

Public Hearing
Propose Zoning Change

Regular Council Meeting
February 10, 2004

Mayor Marse opened the public hearing on a proposed rezoning of property on ST Hwy 20 East. Paul Miller of WFRPC presented a land use review of the property in question. Owner Mr. Franxman requested the property to be rezoned as General Commercial (C-1). Mr. Miller recommended a Residential/Neighborhood Commercial (RC) zoning designation. A neighbor of the property asked if it would reduce his property value. Mr. Miller and Council responded by says the property values of land in Freeport are increasing daily and his values should increase. No further comments or questions were received. Mr. Miller asked permission from the planning board to issue development orders for Freeport Services and Cemex. Mayor Marse closed the hearing at 6:55 pm.

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of February 10, 2004.

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

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

Councilman Brannon motioned to accept the minutes of RCM 1/13/04 and 1/22/04. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, motion carried, 4-0.

Old Business:

Paul Miller stated that the rough draft of the reply to DCA objections on the Comp. Plan amendment will be presented to the Council at the 2/26/04 meeting.

New Business:

Legal council for Freeport 860, LLC, George Ralph Miller, addressed the Council regarding a request to establish a Community Development District. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Brannon motioned to adopt Ordinance 04-01, allowing the establishment of a community development district. Attorney Adkinson read the ordinance by title. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 4-0.

Jim Dowling of Kendrick, David, & Dowling Architects, Inc. presented the Council with finding of the February 3, 2004 pool bid opening. Qualified bidders were, Cox Pools bidding \$165,750, TamTech Pools bidding \$167,500, and AquaMarine bidding \$241,785. After reviewing the bids, Cox Pools is the lowest bidder, and Mr. Dowling is recommending awarding them the contract. TamTech's bid had a second offer, if an item could be eliminated. Attorney Adkinson stated that the bid was the bid and could not be altered with exclusions, so TamTech's bid would have to be the quoted bid. Councilman Brannon motioned to accept the lowest bid by Cox Pools at \$165,750, Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, motion carried, 4-0.

Mayor Marse requested that he be allowed to contact Mike Josey on remodeling the City Hall. Councilman Brannon motioned to allow Mayor Marse to begin negotiations with Mike Josey on remodeling the City Hall. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Helton, motion carried, 4-0.

Councilwoman McLean requested a workshop for the fire department. Workshop was set for February 18, 2004 at 7pm.

James Odom withdrew his agenda request.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Brannon 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Buel Cobb of Owl's Head, asked the Council to write FDOT and request a change in the new 331 bypass road classification. The classification was over looked by FDOT and would not serve the proposed development properly with curb and guttering. Councilman Helton motioned to write FDOT a letter to change the classification, the motion was 2nd by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 4-0.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council