

**Regular Council Meeting
May 28, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of May 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, and City Clerk Robin Haynes. City Planner Latilda Henninger arrived at 7:25 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2009 as written, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

None were presented.

2. Legal Matters

None were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait updated the council on the following items:

- Painting of fire hydrants will continue as soon as compressor has been repaired
- Informed Council that Mr. Jackson had approved the auction of the donated boat, and requested approval to sell tickets. Councilman Martin motioned to approve the fire department selling tickets to auction the boat, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0
- Informed Council that the County has donated a surplus ambulance for the fire department to use for the storage of the water rescue team equipment and gear.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane Supple updated Council on the following items:

- The irrigation wells at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex have been repaired
- Dogwood Services is arranging for another pest/weed control application
- Summer soccer camp registration will begin soon
- PAL soccer academy is wrapping up, it was a big success with the participants
- Sign ups have started for co-ed softball
- A kids Olympics has been scheduled for 6/20/09

5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Peters updated Council on the following items:

- Wastewater treatment plant is scheduled to start up again tomorrow (May 13)
- Construction of Well #7 is progressing on schedule
- Portland well (had been struck by lightning) is back up and operational
- FDOT sidewalk project – DOT is requiring attendance to a Compliance Workshop – Robin Haynes, Lawanna Cosby and Joanie Runge will be attending for the City.

IV. Old Business

1. Eglin Joint Land Use Study

Mr. Michael Bomar, representing Tetra-Tech, introduced Mr. Jeff Fanto with Okaloosa County Department of Growth Management. Mr. Bomar informed Council that the draft report for the Eglin Joint Land Use Study has been completed, and public workshops will follow. Mr. Bomar made a short presentation regarding the findings of the study. No action was requested or taken.

V. New Business

1. Occupational License

Councilman Simmons requested a workshop to discuss occupational licenses. Council set the workshop for Tuesday, June 9, at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the regular scheduled council meeting.

2. Pay all bills in order

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

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse informed council that the truck has been purchased for the water department and the old truck will be prepared to be surplus.

Latilda Henninger stated that Miss Freeport Madison Lewis had contacted her office and offered to assist with any events that the City may participate in.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President