

**Regular Council Meeting
May 26, 2011**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of May 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons, and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of May 16, 2011, as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

Ms. Henninger presented a proposed ordinance defining both domestic livestock and household pets. The proposed ordinance would also allow domestic livestock in all land use categories except Conservation, under the following conditions:

1. No domestic livestock is allowed within platted subdivisions other than those specifically designed with accommodations for domestic livestock or covenants and restrictions which allow domestic livestock.
2. Domestic livestock must be kept in a fenced area and must not interfere with neighboring properties, i.e. excessive noise or offensive odors, and must not create a nuisance condition, as defined in Ordinance 96-1.
3. The keeping of domestic livestock is subject to compliance with all local, state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to agricultural use.

Councilman King motioned to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms. Henninger read the ordinance by title and ordinance #2011-03 was adopted.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson presented a draft interlocal agreement between Walton County and the City for the creations of a County/City Recreation Director. After short discussion, Councilman King motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with changes 1) all references to County/City director be changed to City/County Director, and 2) office space for the director to be at the Freeport City

Hall, with a satellite office in DeFuniak Springs, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no additional discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Mayor Marse expressed approval of the new position.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait gave a short update on the pool, stating that the grand opening for the season will be held on May 28, 2011.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane Supple informed Council that new security cameras had been installed by the Walton County Sheriff's Department at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex, and he has continued work on the park's power bills. An update and recommendation will be brought back to the Council at a later date.

5. Engineer's Report

A written update on open projects was provided by Jody Solomon, representing Praestare Engineering. There were no questions or discussion on any of the items.

IV. Old Business

1. Facility rental agreement and procedures

Clerk Haynes presented a draft rental agreement and suggested procedures for the rental of the City building facilities which include:

- Locks on all buildings to be changed immediately
- Keys will no longer be distributed to renters, staff will open and lock after functions
- Deposit of \$100.00 to be collected upon rental, in addition to rental fees
- Rental fees to increase to: Community Center \$200 per day, \$100 per half day
Old Post Office \$75 per day, \$50 per half day
Blount House \$100 per day, \$50 per half day

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the new procedures and rental fees, Councilman King seconded. There was additional discussion regarding waivers (to be determined on a case by case basis) and storage of items for the Town Planters at the Blount House (locks to be installed on cabinets). With no additional comments, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Advertise for water operator

Councilman King requested approval to advertise for an additional water operator with a minimum salary of \$42,500.00, stating that he felt the rate would need to be high enough to attract applicants. After short discussion, Councilman King motioned to advertise for hiring of a water operator with a salary of \$42,500.00, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to pay all bills in orders, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Robin Haynes presented Councilwoman Brannon with a certificate of completion for the Institute of Elected Municipal Officials training held in January.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President