

Regular Council Meeting
May 24, 2007

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of May 24, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Charlie Simmons. Council member Mike Helton was absent. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

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

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting on April 10, 2007, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Henninger presented the following planning items:

Requested approval for 2nd reading and adoption of a large scale amendment to the Future Land Use map by CHS Investments, LLC. The property is approximately 35 acres located on parcel #19-1S-19-23000-007-0000. The proposed amendment would change the land use from Rural Village (RV) to Low Density Residential (LDR). Councilman King motioned to approve 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0. Ms. Henninger performed the reading of the ordinance by title and ordinance #07-06 was adopted.

Requested approval for 2nd reading and adoption of the zoning assignment for the property located on parcel #19-1S-19-23000-007-0000, changing it from Rural Village (RV) to Low Density Residential (LDR). Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0. Ms. Henninger performed the reading of the ordinance by title and ordinance #07-07 was adopted.

Presented a request by representatives Robins/Bottoms to split lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 on Block 23 as recorded on the old Stephens map of Freeport. When the item was presented to the Freeport planning board, no action or recommendation was made. Attorney Adkinson advised council that there were no legal reasons to deny the split but a future resolution could be adopted to prohibit lot splits of recorded or unrecorded subdivisions in the future. Discussion continued between council regarding minimum sizes of lots allowable within the subdivisions. Councilmember Simmons motioned to approve the lot splits of lot 1, lot 2, lot 3 and lot 4 of Block 23 of the Town of Freeport, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0. Councilman Simmons motioned to instruct staff not to accept any applications for lot splits from subdivisions of record, either recorded or unrecorded while lot splits are under review, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Updated the council on the following items:

- EAR scoping meeting/ EAR based amendment
- Land Development Code amendment to follow EAR report
- TPO approved Highway 20/Highway 331 long range plan
- Walton County Coalition – discussions of insurance reform
- Freeport Area Council – developing a business retention plan for the City
- Joint land use study orientation meeting

Attorney Adkinson presented the following legal issues:

Requested 2nd reading and adoption of an ordinance amending ordinance #99-4, which would increase the additional homestead exemption allowance for eligible

senior citizens from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #07-08 was adopted.

Mr. Charles Peters updated council on the following items:

- Mallard Creek sewer bids close next week
- Preliminary plans on re-use project almost completed
- Freeport office open house scheduled for June 6, 2007

No old business items were presented.

New Business:

Mr. Tony Gomillion, representing the Presbyterian Church, informed the council that they were considering building an addition to the church. Council advised him to schedule a meeting with Ms. Henninger and she would present to council at a later date.

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

Mayor Marse informed council that David Fannin has turned in his notice. He and Councilman King have discussed moving Larry Tuggle into the water supervisor's position and would like to hire Greg Yancey as a full time water operator. Mr. Yancey has been monitoring the wells as an outside subcontractor for the past two years. Councilman Jackson motioned to authorize the recommendations of the Mayor, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

With no other business, Councilman Simmons motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council