

**Regular Council Meeting  
February 26, 2009**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of February 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant (arrived at 7:05), Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin, and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Parks Director Shane Supple, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, 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 Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 10, 2009 as written, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

Ms. Henninger presented a re-zoning amendment request by Owl's Head to re-zone a 5.78 acre parcel, #25-1N-19-17000-001-0000 from R-1 (low density residential) to RC (residential commercial). Ms. Henninger requested to hold 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance. Councilman Martin motioned to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0. Ms. Henninger read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #09-01 was adopted.

*Councilwoman Arrant arrived.*

**2. Legal Matters**

No legal matters were presented.

**3. Fire Department Report**

Chief Greenslait updated the council on the following items:

- Provided fire hydrant maintenance log (Councilman Simmons asked if the repair work had been completed as noted – Chief stated that Larry Tuggle had provided him with a list of items that had been completed as of February.)
- Summary of calls received for December and January
- Provided physical inventory of the station and all vehicles except for the Suburban
- Announced that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Freeport Regional Sports Complex in conjunction with the Car Show, on Saturday, April 11 from 12 – 3 pm.

**4. Parks Department Report**

Shane Supple updated the council on the following items:

- Building a small pressbox behind the 300' and 330' fields

- Electrician to run additional outlets to the breakers in the concession stands
- City soccer league being formed in conjunction with PALS
- Easter Egg Hunt and Car Show will be held on April 11. During the car show, there will be a bike stunt show also
- Requested approval to open an account with SYSCO for food for the concession stands – Council recommended he open a couple different accounts to insure he will be able to get product when needed

## **5. Engineer's Report**

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

- Well #7 – “open hole” portion to 610’ has been developed, test pump is scheduled for Monday
- Sewer plant upgrades – final punch list has been generated
- Reuse tank has been completed
- Developed an RFP for Professional Environmental and Archeological Survey for the Eglin easement

Councilman Martin motioned to approve advertising the RFP for Professional Environmental and Archeological survey as presented, limiting the RFP to vendors that have previously completed work on Eglin, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

## **IV. Old Business**

None was presented.

## **V. New Business**

### **1. John Henderson/Project extension request**

Mr. Henderson, representing both Anchor Bay Industrial and Builder's First Source, requested a project extension to allow his clients more time to pay the impact fees required prior to the issuance of the development order. Mr. Henderson also stated that during these hard economic times, it was hard for a developer to obtain financing for the fees prior to the development order being issued. Attorney Adkinson stated that the City was not going to revise its payment policies at the council meeting. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve a six month extension for Anchor Bay Industrial and Builder's First Source, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Mr. Henderson then stated that he felt the fees were overstated, and he had calculated them a different way. Mayor Marse asked Mr. Henderson to step in another room with Mr. Charles Peters so that he could answer any questions regarding the calculation of the fees as they were applied from the land development code.

### **2. Tami Ray – Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.**

Ms. Tami Ray, representing Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., gave a presentation to council regarding the ability of her company to develop funding programs for capital improvement projects. Ms. Ray stated that her company works closely with the City's engineers, planners and grant writers and that her company did not receive any money until grants were issued to the City. Council took no action at this time.

### **3. Pay all bills in order**

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

#### **VI. Council Business Not On Agenda**

Mayor Marse informed council that he had received a price from Preble-Rish for the design and survey of Shipyard Road for \$7,400 and asked approval to allow them to move ahead with the project. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve Preble-Rish designing and surveying Shipyard Road, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Councilman Martin updated council about his attendance at the NW Florida League of Cities meeting:

- Panama City-Bay County International Airport construction is moving quickly/scheduled to open 5/2010
- League is taking nominations for Board Directors
- Legislative concerns regarding the reduction of revenue sharing and property taxes

Clerk Haynes informed the council and audience that there would be a public meeting held on March 5, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Freeport City Hall Council Chambers regarding the realignment of State Road 20/State Road 81 and County Road 3280.

#### **VII. Public Business Not On Agenda**

None was presented.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Earl King, Council President