

Regular Council Meeting
July 28, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of July 28, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Judge David Green swore in Mickey Marse as Mayor for a four year term. He continued swearing in the following Council members for a four year term, Jean Arrant, Charlie Simmons, and Earl King. Each member and Mayor began their tenure tonight. County Administrator Ronnie Bell was present for the swearing in process. Councilman Jackson motioned to appoint Councilman Earl King as the President of the Council. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0. Councilman King motioned for the Mayor to appoint Councilman Jackson to oversee the sewer department and Councilman Simmons to oversee the fire department. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of July 12, 2005 and emergency meeting held on July 8, 2005. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Latilda Henninger, City planner requested that Bud Day be appointed to the Planning Board. Councilman King motioned for Bud Day to be appointed to the Planning Board, thus replacing Kim Yerby. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The following were the legislative items:

Large scale amendment changing the future land use category from Rural Village to Low Density Residential for Walbow property consisting of 26.5 acres. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the LSA-05-02B amendment as presented. Councilwoman Arrant 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Zoning assignment of the Walbow property consisting of 26.5 acres from RV to R-1. Councilman King motioned to approve the proposed zoning as presented. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Large scale amendment adoption hearing for Freeport Residential changing the FLUM from Rural Development to Rural Village. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the LSA-05-01 which will be limited by the development agreement. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Zoning assignment of the Freeport Residential property consisting of 303.54 acres from RR to RV. No public or Council discussion. Councilman King motioned to approve the proposed zoning as presented. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

City of Freeport FLUM amendment was presented next involving two items. First item consist of 160 acres from low density residential to existing residential. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilman King motioned to approve the LSA-05-02(C) FLUM amendment, subject to infrastructure concurrency. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0. Councilwoman Arrant abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Item two consist of 74.9 acres from low density residential to mix use. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilman King motioned to approve the amendment, subject to infrastructure concurrency. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

City of Freeport rezoning involves three items. Item "A" consists of three parts. Part 1- 18.35 acres from R-1 to R-3, part 2- 12.65 acres from R-1 to RC, and part 3-25.75 acres from R-1 to R-3. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the rezoning of item "A". Councilwoman Arrant 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0. Item "B" consists of 14.45 acres from R-2 to RC. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilman King motioned to

approve the rezoning of item "B". Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0. Item "C" consists of 6.74 acres from R-2 to R-3. There was no public or Council discussion. . Councilman King motioned to approve the rezoning of item "C". Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Planner Henninger requested approval of the Council for a creation of a new FLUM category. Councilman King motioned to approve the language and advertise for adoption. Councilwoman Arrant 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The quasi-judicial item was presented by Planner Henninger, regarding the following: Eastland Holdings LLC is proposing 2 warehouse building located within the WC Industrial Park at Freeport. Staff and planning board recommended approval of the development. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the development as presented. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Planner Henninger request permission to attend the FL Planning Conference. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to allow her to do so at the City expense. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Attorney Adkinson stated there were no legal issues. He is still working on the latest annexation request and has some property boundary issues that need settling before drafting the proposed ordinance.

Tony Peters addressed the engineer's report. He requested a workshop on the sewer system. The Council set a tentative date of August 24, 2005 at 7 pm. Water tank #4 is ready for bid. Councilman King motioned to set opening bid date for September 9, 2005 at 10 am. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0. Mr. Peters stated the sewer plant upgrade should be completed within 30-45 days.

New Business:

Councilman King motioned to set a tentative milage rate of 3.93. Councilwoman Arrant seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0. The first budget workshop is set for August 10, at 7 pm. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to have the first public hearing for TRIM on September 13, 2005 at 7pm. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Dr. Thomas McKnight introduced himself to the public and Council by stating he was locating in the Freeport area. Presently he has an office in Bluewater Bay and invited everyone to his open house on Friday.

John Fogarty requested to use City facilities to hold church services. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to allow Mr. Fogarty to use a City facility for 1 Sunday a month to hold worshipping services at three months intervals. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Judy Marse requested the City give the Hatcher Cemetery \$5,000 in funding to assist in having a chain link fence placed around the area. Also, she requested City employees or anyone to help clean the property for the fence and new plot areas. After much discussion the Council denied the fund request. Several Council members will try and assist in clearing the property.

Mayor Marse received bids for a commercial lawn mower. Councilwoman Arrant motioned for the Mayor to purchase a lawn mower. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

All interested parties wanting to go to the FL League of Cities Conference needs to tell Clerk Riley, so reservations can be made.

After discussion on the wages offered by the City for employment, Councilman Jackson motioned to increase hourly full time employee wages across the board by \$1.00. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-1, with Councilwoman Arrant vote of nay.

The S-10 work trucks were the next discussion of the Council. Both vehicles are having mechanical problems and the Council needs to look in replacing and adding new vehicles. Councilman King noted that he would start looking and consider it during budget times.

Councilman Jackson motioned to pay all bills that were in order. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Mayor Marse noted that DOT is looking at doing the 4 lane all the way to the small bridge (Ramsey Branch) on US 331 S.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 9:12 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council