

**Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 2010**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, and Charlie Simmons. Council member Mark Martin was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of February 25, and the council workshop of February 10, 2010 as written, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

1. Planning Issues

No items were presented.

2. Legal Matters

No items were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait announced that the Easter Egg hunt and car show would be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010 beginning at 9:00 am. The blood mobile will also be available for donations.

Presented his monthly report which included call responses and fire hydrants maintenance performed.

Requested approval to purchase 3,000 gallon pumper-tanker fire truck for \$425,000. The new truck would replace a non-working fire engine and a 1,000 gallon tanker. Payment would be scheduled annually for ten years and paid from impact fee funds. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the purchase of a 3,000 gallon pumper-tanker fire truck for \$425,000.00, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Requested approval to purchase hoses and nozzles in the amount of \$19,621.26 for use on the 4” fire hydrants. Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the purchase of hoses and nozzles in

the amount of approximately \$19,000.00, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane requested approval to install high-speed internet/DSL service at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex for the access to possible weather conditions. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the installation of wireless internet service at the Sports Complex, not to exceed \$120.00 per month, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

5. Engineer's Report

An engineer update was provided by Peters Municipal Associates by email to Clerk Haynes late in the afternoon. A copy was distributed to Council.

IV. Old Business

1. North Bay Phase II submittal

Angie Jay with Preble-Rish presented a copy of the preliminary engineering report for the North Bay Phase II water project. The Rural Development application is complete and will be submitted within the week. Ms. Jay mentioned that with some of the calculations of increased water usage, the North Bay consumptive use permit may need to be increased as early as 2014. The total project construction estimate, less available Northwest Florida Grant funds of \$800,000, left \$1.7 million to be financed with Rural Development, and a possible 45% grant allocation.

V. New Business

1. Approval request – Use of City property for community garden

Ms. Kathy Starr requested approval from Council for use of a City owned parcel with access to water for the purpose of starting an organic, community garden. After short discussion, Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the use of the area behind City hall for the period of one year for the group to plant a community garden, Councilman Jackson seconded. Councilman King asked if water usage should be monitored, but the area behind City Hall are irrigated with well water. There was no other public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

2. Approval request – Attendance to FACC Summer Academy

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve City Clerk Robin Haynes attending the Florida Association of City Clerks Summer Academy in Panama City, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

3. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Jackson motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

No items were presented.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

Cliff Knauer updated Council on the following items:

- Four Mile Bridge construction was complete and open for traffic
- North Street will be closed up to Shipyard Road for the construction of a parking lot, boat ramp and re-paving
- Upon the completion of North Street, Shipyard Road and Four Mile Creek park will be closed for the re-construction and paving of Shipyard Road
- Improvements to be paid with remaining County grant funds
- Grant funds must be used by 12/31/10, so all improvements should be completed by then

Councilman Simmons received a complaint about the lift station #1 – Councilman Jackson said that due to a power surge, the pumps and starter panel had been blown up. The sewer department is working on the problem, and the pumps will be replaced as soon as they are received.

VII. Adjournment

Councilman Jackson motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President