

**Regular Council Meeting
March 26, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin, and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Simmons 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 March 10, 2009 and the Council committee meeting of March 20, 2009 as written, Councilman Martin seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

No planning issues were presented.

2. Legal Matters

No legal matters were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait presented an inventory of the shed. The only remaining inventories to complete are of the newest boat and the Chief's vehicle. Chief Greenslait updated council on the fire hydrants maintained during the past month, and the calls responded to.

4. Parks Department Report

Parks Director Shane Supple updated council on maintenance items that had been completed at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex over the last couple weeks. He reminded council and audience that the Relay for Life was scheduled for Friday, March 20 and the Car Show held in conjunction with the Easter Egg hunt would be held on April 11th starting at 9:00 am.

5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Peters informed the council that the 24 hour test required for Well #7 was currently being re-run. The punch list items on the sewer plant upgrade had been completed with the exception of a transducer that is scheduled to be installed next Tuesday. Close out documents were being prepared for DEP.

IV. Old Business

1. Recommendation/Professional Environmental & Archaeological Services

Councilman King stated that the City had only received three proposals for the Professional Environmental and Archaeological Services:

Wetland Sciences, Inc.	\$41,500.00
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Science Applications International Corp (SAIC)	\$74,908.00
Brown, Burdine & Associates, LLC	\$99,872.00

Councilman King stated that the proposal from Wetland Sciences did not contain enough information to be considered complete and of the remaining two, recommended SAIC. Councilman King motioned to approve SAIC to complete the Environmental and Archaeological Services, Councilman Martin seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Rural Development Application/North Bay Phase II

Mayor Marse requested council approval to submit an application for Rural Development funds for the purpose of connecting residents along with the expansion of the water line from Portland to North Bay. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to authorize Mayor Marse to proceed with the Rural Development application, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Project Extension/Bailey Structures

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve a six month extension for the Bailey Structures development order, Councilman Martin seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Pay all bills in order

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

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse stated that Mr. Thomas Marr, representing the Hidden Pines project, has requested another six month extension. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve a six month extension for the Hidden Pines project, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Councilman Martin stated that he had attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Day and was surprised at the legislation being presented. Councilman Martin urged both council and audience to watch the items being discussed and to be more vocal about opinions on these issues.

Councilman Simmons asked if there was a way for council to be notified of new businesses coming into the City, in particular, in the shopping centers. A short discussion was held between council about the possibility of implementing an occupational or business license. Attorney Adkinson will research and bring back to the council at a later date.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Simmons motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President