

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
PUBLISHED SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING BODY'S REVIEW AND REVISION

A regular meeting of the Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Walter Losinski on January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order was City Council Henry Gerving, Mark Benes, Jeanne Larson, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Engineer Kenzie Robertson, guests Janie Rathbun, Robin Jandt, Tom Marman, Lea Farstveet and Loni Thilmony.

Gaugler request an Application for Raffle be added to New Business and Beach Park Board be added to Public Participation. Larson request Discussion on Resolution 2018-09 be added to New Business.

Minutes of the meeting on January 2, 2018 were read. Benes moved to approve, second by Gerving. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

Janie Rathbun and Robin Jandt, representing the Beach Park Board provided information regarding the Pool Sales Tax collections as well as expenses of operating the pool for the past six years. Sales tax collections have continued to decline since 2014. In 2017, the Park Board received 29,996.71 in sales tax collections. Each year it costs approximately \$40,000 to operate the swimming pool. Discussion. An option presented was to change the Home Rule Charter to increase the sales tax from 1% to 1.5%. Based on current taxable sales, this would provide the \$40,000 necessary to operate the pool each year and provide additional funds for the city to use on aging infrastructure. Discussion. Larson moved for the City Auditor to draft a resolution referring to the qualified voters the question of increasing the sales tax from 1% to 1.5%, to be voted on June 12, 2018, second by Benes. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Report:

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Gaugler reviewed the financial statement for the month of December. Benes moved to approve the financial statement, second by Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Report:

Sheriff Report:

The Sheriff's Report for the month of December consisting of 19 calls, 4 citations and 2 written warnings was reviewed.

Engineer Report:

Robertson reported the City is eligible for up to a 45% grant through USDA on the Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement Project. However, there would be additional reporting required by USDA which in turn would increase the engineering contract cost.

New Business:

The Special Assessment Committee of Tom Marman, Lea Farstveet and Loni Thilmony provided information regarding the proposed assessments on the Street Improvement District No. 2016-02. A Public Hearing will be set in the near future.

An Application for Raffle submitted by Beach Buccaneer Booster Club was reviewed. Gerving moved to approve, second by Benes. Motion carried unanimously.

Larson request the Council reconsider amounts set in Resolution 2018-09 - Salaries of Hired and Appointed Officials. Mayor Losinski suggested tabling discussion on employee salaries until the full Council is present.

Lea Farstveet recommended creating an awareness campaign on benefits of shopping local and the proposed increase to the City Sales Tax that will be voted on in June.

No other business was brought forward. Gerving moved to adjourn, second by Benes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor