

**Regular Council Meeting
February 28, 2008**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of February 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, City Engineer Representative Charles 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

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 12, 2008 as written, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

City Planner Henninger presented the following items:

Presented a revised School Concurrency Amendment transmittal resolution and a revised Public School Facility Amendment. Ms. Henninger discussed some proposed modifications to the County Public School Facility as proposed by Ms. Kassy Keyes. After brief discussion, Ms. Henninger requested approval of the revised resolution to transmit the revised Public School Facility Amendment to DCA. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the proposed resolution to transmit the Public School Facility Amendment to DCA, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Presented a revised joint participation agreement between the City of Freeport and FDOT. The major change to the original agreement was to convert the Capital Improvement Program from a 5 year plan to a 15 year plan. Ms. Henninger stressed that the agreement did not affect the traffic concurrency program that the City was currently working on with the County. Councilman Simmons motioned to table the agreement until the next regular scheduled council meeting to give council time to review, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Presented a request by Ms. Walters to table her proposed project on Sarah Drive and East Bayloop indefinitely. Ms. Walters will bring a new project proposal back to the Planning Board at a later date. Councilman King motioned to table the project, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Legal Matters

There were no legal issues presented.

3. Engineer's Report

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

- Bids had been received on the Lazy Days sewer expansion, but he would like to hold off recommendation of the project until more information is received from the low-bid contractor.
- The paperwork for the Sidewalk Phase II project has been completed
- The foundation for the re-use tank has been poured
- Mallard Creek connections are proceeding, the electrical easement is still pending for the lift station.

IV. Old Business

1. Water Department – truck proposals

Councilman King stated that he had received truck proposals on a ½ ton four-wheel drive truck for the water department. Councilman King motioned to approve the purchase of a truck from Solomon Chevrolet for the price of \$19,503.00, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Sewer Department – truck proposals

Councilman Jackson stated that he had received truck proposals for a one-ton four-wheel drive service truck for the sewer department. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the purchase of a truck from Solomon Chevrolet for the price of \$34,374.00, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Proposals received – Land development code revisions

Mayor Marse presented proposal by Bryan Planning Services to complete the Land Development Code revision for \$12,500.00. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to authorize Bryan Planning Services to proceed with the Land Development Code revision, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Councilman Jackson motioned to authorize West Florida Regional Planning Council to proceed with the Water Supply Planning element, the EAR-based Comprehensive Plan amendment, and the Capital Improvements element amendment as proposed totaling a price not to exceed \$41,580.00, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Marse informed council that the practice ballfields were not going to be able to be constructed on the site as planned due to unsafe field conditions. He stated that the City owned approximately 20 acres at the northeast corner of the sewer plant property and requested approval to have the property surveyed, staked and cleared for the purpose of constructing practice ballfields. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve re-locating the practice ballfields to the new site, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Pay all bills in order

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

2. Community Center fee waiver request

Councilman King motioned to approve the waiver of the fee for renting the Community Center to the YMCA Advisory Board, subject to it being available, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilwoman Arrant invited everyone to the grand opening of the sports complex, tentatively set for July 5, 2008.

Mayor Marse stated that Board of County Commissioners has agreed to use the balance of the funds available for the Park for the equipment necessary for the concession stands.

Latilda Henninger expressed gratitude to the City Council and Mayor on behalf of the Little League Board for all that they have done.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

Jason Bryan with Bryan Planning Services thanked the council for the opportunity to work on the Land Development Code revisions.

Eleanore Turner with the Town Planters Society invited everyone to the Miss Freeport pageant on March 1st and requested some discussion time with Councilwoman Arrant regarding the “Blount House”.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Simmons motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President