

Regular Council Meeting
March 24, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of March 24, 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.

Councilwoman McLean motioned to adopt the minutes of council workshop on 2/23, regular council meeting of 3/8, with a noted wording change to the minutes of regular council meeting of 2/24. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Latilda Henninger, City planner presented all issues to the Council as follows:

Councilman King motioned to send the Knight rezoning back to the planning board. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to approve the plats provided by Hammock Bay for pods 1 and 2, provided the city attorney has security for completion of infrastructure. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Council set a workshop for Habit for Humanity on 4/14/05 at 7pm.

Planner Hanningger spoke to Council about a main street program, this set of workshops would develop a descriptive scenic face of the city.

Planner Henninger will do a news letter every quarter telling the citizens and visitors about the city and note small tidbits from the comprehensive plan and land development code on preservation.

Ms. Henninger suggested the Council look at creating a recreation impact fee for all the new development coming to Freeport.

Councilman Jackson motioned that the City write a letter for Mark Mueller on the non zoning of his property on Andy Ave. Councilwoman McLean 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Planner Henninger asked the Council to allow Paul Miller, with WFRPC, to continue to do the small and large scale amendments, and work on the EAR report due in 2007. No comments were made by the Council.

City Engineer, Charles Peters updated the Council on current projects. He stated that John King, a land owner of property between Basin Bayou and Choctaw Beach is requesting a water line extension. Lake Sharon residents are asking about getting on the water system again in Choctaw Beach. A pre-conference meeting on the Bay Loop sewer expansion is slated for 3/29/05 at 2pm.

City Attorney Adkinson read proposed Resolution #05-05, amending Resolution #04-17, titled water user fees. Councilman Jackson motioned adoption of Resolution #05-05. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to set a workshop on the lower pressure sewer system for April 5, 2005, at 7pm. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

New Business:

Council received a list of proposed road names for the WC Industrial Park interior road. There were over 75 names submitted by high school children. The Council will review and choose a name.

Council stated that there will be no more sick leave transferred among employees.

Councilman King motioned to adopt Resolution #05-06, supporting Water Management water conservation. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

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

Other Business:

Councilwoman Arrant stated she had attended the first meeting of the Walton County Coalition. It was very interesting and will continue to report back to the City.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Diane Riley, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Janice McLean, President of Council