

**Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2010**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple, City Planner Latilda Henninger, and Utility Billing Clerk Al Wilson.

Mr. Tom Conley presented Mayor Marse a "return of premium" insurance check in the amount of \$17,910.00 on behalf of the Florida League of Cities.

II. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of December 8, 2009 as written, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve Ms. Henninger working with Shane Supple and Aaron Warren to complete a grant application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the purpose of finding alternative power solutions for the ball park lights at the Freeport Sports Complex, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Ms. Henninger requested approval to register for the FEMA Flood Plain Manager Association and initial course in March. After short discussion, Councilman King motioned to table the request, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Legal Matters

A. 1st reading annexation ordinance – Owl's Head

Councilman King motioned to approve 1st reading of the proposed ordinance for the annexation of Owl's Head property (small piece, old DOT right of way) and advertise for adoption, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

B. Resolution adoption/addition of pulled meter fee

Councilman King motioned to approve the proposed resolution as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Resolution #2010 – 01 was adopted.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait presented his monthly call report. He thanked the Mayor, City Council and staff for the assistance with the Christmas holidays.

Mayor Marse asked about the status of the fire hydrant maintenance – Chief stated that it had been too cold to paint. Mayor Marse directed staff to continue testing the hydrants and marking the road and they could return to paint them at a later date.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

No report was given.

Mayor Marse updated council that the Eglin easement process was still ongoing.

III. Old Business

1. Community center rental fee waiver requests

Councilman King motioned to waive the rental fees of the community center for Emerald Coast Hospice for 2010 for public service classes, Councilman Martin seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Attorney Adkinson directed Al Wilson to have Clerk Haynes pull the resolution concerning rental fees for revision.

2. Proposed Lift Station rehabilitations

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the replacement of four lift stations – LS #3 (North Jackson), LS #12 (Jimmy's), LS #2 (Four Mile Rd) and LS #19 (Four Mile Bridge) using collected impact fees, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

IV. New Business

1. Approval request/receive price quotes, street paving

Councilman Martin motioned to approve receiving price quotes for the paving of Hummingbird, Canary, Saddlewood and Southwood Circle, Councilman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Martin motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse updated council that the Economic Development Council will be placing a sign for the Industrial Park. Due to property issues, Mayor Marse advised them to place it lengthwise in the middle of the street entering the Industrial Park.

Mayor Marse requested a council workshop for discussion of holiday pay and retirement benefits. Council agreed to set the workshop for Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

VI. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VII. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President