

Regular Council Meeting  
July 27, 2006

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of July 27, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Charlie Simmons were present. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Clerk Robin Haynes and City Planner Latilda Henninger.

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

Mayor Marse swore in Councilman Helton and Councilman Jackson for another term.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meetings of June 22 and July 11, 2006 and the workshop of July 25, 2006, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Henninger presented the following planning items:

Requested approval for Magnolia Bay Estates III revised final plat. Councilman Helton motioned to approve the revised final plat for Magnolia Bay Estates III, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Adkinson presented the following legal items:

Presented revised resolution changing the water bill due date from the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, and revised return check fees to state statute. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the proposed resolution, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Resolution #06-13 was adopted.

Presented council with a copy of the certification of taxable value which keeps the City of Freeport millage rate at 3.93 mils. Councilman King motioned to approve setting the tentative millage rate at 3.93, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Requested 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing date for the proposed budget for September 12, 2006 at 7 pm. Councilman King motioned to set the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing date for the proposed budget on September 12, 2006 at 7 pm, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tonny Peters presented a short update on the following items:

- NW Florida Water Management grant received in the amount of 1.3 million for sewer project upgrades previously approved by city council
- Bayloop is almost complete, pump station construction to begin shortly
- DEP permits obtained for other outstanding projects
- Mallard Creek area is under review
- Bay area linework completed low pressure system, moving to Old Jolly Bay Road soon
- Water tank #4 construction completed, painters should be in soon

Old business:

Mayor Marse requested council to consider opening Bay Loop area for annexation. Mr. Jack Rhodes provided a draft overlay to council members showing the parcels outside the current city limits. Councilman King motioned to open the Bay Loop area up for annexation, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was discussion regarding:

- Whether to include or exclude platted subdivisions
- Length of time to leave open
- To charge regular, reduced or no fees

Councilman King rescinded his original motion. He then motioned to open annexation only to the properties in the Bayloop area, for no fee, until November 30,

2006, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-1.

New business:

Gloria Block asked the council if the walkway and parking lot construction on Blueberry Road had stopped due to wetland issues and if so, suggested that the city consider making a boardwalk area. Mayor Marse informed her that the project was still in the works. The City will provide some dirt and clean up of the site and construction would be continued for the walkway as soon as the prison work crews were available.

Carl Burnham was not in attendance, but Mayor Marse informed the council that he would like to pave the parking lot for the swimming pool at no charge to the city. Councilman Helton motioned to allow the paving of the swimming pool parking lot, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marse informed the council that Lakeside Drive was in bad condition. He had the road bladed so that garbage trucks could go in to the residents. He has received a bid for the paving of the street and has requested two more. Councilman Helton motioned to allow Mayor Marse to authorize the paving of the road when the other bids were received, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

David Miller asked the council what the plans for Grit and Grace and their building at the new park were. Mr. Miller requested council consider either deeding over the building to Grit and Grace or allowing them to build it so that they could maintain control of the building. Mayor Marse and council agreed that Mr. Miller would need to work with the park committee and that recommendations from the park committee would then be brought before the city council to review.

Councilman Jackson motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion. The motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Simmons informed council that he was on the Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda for August 8, 2006 to discuss the fire department.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:35 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, President of Council