

**Regular Council Meeting
March 27, 2008**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of March 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, 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 Helton motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 11, 2008 as written, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

City Planner Henninger was absent. Mr. Matt Parker presented the following item at her request:

Mr. Parker updated the Council on the meeting held with himself, Mayor Marse, Councilman Simmons, Robert Apgar, Tonny Peters and Latilda Henninger regarding the proposed Joint Participation Agreement between the City of Freeport and FDOT. Mr. Parker requested approval of the proposed agreement. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the proposed agreement between the City of Freeport and FDOT, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson requested approval to have 1st reading and advertise for adoption an annexation ordinance containing three parcels located off of Bayloop Road, south of the entrance to Waterview Cove – the properties are owned by AirRep (parcel #13-1S-20-32000-031-0010), Tousignant (#18-1S-19-23000-005-0001) and TGM (#18-1S-19-23000-005-0010). Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve 1st reading of the proposed ordinance and to advertise for adoption, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

3. Engineer's Report

City Engineer representative Charles Peters presented the following items:

- Lazy Days sewer expansion contracts have been issued
- Mallard Creek sewer project – power has been connected, final inspection is to be scheduled
- Activity Center building is near completion, the City needs to start considering the site work.
- Reminded Council of the sewer master plan workshop scheduled for March 31 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Marse updated Council on the Point project – the bulkhead is partially complete and the boardwalks have been started.

Councilman Simmons left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

IV. Old Business

No items were presented.

V. New Business

1. Project extension request – Nick’s Complex

Ms. Nick requested the council to extend the deadline for applying for her development order on the Nick’s Complex. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve a six month extension on the Nick’s Complex project, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

2. Project extension request – Pines Phase III

The Pines withdrew their extension request.

3. Project extension request – Hidden Pines

Mr. Thomas Marr requested the council to extend the deadline for applying for his development order on the Hidden Pines project. Councilman King motioned to approve a six month extension on the Hidden Pines project, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

4. Sod quotes – City Hall grounds

Clerk Haynes presented quotes on sod for the City Hall grounds.

Creekwater Sod	\$ 7,235.50
Thomas Hicks Landscaping	\$ 7,235.50
Forrester Farm	\$ 7,485.00
MOD Sod	\$ 7,595.00
Skinner Nursery	\$10,545.00
Allied Farms	\$10,556.00

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the quote received from Thomas Hicks Landscaping for \$7,235.50, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

5. Pay all bids in order

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

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse presented several items for council to consider:

- The owner of the old “Dixie Dandy” property has requested the City to consider purchasing that property. Council agreed for the Mayor to continue discussion with the property owner.
- Requested council’s approval to work on an agreement between the County and the City for the maintenance of the library building. Council agreed for the Mayor to continue discussion with the County.
- Requested council’s approval to discuss with EDC the possibility of running water and sewer further into the Industrial Park in exchange for a piece of property in the park. Council agreed for the Mayor to continue discussion with EDC.
- Requested a workshop regarding past due and/or non-collectible water bills. Council set a water workshop for April 7, 2008 at 7:00 pm.
- Requested a workshop to work on the personnel policy. Council set a personnel workshop for April 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Fire chief Ben Greenslait requested approval to apply for a FEMA grant for equipment for the fire department for fiscal year 2009. The grant would require a 5% match by the City. Councilwoman Arrant asked if the fire department had the \$25,000 match in their budget, Mr. Greenslait said that they did. Councilman King motioned to approve the Fire department applying for the FEMA grant, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Informed the Council that the Black Creek fire had qualified for FEMA emergency funds and the fire department had been notified that they would be receiving \$10,976.00 in reimbursement funds.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

VIII. Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President