

Regular Council Meeting  
January 11, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of January 11, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Earl King, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, and Jean Arrant were present. Also present: Attorney Clayton Adkinson and City Clerk Diane Riley.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilwoman McLean motioned to approve the minutes of the RCM on 11/18 and 12/14/04. Councilman Helton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Paul Miller of WFRPC requested approval of a development order for the Brannon Office building, pending final engineer's technical review. Councilman King motioned to approve the development order pending engineer's review. Councilman Helton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0. Paul requested another approval of a development order for the Mannon warehouse located within the W.C. Industrial park, also pending the technical review. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the development order for the Mannon warehouse, pending final review from the engineer. Councilman Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0. Paul Miller read the prepared large scale amendment for the Council to approve for a second reading and transmittal to DCA. Mr. Jerry Griffith requested that his letter be shown in the records of his plea to the Council not to approve the amendment with certain set backs the developer has proposed. The first reading of a proposed ordinance to amend the text of the land development code was done by Paul Miller. Councilman King motioned accepted the proposed ordinance as read and to advertise for the second reading and adoption of the ordinance on 1/27/05.

The engineer's report was submitted in writing and reviewed by the Council. Councilman Helton motioned to advertise for bids on the construction of the Bay Loop sewer lines and open bids on 2/18/05 at 2pm at the City Hall. Councilman Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0. No other comments were made.

Attorney Adkinson performed the first reading of the proposed ordinance to amend the mayor's term duration. Councilwoman McLean motioned to accept the proposed ordinance, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Arrant, it carried, 5-0. He then performed the first reading of a proposed ordinance to amend the council member's term duration. Councilman Helton motioned to accept the proposed ordinance, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Jackson, the motion carried, 5-0. Advertisement for the final reading and adoption was set for 2/8/05 council meeting. Adkinson did the first reading for annexation of the Robert Tullis property located on Old Jolly Bay Road. Councilwoman McLean motioned to advertise for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the annexation and adoption on 2/8/05. Councilman Helton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0. Councilman Jackson motioned to adopt Resolution 05-02, giving the Fire Department the power to assess an impact fee on new residential and commercial buildings. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

New Business:

Councilwoman Arrant motioned a adopt Resolution 05-03, in regards to not supporting the state in relocating the Department of HRS to Fort Walton Beach. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The Council reviewed the applications for the planner position and slated an interview with the only applicant that was qualified for 1/27/05 regular council meeting.

Councilwoman McLean motioned change the temporary employment status of Bridgett Hilgenberg to permanent in the sewer department. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Walton County code enforcement submitted their findings on a complaint involving Dwight Brannon's property located on Garrett Lane. Councilman King motioned to proceed with the process of the violation. Councilman Helton, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to add to the agenda, the ranking of the architect/engineer firms, to do the construction on the new City Hall. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0. Clerk Riley gave the Council members the tally sheet. Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the ranking and invite the top rank firm, CDG to join the meeting. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman King, it carried, 5-0. Representative Steve Thomas, Walter McKee and Chuck Jones addressed the Council. Councilman King motioned for CDG to start a concept plan design on the new building and have it ready on 2/8/05 for the regular council meeting. Councilwoman McLean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to adopt proposed Resolution 05-01, asking Walton County to assist the City financially in taking sewer to the Bay area. Councilman Helton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Council accepted a proclamation declaring Jan. 23-29 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week.

Randy Simmons nor Patricia Lavender were present to address the Council.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills that were in order. Councilman Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Other Business:

Earl Garner with Child Safety Shelters, Inc. addressed the Council and asked their permission to construct school bus shelters within the City limits. After discussion the Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve 4 shelters to be located within the City. Any further shelters would have to become before the Council. Councilman King 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Judy Marse addressed the Council by asking for their assistance in having the noise ordinance softened for the Relay for Life event in April. Last year several residents around the football field complained to the sheriff's department about the noise. Council will consider the request.

Fire Chief Ray Sullivan invited the Council to a pancake breakfast at the Fire Station on President's Day (2/19/05) from 7-10 am.

Citizen Rob Harrington made a plea to the Council and audience in objection to the football players at Freeport and South Walton playing games against Walton High School.

With no other business, Councilman Jackson motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Diane Riley, City Clerk

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Janice McLean, President of Council