

**Regular Council Meeting
February 10, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin, and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Parks Director Shane Supple, City Planner Latilda Henninger, and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Martin motioned to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 22, 2009 as written, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

Ms. Henninger presented a proposed development, Freeport Yacht Club, located on parcel #23-1S-19-23000-001-0090, consisting of approximately 7.2 acres. The proposed development will consist of a dry docking facility for up to 600 plus boats. The project has received engineering approval on September 15, planning approval was issued on December 18, and fire department was issued on December 29. Applicant has agreed to replace a culvert owned by Carol Wilder at the corner of Robinwood. Norma McCormick had expressed some concerns at the planning board meeting regarding hours of operation and requested additional signage and speed bumps along Robinwood. The planning board recommended approval of the project subject to the replacement of Ms. Wilder's culvert. Mr. Gerald Faglio addressed the Council with concerns of the change to Robinwood with its "country" curve to a dead end street. He intends to continue conversations with Commissioner Comander. He also stated that the initial notice to owners issued by the developer prior to the planning board meeting had been done incorrectly. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the project subject to the replacement of Ms. Wilder's culvert, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Ms. Henninger stated to council that due to economic conditions, council may wish to consider giving developers some relief from the time requirements on a project as established by resolution. No specific request was made at this time.

2. Legal Matters

No legal matters were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Clerk Haynes presented Chief Greenslait's annual fire report for him, including a complete vehicle inventory.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane Supple briefly discussed the following items:

- Was not ready to report on the items listed for him on the agenda

- North FL Baseball Academy hosted a tournament the past weekend – more garbage cans would be desirable before the next big tournament
- Website – FreeportSportsComplex.com is up and running
- Concession stand electrical panel is being worked on

Councilman King requested Shane notify local restaurants prior to large tournaments for planning purposes.

5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Peters updated the Council on the following items:

- Briefly discussed the power charges at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex. The electrical as-built plans are difficult to analyze, will be contacting the initial electrical contractor for clarification.
- Well #7 – 30” surface casing to protect drill hole in place
- Equipment start up at the sewer plant has been continuing – getting the components coordinated and calibrated will continue for a couple weeks

V. Old Business

None was presented.

III. New Business

1. NFWFMD Draft Grant Agreement

Mayor Marse presented a draft grant agreement from Northwest Florida Water Management District for half of the cost of extending the line from Portland to Northbay, up to a maximum cost of \$750,000.00. Current estimates put the extension cost at approximately 1.2 to 1.7 million dollars. The City will have to continue with the archeological survey for the federal easement. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the grant agreement with Northwest Florida Water Management District, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Purchase of folding tables

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve Clerk Haynes to purchase ten folding tables for the Old Post Office/Community Center, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Pay all bills in order

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

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilman Simmons motioned to appoint Mr. Chris Weeks as his planning board representative, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

Mr. Eddie Farris, representing the Walton County Sheriff's Department, addressed the council, stating that he will be the local area Citizen's Services Administrative Lieutenant. He will be the local point of contact for the City as well as the local businesses.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President