

Regular Council Meeting
March 8, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of March 8, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

No minutes were presented for approval.

Old Business:

Latilda Henninger, City planner presented all issues to the Council. She announced to the Council that items presented to the Council from the planning board would be discussed at the seconded meeting of each month, instead of the first meeting. This would give her time to provide information for their review and have the minutes completed.

Councilwoman McLean motioned to approve the Tullis small scale amendment as presented. Councilwoman Arrant seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to accept the rezoning of the Tullis property as presented. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to table the rezoning application for the Knight property since there was no representation for the applicant present. Councilwoman Arrant seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0. This issue will be heard at the March 24th meeting.

Councilwoman McLean motioned to approve the Grand Oaks subdivision project. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the Prospect Park subdivision project. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to approve the Fort Walton Beach Concrete batch plant project. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

After careful consideration of cost, ability, and timely manner of getting plating reviews done for the City, Ms. Henninger recommended Sam Bruner Surveying as the surveyor for the plating reviews. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept Ms. Henninger's recommendation and hire Sam Bruner Surveying. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to accept Industrial Court Road as a City street. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0. A map is enclosed within the minutes to show the area.

Councilwoman McLean request that the City meet with DOT and discuss the road ways of this area. She will help Ms. Henninger get a meeting arranged.

Councilman Jackson recommended Boots McCormick as a replace on the planning board for Charlie Simmons. Councilman Jackson motioned to place Mr. McCormick on the planning board. Councilwoman Arrant 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The engineer's report was submitted in writing and reviewed by the Council. Contract documents have been sent to the low bidder for execution on the Bay Loop sewer project. Utility relocation bids for 331 S/20 E intersection are due on 3/18. A workshop was scheduled for 3/15/05 at 7pm to work on an irrigation policy. A public hearing will be scheduled at the next council meeting for the sewer project.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to have the first reading of a proposed ordinance to annex 5 parcels into the City. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion it carried, 5-0. Attorney Adkinson preformed the first reading and scheduled the adoption of the ordinance for 4/12/05 meeting.

Councilman King motioned to execute the legal service agreement with Rural Development on the construction of the City Hall. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

New Business:

Jack Rhodes addressed the Council by stating the park visit down south was good. Mayor and Councilwoman Arrant raved over the beauty and knowledge they received by visiting the parks.

Fire Chief Sullivan reported to the Council that 5 county departments were merging. Fire fighters were getting there training within the department. Everything is running smoothly.

Elain Cooper informed the Council that there was going to be a veterans appreciation day at the fairgrounds in DeFuniak Springs, on 3/26/05, 11am-4pm and she needed help. Everyone is asked to attend.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills that were in order. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Other Business:

Councilwoman Arrant asked Clerk Riley to call Islander Landscaping and request a proposal on doing landscaping at the swimming pool and clean up the Community Center.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council