

Council Workshop  
February 23, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the sewer workshop of February 23, 2005.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Earl King, Jean Arrant and Ray Jackson were present. Council member Mike Helton was absent. Also present: City Clerk Diane Riley.

Councilman King gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Tony Peters of Peters Municipal Associates began the discussion with a handout explaining the current and projected conditions of the sewer system in Freeport. Several areas of concern will impact the sewer system lines within the next few years. The WWTP is adequate at this time to accommodate the existing and approved developments. He stated that future treatment options should start now. The need to secure funding, property, and methods of disposal are major issues facing the City.

Charles Peters handed out a questionnaire for the Council to address some issues involving current items before the City.

1. Degree of financial assistance for existing residents. After a lengthy discussion the Council agreed that the City should not be financing any sewer hookups. The customer will have the availability of loans and or grants from governmental agencies, and the City will ask several banking institutions to assist in the funding for others.
2. Ask the County for impact forgiveness on the Bay Loop sewer expansion. Mayor Marse will talk with the County.
3. A special consideration for City residents. None.
4. A monthly surcharge for the low pressure sewer service. No.
5. Applicability of Bay area sewer rates. Everyone outside the City pays a sewer rate of \$30.00 per month for 5000 gallons and increases thereafter.
6. L. P. S. in planned subdivisions. Council to set a rate classification for inside L. P. S. systems.
7. A preliminary customer/city agreement was presented for review by the Council.

After a lengthy discussion on creating a low pressure sewer rate classification the Council will address this at a regular council meeting.

With no other business, Councilman Jackson motioned to adjourn at 9:50 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Diane Riley, City Clerk

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Janice McLean, President of Council