

Council Workshop
July 23, 2009

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the council workshop of July 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: Attorney Clay Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, City Planner Latilda Henninger, City Clerk Robin Haynes and Elizabeth Brannon.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Occupational License fee Workshop

Mayor Marse opened the workshop for discussion.

Clerk Haynes presented a draft ordinance that was condensed by the committee previously.

Items discussed were:

- Fees for license would be based on square footage of building
- License and renewals would be applicable to all businesses except as listed as an exemptions
- Licenses and renewals would be annual – from October 1 to September 30
- Vending permits are considered different than occupational licenses – if not occupying a building, would not apply
- Home based businesses would require license if has a storefront or a sign larger than two feet
- Public educational facilities and governmental buildings would be exempt from license
- Remove section regarding Clerk waiving of penalty – to be determined by Council and section entitled “fee generally”
- Attorney Adkinson expressed concern that section states approval of license application subject to compliance with current future land use and zoning category and current fire codes and safety regulations but does not address the regulations anywhere else within the ordinance – all requirements should be stated within the same ordinance
- Chief Greenslait mentioned that the City would need to adopt the life safety codes before he inspects the buildings. Enforcement was briefly discussed.
- Mayor Marse stated that old buildings were built prior to the codes and they would not comply with new regulations

III. Adjournment

Councilman Jackson motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President