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**CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 1, 2013**  
**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**

*Alderman Mary Morse led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.*

**ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN**

*The following Councilmember's were present:*

*Mayor Victor Pierson  
MPT Eddie Burke  
Alderman Brad South  
Alderman Sandy Denby  
Alderman Mary Morse  
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Brick  
City Secretary Rushing  
Interim Police Chief Sedgwick*

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

- 1. DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE 96-5, SECTION 14-400: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS BY AMENDING 14-401: ORGANIZATION.**  
*City Administrator Brick explained the amendment recommended by the City Attorney Steve Schultz; he said the amendment is to appoint Council as the Board of Adjustment; he said the Board of Adjustments would make the final decisions brought before Planning & Zoning.  
Mayor Pierson clarified the process by saying when an item is brought to Planning & Zoning and the owner is not satisfied or doesn't agree with the decision they can request the item be brought before the Board of Adjustments, which will then make a final decision. No further discussion.*
- 2. DISCUSS AMENDING ORDINANCE 77-5, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDED PROVISIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A JUDGE, ALTERNATE JUDGE, AND COURT CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE AND COMPENSATION OF EACH.**  
*City Administrator Brick said the original ordinance was adopted in 1977, which appointed Judge Foster; the amendment is to bring the ordinance up to date.  
Mayor Pierson opened the item for discussion:  
Steve Spicer, 16614 Jamaica Inn, comment that Judge Foster was paid \$1.00 a year.  
Mayor Pierson replied he was a great volunteer. No further discussion.*
- 3. DISCUSS APPOINTING J. BROWN AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, ROBERT BASTIEN AS MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR AND JAN WAGNER AS MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH.**  
*City Administrator Brick said they are the individuals currently in those positions; the appointment is to make it official after adopting the amended ordinance. No further discussion.*
- 4. DISCUSS COUNCIL TO ADVISE CITY STAFF TO FILE SUIT ON DANGEROUS BUILDING LOCATED AT 16715 TAHITI WAY.**  
*Mayor Pierson said this is the last property on the damage house list; he explained the complications the City Attorney is enduring with this property trying to determine the owner; he said records show a corporation as the owner of the property, but the owner of the corporation is deceased; to further the complications the property also had a contract of*

sale on it; Mayor Pierson said the City Attorney should have things sorted in about 6 months and be able to place a lien on the property.

City Administrator Brick added the city would be placing a lien on the property to recover our legal fees.

**5. DISCUSS APPROVING BEACH RAKING CONTRACT WITH BEACHSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL.**

City Administrator Brick said Beachside Environmental is the same guys that rake the beaches last year; he just changed his company name.

Mayor Pierson inquired about the different contract rates.

City Administrator Brick replied the contractor provided a seasonal rate and also a monthly rate per rake.

Mayor Pierson asked City Administrator Brick for his recommendation.

City Administrator Brick recommended the seasonal rate, which would be around 5 rakes.

Mayor Pierson said the seasonal rate is \$9,800 than mentioned the cost is budgeted; he said he was really impressed with the equipment used last year.

Alderman Montgomery said he preferred not to have the beach raked at all, but if it's going to be done then this is okay.

Alderman Denby clarified the equipment doesn't remove any sand; it just cleans up the beach. No further discussion.

**6. DISCUSS APPROVING WATER RATE STUDY BY LJA ENGINEERING, INC.**

City Administrator Brick said we know how much it cost to purchase water from the City of Galveston, but we really don't know if we are making or losing money, so we would like to have an outside company do a water loss/rate study to give us an idea of what we should charge for our water and sewer rates; he mentioned LJA as doing work for the city in the past they are the company that did the engineering for the WWTP.

Mayor Pierson said the cost of the study is \$5,000, which is resemble; he thinks the results of the study would be interesting; he mentioned the city is fortunate to not be in debt for our municipal services, which might give the opportunity to possibly lower rates; he also noted the city wanting to switch to electronic water meters would be another factor in the study. No further discussion.

