

**Regular Council Meeting
February 12, 2008**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of February 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, and Charlie Simmons. Council member Earl King was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, City Engineer Representative Tonny Peters (PMA), and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilwoman Arrant requested a correction of the minutes of the regular council meeting on January 24 to eliminate the word privacy from the phrase “privacy fence” on the last page. Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 01/24/08, with the mentioned correction, the minutes of the Council Workshop of 01/29/08, the Council Workshop of 02/05/08, and the second Council Workshop of 02/05/08, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

1. Planning Issues

City Planner Henninger presented the following items:

Requested approval to perform 1st reading and to advertise for adoption on 03/11/08 an amended ordinance pertaining to the revision of the Future Land Use Map designations on the 160 acre-parcel annexed into the City limits for the development of an economic research and development park. Mr. Bob Apgar, representing Cornerstone, addressed the council with the changes to the ordinance as requested by Florida DOT:

- Insert a provision requiring both parties (developer and City) consent on where the proportionate fair share funds are spent
- Requirement to update the roads capital improvement element each year
- City to actively recruit additional funds for the improvements of the roads
- Specify that improvements to the roads meet DOT design standards

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the 1st reading and to advertise for adoption the proposed ordinance, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0. Ms. Henninger read the proposed ordinance by title.

Ms. Henninger presented an annual report on the Planning and Zoning department, with comparison tables on the activities over the last four years.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson informed the council that the Department of Corrections inmate work crew contract had been worked out. The contract should be returned by mail shortly for execution.

3. Engineer's Report

City Engineer representative Tonny Peters updated the council on the following projects:

- Contractor on the Mallard Creek sewer project has been presented with a punch list of items to correct/complete
- The foundation is to be started on the wastewater re-use tank
- The wastewater treatment plant upgrades project has a pre-construction meeting scheduled for Friday.
- Hammock Bay has requested final inspections on several pods and roads within the development. Also, a final inspection is scheduled for the water and sewer systems within the City park.

Mayor Marse stated that construction has begun on the point, and the practice ballfields at the treatment plant.

IV. Old Business

1. Personnel recommendation – Fire Chief

Mayor Marse informed the council that the rankings of the three applicants for the Fire Chief position have been completed. Of the three applicants: Mr. Bennett Greenslait, Mr. Thomas Jones and Mr. David Russell – Mr. Bennett Greenslait received the most votes to hire. Mayor Marse requested approval to hire Bennett Greenslait. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve hiring Bennett Greenslait for the Fire Chief position, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

2. Personnel recommendation – Water department maintenance

Mayor Marse stated that he and Councilman King had interviewed four applicants for the water department maintenance position: Mr. George Crain, Mr. Brendan Day, Mr. Jim Griggs and Mr. Matthew Withrow. Mayor Marse requested approval to hire Brendan Day. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve hiring Brendan Day for the Water department maintenance position, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

3. Revised proposal – West Florida Regional Planning Council

Mayor Marse presented a revised quote by West Florida Regional Planning Council for the following projects:

- Land Development Code revision – not to exceed \$13,860.00
- Water Supply Planning element – not to exceed \$11,110.00
- EAR-based Comp Plan amendment – not to exceed \$17,160.00
- Capital Improvements Element – not to exceed \$13,310.00

Mayor Marse requested that council approve Mr. Jason Bryan to assist with the Land Development Code revision – to make it more individualized than it may be if West Florida Regional Planning Council wrote it. Since there was no quote from Mr. Bryan for the revision, the proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

V. New Business

1. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse informed council that the US Postal Facilities Service Office has presented a list of possible sites for the new post office. The public is encouraged to submit comments on any of the sites.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President