

Regular Council Meeting  
May 26, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of May 26, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 10, 2005. Councilman Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Old Business:

Latilda Henninger, City planner presented the following items:

Request to have 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Davis, Bates, Sweeney, and Martin small scale amendment and rezoning ordinance. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to have the first reading of the proposed ordinance. Councilwoman McLean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0. Ms. Henninger performed the first reading and the final reading for adoption is slated for June 14, 2005 regular schedule meeting.

Request to have 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the Hunter rezoning ordinance. Councilwoman McLean motioned to have first reading on proposed ordinance. Councilman Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0. Ms. Henninger performed the first reading and the final reading for adoption is slated for June 14, 2005 regular council meeting.

Request to have 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the Knight rezoning ordinance. Councilman King motioned to have first reading on proposed ordinance. Councilman Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0. Ms. Henninger performed the first reading and the final reading for adoption is slated for June 14, 2005 regular council meeting.

Ms. Henninger requested approval of the Freeport Townhomes project. Recommendation for approval has come from Paul Miller, Peters Municipal and the Planning Board. All issues have been corrected. Representative Darrell Barnhill addressed the Council by providing a recreation drawing of the proposed playground within the complex. Ryan Lorenzo developer of the property, stated it would be a gated community. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the development. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Attorney Adkinson had no legal matters for consideration.

City Engineer Charles Peters reported that bids were taken for the unit pumping systems and were being reviewed for pricing. Bay Loop sewer expansion is going good. Bay area sewer preliminary plans are complete. Charles responded to Phase 2 of North Bay consisting of a request by developers for water service, but no response has been sent back. Eglin AFB encroachment department has asked if the City would provide water to their Fort Rucker park on hwy 20. Charles will be in contact with them.

New Business:

Council reviewed applications for the utility billing clerk, water maintenance, and wastewater. Council set a special meeting for 6/7/05 at 7pm for interviews of the positions.

Mayor Marse presented a package to the Council on a proposal for the City of Freeport and Regional Utilities to build a sewer plant on the east side of town. Mayor Marse noted that a 1.5 million dollar check has been put into escrow for the project and explained how the proposal is structured. Councilman King motioned to authorize the Mayor to draft an agreement out of the proposal with Regional Utilities on this matter. Councilwoman Arrant seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0. Councilwoman McLean presented a memo to the Council about talks with Regional Utilities on the water and sewer services for their review.

The utility relocation bid had only one bidder on the project. After negotiating with the bidder Charles Peters was able to reduce the cost by several thousands. City will ask for an additional 30 days before signing the contract. Hopefully there will be an answer by the first meeting in June.

Pine Street property issue was resolved before meeting, by city planner.

Councilman King motioned to draft plans and advertise for construction of a water tank near the Windswept Estates development. Councilman Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Owner and developer Jay Odom presented a conceptual plan of a City park. Hammock Bay is donating property to the City for a recreation park and has been working on designs of several areas within the park. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the conceptual plan for a city park. Councilman King 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 3-0. Councilman Jackson stepped out, so rendered no vote. The Boys Club asked the Council if they could partnership in the park. Councilman King motioned to allow the Boys Club to be part of the park. Councilwoman Arrant seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Councilman Jackson motioned that the McLean, Ward, Cuchens and Martin property be annexed into the incorporated area of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman King, it carried, 4-0. All information will be forwarded to Attorney Adkinson for the drafting of the ordinance.

City Planner, Latilda Henninger, has ended her 90 day probation period, and is now considered a permanent employee and eligible for regular employee benefits.

Councilman Jackson motioned to pay all bills that were in order. Councilwoman McLean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Clerk Riley informed the Council that Allen, Yagow, & Carr, the City auditing firm is looking at come in June to answer any questions they may have on the 2003-2204 audit report.

Councilwoman Arrant stated that the pool is slated to be opened on June 12, 2005.

Mayor Marse told the Council that the Community Center is in need of a paint job and is checking on salvaging the sign that was damaged. Council would like to see everything fixed and painted as soon as possible.

With no other business, Councilman Jackson motioned to adjourn at 8:33 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Diane Riley, City Clerk

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Janice McLean, President of Council