



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

16628 San Luis Pass Road  
5264 Jamaica Beach  
Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554  
Office (409) 737-1142 / Fax (409) 737-5211  
www.ci.jamaicabeach.tx.us



---

## CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 4, 2021

The City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas held a regular meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021, 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 Pro Tem:	Sherwood Green
	Aldermen:	Russell Rupertus
		Clay Morris
		Terry Rizzo
		Marci Kurtz-Hoffman
	Interim City Administrator:	Brad Heiman
	City Secretary:	Crystal R. Dozier
	Interim Police Chief:	John Aucoin
	Fire Chief:	Kyle Baden

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance to U.S. and Texas flag led by Alderman Rupertus.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input from the public, either oral or written, regarding re-plat of lots ninety-five (95) and ninety-six (96) of Jamaica Beach Section 23 into one lot being lot (r96) of Jamaica Beach Section 23 commonly known as 16704 Cormorant Road.

**The citizens were given an opportunity to address the City Council on the subject of the re-plat for 16704 Cormorant Road. The hearing was none. The public hearing was then closed and the Council proceeded with other business.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Don Johnson at 810 Myrtlewood Drive, Friendswood spoke before the Council regarding the appointments to the Subsidence District.

Ginger Jones 16612 Curlew spoke before the Council regarding the regulations of golf carts.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meetings on November 16, 2020 and December 7, 2020.

**A motion was made by Alderman Rizzo to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meetings on November 16, 2020 and December 7, 2020. Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve a re-plat of lots ninety-five (95) and ninety six (96) of Jamaica Beach Section 23 into one lot being lot (r96) of Jamaica Beach Section 23 commonly known as 16704 Cormorant Road.

**A motion was made by Alderman Rupertus to approve a re-plat of lots ninety-five (95) and ninety six (96) of Jamaica Beach Section 23 into one lot being lot (r96) of Jamaica Beach Section 23 commonly known as 16704 Cormorant Road. Alderman Rizzo seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

2. Discussion and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ADOPTED GOLF CART AND OTHER SLOW MOVING VEHICLE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES AS STATED IN THE STATE OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH REQUIREMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Alderman Rupertus to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ADOPTED GOLF CART AND OTHER SLOW MOVING VEHICLE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES AS STATED IN THE STATE OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH REQUIREMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

3. Discussion and possible action to consider a Beach Access Vehicle Control Plan.

**A motion was made by Alderman Morris to approve a Beach Access Vehicle Control Plan and Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

4. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate to the vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**A motion was made by Alderman Morris to move this item to executive session to interview and discuss the candidates and Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

**At: 6:46 p.m. the Mayor Pro Tem announced that the City Council was recessing into closed executive session under the personnel matters.**

**RECONVENE** At 7:07 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 Rizzo made a motion to appoint Sandy Joseph as a Regular Planning and Zoning Commissioner and Joe Kapelewski as an Alternate Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

## REPORTS

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Brad Heiman, Interim City Administrator gave a brief update on the great job city staff has been doing during the transition.

### MAYOR

No report given.

### ALDERMEN

Alderman Hoffman reported on meeting with the City Administrator regarding the parks and budget improvements. She also would like to construct a plan for volunteers.

Aldermen Rupretus and Morris both reported their concern with the drainage on San Luis Pass. They are also concerned about code compliance regarding residents' property maintenance. Alderman Rupertus requested the Marina Permit ordinance be placed on the next agenda.

Alderman Rizzo attended the JBIC November meeting. She stated Susan Johnson, Administrative Assistant with JBIC has retired.

### POLICE

No report given.

### FIRE

Chief Kyle Baden presented the Annual Fire Report. During the year, JBVFD responded to 264 calls for service with 71 of those being Mutual Aid or Automatic Aid given. At a high level, 26 calls were fires, 167 calls were Rescue or Emergency Medical Service, 27 calls were for a hazardous condition with no fire, 13 calls were good intent or false alarms, and 30 calls were service calls.

This is an increase over 2019 of 25 calls (a 10% increase). May (42 calls) and September (29 calls) were our busiest months, with June, July and August (27 calls each month) a close second.

For Incidents and training, volunteers contributed a total of over 1000 hours this year.

In 2020, they were able to replace the 20 year old pump on our Brush truck with a new pump motor. They also were able to have a complete overhaul performed on SeaLegs, our amphibious rescue boat. This is in addition to routine maintenance performed on all of our vehicles.

In 2021, JBVFD has plans to apply for grants to obtain a 12-lead EKG monitor and Automated Chest Compression device to enhance our ability to respond to Cardiac events (approx.. \$50,000). In the same timeframe, they are also planning to apply to the Texas Forest Service HB2604 program to replace our aging Thermal Imaging Cameras (approx.. \$20,000). We are also looking at grant opportunities to replace our aging pumper, Engine 2, which is a 1997 vehicle.

**ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made by Alderman Rupertus and seconded by Alderman Morris to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

These minutes were approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

