

Regular Council Meeting
January 27, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of January 27, 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.

No minutes were presented for approval.

Old Business:

Paul Miller of WFRPC was not present. Attorney Adkinson preformed the 2nd reading of the proposed Ordinance #05-01, changing text of the land development code. Councilman Helton motioned to accept the ordinance as read and adoption of Ordinance #05-01. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to transmit the large-scale amendment, submitted by Freeport Residential, to DCA after Attorney Adkinson reviews the development agreement. Councilman Jackson, seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0. Councilwoman Arrant reframed from voting on the transmittal, due to a potential conflict of interest.

The engineer's report was submitted in writing and reviewed by the Council. Councilman King motioned to advertise for bids on move the sewer lines at the intersection of 331 and 20 west. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0. Charles Peters requested a workshop on the upgrade of sewer lines on north 331. A workshop was slated for 2/9/05 at 7pm. There was also talk of having a public hearing on the bay area sewer, no date was selected.

Attorney Adkinson and Council discussed the amount of requests that the City is receiving for annexation. All agreed that the next submittal for annexations must be received by 2/4/05 for it to be presented to the Council on 2/8/05. Suggestions of only having request submitted every 60 to 90 days was made, due to the volume of request.

New Business:

Walton County Administrator Ronnie Bell and County Commissioner Scott Brannon addressed the Council about the City and County continuing to partnership in the best interest of the citizens. They asked for an appointment of a representative to join the Walton Coalition Board. Mayor Marse appointed Councilwoman Jean Arrant to represent Freeport.

Mayor Marse announced that Walton County agreed to assist the City financially in running the sewer to the bay area. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to allow Charles Peters, of PMA to proceed in planning and designing the expansion to the bay. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

After reviewing the offer of placing child safety shelters within the City limits the Council agreed that this was not a good idea and repealed their decision on allowing such placement of these shelters. Paul Miller will be asked to check the sign regulations within the LDC for compliance. Clerk Riley is to notify Earl Garner of their decision.

Latilda Henninger was interviewed by the Council for the planner position with the City. She spoke of her experience and knowledge of the position. After much discussion, Councilwoman McLean motioned to hire Latilda Henninger as the planner, at an annual salary of \$45,000. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

After discussion on naming the road within the W.C. Industrial Park the Council decided to have the children at the Freeport High School submit names. Once a name is submitted, Clerk Riley is to call the Emergency Operation Center office with possible names for an approval. Councilman King motioned to change the name of the W.C. Industrial Park to Freeport Industrial Park North and the industrial park south of the W.C. Industrial Park to Freeport Industrial Park South. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0. County Administrator Ronnie Bell and Commissioner Scott Brannon will take this naming of the parks to the County.

Councilwoman McLean motioned to purchase a clean out sewer line machine for \$19,995 plus delivery charges. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman McLean motioned to purchase an ad in the Walton Chambers of Commerce for 2005. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

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

Other Business:

Jack Rhodes stated he and Kassy Keyes were in the process of getting a meeting scheduled for dignitaries to look at other park and would know soon on the final decisions.

Councilwoman McLean stated that Grit and Grace would be meeting on Saturday at 3pm.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council