

Council Workshop
August 3, 2006

Mayor Marse called to order the public workshop of August 3, 2006 at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Council members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Earl King, Ray Jackson, and Charlie Simmons were present. Also present: Attorney Clay Adkinson and City Clerk Robin Haynes

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Marse opened the fire department workshop. Councilman Simmons notified the council that Walton County had offered to fund the Freeport Fire Department for three years, and at the end of the three years time, Freeport Fire Department would join with Walton County Fire and Rescue. This three year window would allow Freeport's current volunteers to get the training that would be required to make them eligible for hire with Walton County. Council discussed joining with Walton County. Council and agreed that the City would not be able to fund the fire department as a paid department. There was concern that the City would train personnel, only to have them join the County as they became eligible. Council agreed and approved for Councilman Simmons to continue discussions with Walton County.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 6:20 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council