

**Regular Council Meeting
February 24, 2011**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Earl King, and Harold Taunton. Council members Ray Jackson and Charlie Simmons were absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of January 27 and February 8, and the special council meeting of February 7, 2011 as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0.

1. Planning Issues

Ms. Henninger presented a short update on received business registrations.

2. Legal Matters

A. Dayco franchise agreement

Mr. Leroy Day requested that the City of Freeport transfer the existing franchise agreement with Dayco to Waste Management for the duration of the contract period, due to the sale of Dayco to Waste Management. Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the transfer of the franchise agreement from Dayco to Waste Management, subject to Waste Management continuing to pay the City of Freeport the 3% franchise fee, for the length of the existing contract, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0.

B. Resolution approval – North Bay Phase II bond resolution

Councilman King motioned to approve the proposed resolution for the North Bay Phase II bonds as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0. Resolution #2011-03 was adopted.

C. Approval Request – Legal agreement for possible BP claims

Attorney Adkinson presented a proposed agreement with Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C. for the purpose of representation for any possible BP Oil Spill Claims. No fees would

be due unless money was collected. Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the agreement as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0.

3. Fire Department Report

No report was given.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

No report was given.

IV. Old Business

No old business was presented.

V. New Business

1. Approval request – landscaping of the triangle

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the Town Planters landscaping the triangle, with the City staff preparing the ground, repairing the fountain pump and pressure washing the outside of the fountain, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0.

2. Approval request – write off old account balances

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve writing off the list of old account balances considered uncollectible, totaling \$34,039.12, as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0.

4. Approval request – Collection agency agreement

Councilman King motioned to approve the collection agency agreement between the City of Freeport and Collection Services, Inc., Councilwoman Brannon seconded. Clerk Haynes stated that she would bring a policy back for Council review regarding the accounts to be sent to collections. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0.

5. Approval request – Water rate resolution/change of deposit

Clerk Haynes requested the item tabled. No Council action was taken.

6. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse expressed appreciation to Dayco for the service that they have given to the City of Freeport over the years.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President