

**Regular Council Meeting
June 23, 2011**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 23, 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 Clay Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, Parks Director Shane Supple, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of June 14, 2011, as presented, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

A. Approval Request – Blueberry Commercial Development order

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve a development order for Blueberry Commercial, a 3,000 square foot warehouse/trade shop on .59 acres on parcel #15-1S-19-23000-019-0041 as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Legal Matters

None were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

No report was given.

Mayor Marse reminded council and audience that Freeport would be hosting the state t-ball tournament at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex over the July 4th weekend.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

Jody Solomon, representing Praestare Engineering, updated council on the following items:

- Water tank inspections to begin next week

- Martin Construction will be providing a cost estimate for the upgrade of the Shipyard Road sewer lift station, will be able to perform as a change order on the miscellaneous sewer plant upgrades
- Tertiary treatment plant is almost ready, again

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve a variance to the City’s setback restrictions for the position of the control room for well two to ten feet on the side and ten feet on the back, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

IV. Old Business

1. Approval request – Energy Grant/completion of designs and specs

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to authorize the completion of the design and specifications for the solar lighting panels and motor replacements for the Regional Sports Complex and to submit to the Department of Energy for review, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Approval request – Appoint “Evaluation Committee”

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve appointing an evaluation committee to review proposals received for the energy grant at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex and for the committee to bring recommendations back to the Council for approval, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Mayor Marse, Councilman King, Robert Jones, Robin Haynes, Latilda Henninger and Shane Supple were appointed to the committee.

V. New Business

1. Approval request – Training Conferences

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve staff attendance at the following training conferences: Florida Rural Water Association, Florida League of Cities, Florida American Planning Association and the Florida Association of City Clerks, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. 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

Councilwoman Brannon requested Council consider advertising for requests for qualifications for general purpose engineering contracts for continuing engineering services for the City. Discussion continued on the following items:

- Additional contracts would not affect any contracts currently in place with engineering firms

- Having additional contracts would allow the City to proceed without advertising for separate design and inspection engineers
- The state has raised the threshold for construction projects – advertising for engineers does not have to occur unless the project construction budget is estimated at \$2,000,000 or more (subject to form of financing)
- Engineers under contract cannot be made to bid against each other on individual projects
- Even if qualification packages are requested, Council does not have to take any action upon receiving them

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve staff to advertise for thirty days for requests for qualifications for engineering firms for continuing contracts, Councilman Jackson seconded. Councilman Simmons and Councilman King requested additional time to consider the request. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:2.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President