

**Regular Council Meeting
May 13, 2008**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Charlie Simmons. Council member Mike Helton was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Tonny Peters (PMA), City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Bennett Greenslait and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 24, 2008 and the workshop of April 30, 2008 as written, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

1. Planning Issues

City Planner Henninger had no new items for the council. She did mention that she has been working with West Florida Regional Planning Council on the Water Supply Element, the Capital Improvements Element and the EAR based amendment.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson informed council that his office had reviewed the Ramsey Branch RV Resort and Marina project request after being tabled at the last meeting. His recommendation is to allow the project to proceed as a Planned Development Project/ Mixed Use. This would require no amendments to the land development code or the comprehensive plan. The approval of the project to proceed as a mixed use PDP does not either grant approval or disapproval to the project itself, simply allows staff to proceed with the review of the project as a PDP. Councilman King motioned to approve staff to process the proposed project as a mixed use planned development project, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Attorney Adkinson requested approval for 1st reading and to advertise for adoption the annexation ordinance for the "Lion's Club" property. Councilman King motioned to approve the 1st reading of the proposed ordinance and to advertise for adoption at the June 10th, 2008 council meeting, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

3. Engineer's Report

City Engineer representative Tonny Peters informed the council that pre-construction meeting for the Lazy Days project was held earlier today, and the water supply plan documents would be presented to council at the regular council meeting of May 22, 2008.

IV. Old Business

1. Mayor Marse - Street Improvements / Tulane and Orleans

Mayor Marse presented two written quotes and one phone bid for improvements to Tulane and Orleans Streets to include: curbing, asphalt, rock for drive to City's lift station, and cement slab for lift station.

- Construction Service Co \$24,185.00 w/o flume \$21,685.00
- Tindle Enterprises \$22,465.00
- R \$35,000.00

Tindle Enterprises did not quote for a flume, but council agreed that it would be beneficial. Councilman King motioned to approve the proposal submitted by Construction Service Company for \$24,185.00 including the flumes, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

V. New Business

1. Jean Arrant – Introduction of Shaun Arntz

Councilwoman Arrant introduced Mr. Shaun Arntz, stating that he held a Sports Management Degree and was interested in the management of the park. Mr. Arntz spoke of his qualifications and experience in hosting tournaments and ideas for the City to generate revenues from the park. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the hiring of Mr. Shaun Arntz for the City's Parks Manager, subject to passing a drug test as required by the City, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Attorney Adkinson stated some concerns regarding the City's policies in advertising, discussion regarding salaries, etc. Attorney Adkinson recommended Council amend the original motion to appoint Mr. Arntz on an interim basis, pending City requirements regarding drug testing, etc., and to allow for advertising of the job position.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to amend her original motion, to appoint Mr. Shaun Arntz as a temporary parks director for a period of 90 days, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0

2. Mayor Marse – 4th of July parade

Mayor Marse informed Council that the fire department would like to hold a 4th of July parade and asked Fire Chief Bennett Greenslait to speak to Council. Chief Greenslait stated that the fire department was trying to hold more community events. Councilwoman Arrant mentioned concern regarding holding the parade on the 4th with the grand opening of the park on the 5th. Council requested Chief Greenslait contact Hammock Bay regarding possibly coordinating the parade on the same day as the opening of the park.

3. Mayor Marse – Ballfield/City Hall

Mayor Marse informed Council and the audience that a window had already been broken in the new City Hall, and that one evening, a Little League coach had been hitting balls directly at the building. He requested approval to proceed with the development of practice ballfields on some property owned by the City located next to the sewer plant and to close the ballfield behind City Hall to extend the "kiddie" park located beside City Hall. After brief discussion, council agreed to close the ballfield behind City Hall and to proceed with building the proposed practice fields.

4. Pay all bills in order

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

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse informed Council that the Activity Center building had been completed and he would like to proceed with the site work. Mayor Marse requested approval to use brick pavers for the driveway area rather than to asphalt it. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve building the driveway for the Activity Center Building with brick pavers, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Mayor Marse updated Council on the status of the service truck for the sewer plant – the GM Motors manufacturing line had been shut down due to an axle strike. Another truck, on the lot, has been approved for a swap and arrangements were being made for the body.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Simmons motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President