

**Regular Council Meeting  
June 26, 2008**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of June 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, and Charlie Simmons. Council Member Earl King was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representatives Charles Peters and Tonny Peters (PMA), City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Bennett Greenslait and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Helton 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 June 10, 2008 as written, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

City Planner Henninger presented the following items:

Requested approval for the relocation of the Skinner Nursery facility from its current location on Highway 331 to a parcel located on the southeast corner of Bulldog Road and Nick Wilson Way in the EDC Industrial Park. The property is located on parcel #26-1N-19-17000-001-0000 and is approximately 11.38 acres. The project had received engineering approval and Planning Board approval subject to the secondary access off of Nick Wilson Way being constructed at the same time as the other site improvements. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the proposed project, subject to the secondary access being constructed at the same time as the other site improvements, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Informed Council that the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan had been submitted to DCA and found complete. The ORC report should be issued sometime in mid-August.

Requested approval to attend the State Planning Conference scheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September in Miami. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve her attending the Conference, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

**2. Legal Matters**

No legal matters were presented.

**3. Engineer's Report**

Mr. Tonny Peters presented an interlocal agreement with Walton County for the purpose of collection proportionate fair share funds for traffic concurrency. The agreement allows both the City and the County to collect fees for the same segments of roads. The agreement allows the developer of properties located within out-of-capacity segments of roads to either pay outright funds, or to mitigate with property, etc. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with the County, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **1. Loretta Burton – Harrison Street**

Ms. Burton updated the council on the meetings that she has had regarding the proposed easement to her property with Mr. Charles Peters and Councilman Jackson. Charles Peters stated that the proposed easement by the church would be adequate for the current land owner's but would not be suitable for high traffic if the area were to be developed. After discussion regarding the possibility of having to move power poles, the future development of the property, and access to the property by emergency vehicles, Mayor Marse requested to table the issue until he could meet with the Hare's regarding the City purchasing a strip of land for the purpose of a road. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to table the item until Mayor Marse was able attempt to negotiate a price for approximately 40' x 30' strip of land from the Hare's to the City, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 3:0. Councilman Simmons abstained from voting.

##### **2. Freeport Regional Sports Complex – Maintenance agreement**

Clerk Haynes notified the Council that the temporary maintenance agreement with Dogwood Services for the grounds at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex had expired in May and requested that it be extended. Dogwood Services had continued with the services in June. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve extending the temporary maintenance agreement another 60 days, and to approve the payment of \$2,450 for the month of June, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **1. Robert Davenport – Concession rentals at the Sports Complex**

Robert Davenport requested approval to place a new modular office on the grounds at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex for the purpose of renting equipment and selling concessions. Mr. Davenport offered to assist with the monitoring and cleaning of the facilities in the area of his office. Council and Attorney Adkinson had a brief discussion regarding the need to request proposals for services such as this and the ability to use the existing concession stands for such purposes. No action was taken by the Council.

##### **2. Pay all bills in order**

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

#### **VI. Council Business Not On Agenda**

Councilman Simmons requested that Fire Chief Bennett Greenslait update the Council on the Fire Department. Chief Greenslait provided the following comments:

- The Parade has been scheduled as requested on July 5. It will begin at the Freeport Elementary School at 10:00 am.
- Provided a draft copy of a proposed interlocal agreement with Walton County regarding the possible shared usage of existing buildings.

Requested approval to repair the pump on Tanker #12 for \$3,500.00. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the repair of the pump for \$3,500.00, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Requested approval to purchase new extrication equipment – the current apparatus owned by the Fire Department has broken. The cost of new equipment, with a lifetime guarantee is \$18,986.00. The Division of Forestry may help with a 50/50 grant. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the purchase of new extrication equipment in the amount of \$18,986.00 and allow Chief Greenslait to pursue the possibility of a grant

from the Department of Forestry, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

**VII. Public Business Not On Agenda**

None was presented.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Earl King, Council President