

Public Hearing  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 22, 2004

Mayor Marse opened the Public Hearing for a proposed rezoning of 50 acres at 6:45 pm. Paul Miller of WFRPC explained the rezoning to the Council and public. Councilman King and Councilwoman McLean recommended forwarding the rezoning case to the Council for an approval.

No further questions were asked, Mayor Marse closed the hearing at 6:58 pm.

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of July 22, 2004 at 7:10 pm.

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

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean and Earl King were present. Councilman Mike Helton and Ray Jackson were present also, and shall be sworn in later. Councilwoman Jean Arrant was absent. Also present: City Clerk Diane Riley and City Attorney Clayton Adkinson.

No minutes were presented for approval.

Mayor Marse swore in Ray Jackson and Mike Helton for their two year term on the Council. Each took the Oath of Office and began their tenure tonight.

Old Business:

Councilman Helton motioned to allow Paul Miller of WFRPC to have the first reading of the proposed zoning change for the property belonging to Brad Marse and set the adoption of the proposed ordinance at the August 10, 2004 meeting. Councilwoman McLean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried 4-0.

Paul Miller performed the second reading of the land use and rezoning of the Watkins property on hwy. 331. Councilwoman McLean motioned to accept the proposed ordinance as read. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Representative Jack Rhodes of the Freeport 860 development requested an amendment to the PDP granted to them by Resolution #03-15 in October 2003. The amendment will allow the road to be shifted to the west. This is due to the wetlands. Mr. Rhodes requested exhibits A, B, C, be entered into record. Councilman King motioned to allow the amendment to the PDP. Councilman Helton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0.

The engineer's report was submitted in written form. No questions were asked.

New Business:

The Council reviewed the SEP/IRA plan that the City discontinued in January 2004. Mutual of America requested a resolution for the plan discontinuance. Attorney Adkinson wants to gather further information before the Council does this. This item was tabled until further information is received.

Councilman King motioned to adopt Resolution #04-08, supporting Walton County in submission of an application for a bike trail around Bay Loop. Councilman Helton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Councilwoman McLean motioned to allow the Mayor and Clerk to sign an application to Rural Development for funding the renovation of the City Hall. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to sign a legal service agreement with Attorney Adkinson to support the application to Rural Development for the renovation of City Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 4-0.

Councilman Earl motioned for City to advertise for architect/engineering services for the renovation project of City Hall. Councilman Helton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to hire Bob Jones to do the application for the City's renovation of City Hall. Councilman King 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Representative Valerie Trump of the Habitat for Humanity of Walton County spoke to the Council on the need for property within the Freeport area for a restore. She presented an informational sheet and requested any leads that the Council or public may have to secure property in Freeport would greatly be appreciated.

The Council set August 5, 2004 at 7pm for the first budget workshop for the fiscal year 04-05. Councilman King motioned to set the tentative milage rate at 3.93. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Helton, it carried, 4-0. Councilman Helton motioned to set the TRIM first public hearing on September 7, 2004 at 7pm, at the City Hall. Councilwoman McLean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it carried, 4-0. The tentative final hearing for the TRIM is slated for September 21, 2004.

Mayor Marse expressed his concern about the naming of the W.C. Industrial Park. He feels the City had no say so in the naming of the park, although the City had secured several 100,000 dollars in grants. Discussion ensued, but no change of the name was recommended.

Jimmy Spiers was placed on permanent employee status.

Larry Tuggle was named Employee of the Quarter.

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

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:25 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