**7. DISCUSS A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.**

City Administrator Brick said the Resolution to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month is part of a requirement to receive funds from the CDBG phase 2.

Mayor Pierson reminded Council the city received around \$218,000 from the CDBG; he said fair housing is a good thing. No further discussion.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON APRIL 1, 2013.)

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, presented pictures of the benches and landscaping the Jamaica Janes installed at the "fishing park".

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator Brick reported the bids for the electronic water meters are due on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pierson said this may be possibly his last Council meeting to conduct; he said it has been a great 14 years on Council; mentioned his goal while on Council was the lowering of the tax rate and he was able to accomplish that until Hurricane Ike hit than the city had to go through a recovery phase; the other thing that he worked hard on was to get our dune project, which is \$2,181,000, 90% funded by FEMA; he said hopefully the dune project would be started in October after turtle season; he encouraged Council to attend the May 8<sup>th</sup> Mayor's and Councilmember's meeting hosted by Tiki Island.

**ALDERMEN REPORTS**

Alderman Morse said the Easter Egg Hunt turned out wonderful; they had 3,000 eggs, but it took only 4 minutes before they were all picked up; announced the Memorial Day Dance will be May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Montgomery said the Pool Committee is waiting on the site plan from the Engineer.

Alderman Denby reminded everyone the Annual Clean-up and Garage Sale is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman South – No Report

MPT Burke acknowledged and thanked Mayor Victor Pierson for his hard work and dedication to the city.

**POLICE REPORT**

Interim Police Chief Sedgwick reported a save Spring Break; he provided an update on Andy, he said he was getting out of the hospital tomorrow, he did have some blockage, but he was getting a shunt so he would be able to eat soft food; he acknowledged Andy as being a great man and thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for Andy's recovery.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



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## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2013  
6:00 P.M. (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP MEETING)

### CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.*

### ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

*The following Councilmember's were present:*

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MPT Eddie Burke  
Alderman Brad South  
Alderman Sandy Denby  
Alderman Mary Morse  
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

*The following staff was present:*

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### CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

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*No requests to address Council.*

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE 96-5, SECTION 14-400: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS BY AMENDING 14-401: ORGANIZATION.**  
*Alderman Denby motioned to amend Zoning Ordinance 96-5, Section 14-400: Board of Adjustments by amending 14-401: Organization by adopting Ordinance 2013-3. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.*
2. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AMENDING ORDINANCE 77-5, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDED PROVISIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A JUDGE, ALTERNATE JUDGE, AND COURT CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE AND COMPENSATION OF EACH.**  
*Alderman Morse motioned to amend Ordinance 77-5, An Ordinance adopting amended provisions for the Appointment of a Judge, Alternate Judge, and Court Clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Jamaica Beach; and providing for the term of office and compensation of each by adopting Ordinance 2013-4. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.*
3. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPOINTING J. BROWN AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, ROBERT BASTIEN AS MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR AND JAN WAGNER AS MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH.**  
*MPT Burke motioned to appoint J. Brown as Municipal Court Judge, Robert Bastien as Municipal Court Prosecutor and Jan Wagner as Municipal Court Clerk for the City of Jamaica Beach. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.*
4. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION COUNCIL TO ADVISE CITY STAFF TO FILE SUIT ON DANGEROUS BUILDING LOCATED AT 16715 TAHITI WAY.**  
*Alderman Montgomery motioned to authorize city staff to file suit on the property owner of 16715 Tahiti Way. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved.*
5. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING BEACH RAKING CONTRACT WITH BEACHSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL.**

*Alderman South motioned to approve the beach raking contract for \$9,800 with Beachside Environmental. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved.*

**6. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING WATER RATE STUDY BY LJA ENGINEERING, INC.**

*Alderman Denby motioned to approve paying LJA Engineering, Inc. \$5,000 to conduct a water rate study. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.*

**7. CONSIDER FOR ACTION A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.**

*Alderman South motioned to approve a Resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.*

**ADJOURN**

*Mayor Pierson said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. MPT Burke motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.*