

Regular Council Meeting
May 10, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of May 10, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Ray Jackson, Mike Helton and Jean Arrant were present. Also present: Attorney Clayton Adkinson, and City Clerk Diane Riley. Councilman Earl King and City Planner Latilda Henninger were absent.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Helton motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 28, 2005, council workshop of 4/14, and special meeting on 4/14. Councilwoman McLean 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Old Business:

Latilda Henninger, City planner was not present, but the following was submitted for clarification: LDC language is unclear, she request the Council to interpret the use of a non-profit use of church properties. Councilwoman McLean motioned to allow the Freeport Methodist Church to replace the thrift store with a new building. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Attorney Adkinson had no legal matters for consideration.

City Engineer Charles Peters reported the North Bay water system consumptive use permit states that all 4 wells should be closed. Closing of the wells will be contracted to McLeans' Well Drilling. PMA has submitted phase 2 water encroachment application to Eglin. It is about 6 miles in distance and runs from east Choctaw Beach to Basin Bayou. Charles responded to a request by Lake Sharon homeowners for public water and fire hydrants within their subdivision. Also, a response was sent to developer of Trout Creek LLC, for connect to the water system. Charles noted that his payment of \$275,000 towards the project will afford the development 68 ERUs. No response from the devloper as of today. The Bay Loop sewer construction is continuing, with nearly 6000 ft installed. Charles questioned the cost of hook-up for customers. He still is unclear on the final amount the Council decided upon. Clerk Riley will review the minutes of April 5, 2005 for clarity on this matter.

New Business:

Mayor Marse stated that the City still has not received deed to the 65 acres promised by Freeport 860. He noted that he has spoken to two county commissioners and they would like to allocate funds for parks during their budgeting workshops for the Freeport area. There is a need for the Council to start looking for property for little league fields. He mentioned trying to talk with Buddy Reynolds with Freeport Plantation about property. Jack Rhodes asked to address the Council in behalf of his client, Freeport 860. He stated that it was his understanding that the property would be conveyed to the City within the month of May. He apologized for the miscommunication on this matter. He stated that this transaction was going to happen, but there were still some legal, bonding, and surveying issues that were in the process of completing. Attorney Adkinson stated that this matter would be resolved tomorrow. No further comments were made. Mayor Marse excused Mr. Rhodes.

Councilman Jackson motioned to allow the City to hire 3 summer time youths for outside cleanup and mowing. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Steve Thomas of CDG Engineers & Asso., presented a revised drawing for the construction of the new City Hall. He requested for the Council to appoint a committee for the design process. Mayor Marse did appoint Councilman Jackson, Clerk Riley, and asked if Tony Buxton would be interested in being on the committee. Councilman Jackson will find out. The committee will meet and bring back suggestions to the Council.

Four request packets for annexations were presented to the Council. The City will accept request until May 31, for adoption in July.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills that were in order. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council