

**Regular Council Meeting
March 11, 2008**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of March 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, and Earl King. Council member Charlie Simmons was absent. 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 28, 2008 with the correction of “Councilwoman Jackson” on the 1st page to “Councilman Jackson”, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

1. Planning Issues

City Planner Henninger presented the following items:

Requested that the revised joint participation agreement between the City of Freeport and FDOT be tabled until the regular council meeting of March 27, 2008. Councilman King motioned to table the revised agreement until March 27, 2008, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Requested approval to perform 2nd reading and adoption of an amended ordinance pertaining to the revision of the Future Land Use Map designations on the 160 acre-parcel annexed into the City limits for the development of an economic research and development park. Mr. Bob Apgar, representing Cornerstone, addressed the council with the changes to the ordinance as requested by Florida DOT and offered to answer any questions. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance – correcting all references on page 1 and page 3 of “SR 20 south of US 331” to “US 331 south of SR 20”, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0. Ms. Henninger read the ordinance by title and Ordinance #08-01 was adopted.

2. Legal Matters

There were no legal issues presented.

3. Engineer’s Report

City Engineer representative Charles Peters stated that the City had received thirteen bids for the Lazy Days and SR 20 sewer expansion project. The bids received are as follows:

Fountain Engineering	\$275,634.40
Tindle Enterprises	\$333,990.21
NATCO, Inc.	\$348,873.90
North Florida Construction	\$358,060.00
Gulf Coast Utility	\$361,120.00
Dozer Construction of FL	\$383,876.00

Coastal Plumbing of Bay Co.	\$406,637.58
Construction Service Co.	\$406,690.00
Startfish, Inc.	\$411,672.53
GAC Contractors	\$431,440.00
Onsite Construction	\$490,464.30
Utility Service Co.	\$496,400.87
Royal American Construction	\$508,838.54

Mr. Peters stated that since he was unfamiliar with the company submitting the low bid, he had requested additional information and references from them. Mr. Peters recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, Fountain Engineering, Inc. Councilman Jackson motioned to award the contract to the low bidder, Fountain Engineering, Inc., for the price of \$275,634.40, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Mr. Peters requested a council workshop to discuss the sewer master plan. Council set the requested workshop for Monday, March 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

IV. Old Business

No items were presented.

V. New Business

1. Budget Amendment request – FRDAP funds

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve Budget Amendment request #1 – showing the receipt of \$400,000.00 for FRDAP grant funds, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

2. Project extension request – Portofino Park

Mr. Patrick Schlosser, representing Portofino Park, requested a year extension pay water and sewer fees due on his project and to apply for a development order. Councilman King motioned to approval a six month extension for Portofino Park to pay outstanding fees and apply for the project development order, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

3. Update interlocal agreement – gas tax revenue

Councilman King motioned to approve the update of the interlocal agreement with Walton County for the sharing of gas tax revenues as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

4. 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 4:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

No items were presented.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

No items were presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Jackson motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President