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CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 7, 2020

The City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas held a regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020, at City Hall, 16628 San Luis Pass Road, Jamaica Beach, Texas. Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting in person or by video or audio conference.

Present:	Mayor:	Steve Spicer
	Aldermen:	Sherwood Green
		Russell Rupertus
		Clay Morris
		Terry Rizzo-via teleconference
		Marci Kurtz-Hoffman
	City Administrator:	Sean Hutchison
	City Secretary:	Crystal R. Dozier
	Police Chief:	Brad Heiman

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance to U.S. and Texas flag led by Mayor Spicer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the Workshop on November 2, 2020.

A motion was made by Alderman Rupertus to approve the minutes from the Workshop on November 2, 2020 and Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to appoint Crystal Dozier as City Secretary.

A motion was made by Alderman Morris to appoint Crystal Dozier as City Secretary and Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the employee incentive checks, funding from the budgeted salary accounts.

A motion was made by Alderman Green to approve the employee incentive checks, funding from the budgeted salary accounts and Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS TO THE 2020 ELECTRICAL CODE WITH 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 ELECTRICAL INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID ELECTRICAL CODE.

A motion was made by Alderman Morris to APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS TO THE 2020 ELECTRICAL CODE WITH 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 ELECTRICAL INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID ELECTRICAL CODE. Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve an engineering agreement between the City of Jamaica Beach and John D. Mercer & Associates for professional services for the 2021 Water Line Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$58,810.00, funding from 20005 Main Water Line expenses and 30022 Water Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by Alderman Green to approve an engineering agreement between the City of Jamaica Beach and John D. Mercer & Associates for professional services for the 2021 Water Line Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$58,810.00, funding from 20005 Main Water Line expenses and 30022 Water Reserve Fund. Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve an engineering agreement between the City of Jamaica Beach and John D. Mercer & Associates for professional services for the 2022 Water Line Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$42,622.00, funding from 20005 Main Water Line expenses and 30022 Water Reserve Fund.

A motion was made Alderman Rupertus to approve an engineering agreement between the City of Jamaica Beach and John D. Mercer & Associates for professional services for the 2022 Water Line Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$42,622.00, funding from 20005 Main Water Line expenses and 30022 Water Reserve Fund. Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve an engineering agreement between the City of Jamaica Beach and John D. Mercer & Associates for professional services for the Blackbeard Lift Station Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$18,060.00, funding from 25007 Sewer Reserve Fund.

A motion was made Alderman Hoffman to approve an engineering agreement between the City of Jamaica Beach and John D. Mercer & Associates for professional services for the Blackbeard Lift Station Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$18,060.00, funding from 25007 Sewer Reserve Fund. Alderman Green seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Sean Hutchinson, City Administrator gave a brief summary of his report. He thanked the Mayor, City Council and Staff for the opportunity to work for the City of Jamaica Beach.

MAYOR

Requested the incentive checks be prepared and ready for distribution as the City Christmas Dinner.

ALDERMEN

Alderman Hoffman report on an application to Bird City Texas. The City of Jamaica Beach will be encompassed with City of Galveston. The City's Christmas festivities held over the weekend were a success. Alderman Hoffman thanked everyone for their contribution. One of the turtle sculptures will be installed at City Hall on Saturday, December 12th.

POLICE

Brad Heiman, Police Chief reports the delivery of the rubber mulch on Wednesday, December 9th.

FIRE

No report given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION It is anticipated that all, or a portion of the discussion of the following items, if any, will be conducted in closed executive session under authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act. However, no action will be taken on these items until the City Council reconvenes in open session.

At: 6:15 p.m. the Mayor announced that the City Council was recessing into closed executive session under the personnel matters.

a. For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer (§551.074 Personnel Matters).

RECONVENE At 6:29 p.m. reconvened into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session. The City Council reconvened in open session.

Alderman Morris made a motion to appoint Police Chief, Brad Heiman as Interim City Administrator with a salary adjustment of \$10,000 and to appoint Lieutenant John Aucoin as Interim Police Chief with a \$5,000 salary adjustment with a council review in June of 2021. Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Morris to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

These minutes were approved on the 4th day of January, 2021.

