEN PEARSON, AND 14-YEAR-OLD, CANNON KING.
Trysten Pearson attended the meeting to conduct a presentation concerning Epilepsy. (Cannon King was unable to attend)
2. PROCLAMATION FOR NEAM – NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH IN NOVEMBER.
City Administrator Hutchison presented a Proclamation declaring November as National Epilepsy Awareness Month to Trysten Pearson.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 - a. WORKSHOP MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2019
 - b. REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2019

Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve the above listed Minutes. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved.

2. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY WITH THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL.**

Alderman Rizzo motioned to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Water Supply with the City of Galveston, Texas and the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, designating the City Administrator as the Authorizing Official. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved.

3. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR RFP 2019-6: BANKING DEPOSITORY SERVICES, DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**

Alderman Rupertus motioned to award the Bid for RFP 2019-6: Banking Depository Services to Texas First Bank, designating the City Administrator as the Contracting Officer. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved.

4. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR RFQ 2019-7.1: OPERATION & MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM, DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**

Alderman Kurtz motioned to award the Bid for RFQ 2019-7.1: Operation & Management of Municipal Water and Wastewater System to USW, designating the City Administrator as the Contracting Officer. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved.

5. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION SELECTING CANDIDATE(S) FROM THE 2020-2021 GALVESTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT AND APPROVING A RESOLUTION CASTING THE CITY'S 5 VOTES IN SAID ELECTION.**

MPT Green motioned to approve a Resolution casting the city's 5 votes to candidate Tom Farmer in the 2020-2021 Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors Election. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Council briefly discussed selecting Bruce Clawson as another candidate. MPT Green amended his motion to approve a Resolution casting 3 of the city's votes to candidate Tom Farmer and 2 of the city's votes to candidate Bruce Clawson in the 2020-2021 Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors Election. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion to approve a Resolution casting 3 of the city's votes to candidate Tom Farmer and 2 of the city's votes to candidate Bruce Clawson in the 2020-2021 Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors Election was unanimously approved.

6. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS TO ADOPT THE 2018 SERIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES: INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE WITH EXCEPTION TO SECTION R313 AND SECTION R309.5, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE; AND THE 2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE WITH AN AMENDMENT TO STATE THE SMALLEST WIRE SIZE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE IS TO BE 12 GAUGE, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS, EXCEPTIONS AND SPECIAL JAMAICA BEACH REQUIREMENTS, RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES.**

Alderman Kurtz motioned to approve the above stated Ordinance. Second by MPT Green. Motion unanimously approved. Creating Ordinance 2019-8.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 551.074, "PERSONNEL MATTERS" TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT OR DUTIES OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; TO HEAR A COMPLAINT AGAINST OR A CHARGE AGAINST AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (POLICE CHIEF BRAD HEIMAN).**

Mayor Spicer read above caption before Council convened in Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

2. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:09 p.m. Mayor Spicer noted no action was taken during Executive Session.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported that he will be working on the following: various water & sewer rates and building permit fees to present to Council in December; discuss and finalize the contract agreement with USW.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer reported there was a large attendance at Officer Ornelas' benefit.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Green, Alderman Kurtz & Alderman Rizzo – No Reports

Alderman Rupertus reported on the following: discussions with TXDOT regarding the drainage issues; he and Alderman Morris attended the Houston-Galveston Area Council meeting; overcrowding issues at city's boat ramp.

Alderman Morris reported his attendance at Officer Ornelas' benefit; he thanked his dad for being his best friend and for being an overall great person.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Heiman reported Officer Ornelas' benefit was a success; noting the benefit raised almost \$23,000; he thanked the community for their support and gave a special acknowledgment to the JBVFD; he also provided an update on Officer Ornelas' recovery.

FIRE REPORT – Absent, No Report

ADJOURN

Mayor Spicer said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Rupertus motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by MPT Green. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.