

**Regular Council Meeting  
August 11, 2009**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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

*City Clerk Robin Haynes swore in Mayor Mickey Marse for his new term as Mayor.*

*Mayor Marse swore in Council members Earl King (Council Seat #1) and Charlie Simmons (Council Seat #4) for their new terms in office.*

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**II. Approval of Past Minutes**

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 23, 2009 and workshops of July 16 and July 23, 2009 as written, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

**A. Request for approval/LMS project list**

Councilman Martin motioned to approve the Walton County 2009 Local Mitigation Strategy project list as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**B. Request for Public Hearing/LDC Signage Language Revision**

Ms. Henninger requested public hearings set for LDC signage language revision to include the following updates:

- 1) Remove electric portable signs from the list of prohibited signs
- 2) Add electric portable signs to the list of allowable temporary signs
- 3) Change the time limits of new business/grand opening temporary signs to one (1) year
- 4) Allow short term events to erect signage up to 5 days before the event and to remove signage 5 days after the event.

Councilman King requested language be implemented to keep a “temporary sign” temporary and portable.

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve setting the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing date for the Land Development Code Signage Language revision for September 8, 2009 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for September 24, 2009, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**2. Legal Matters**

None were presented.

### 3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait presented his monthly call report to the council, including calls received per month, separated by inside and outside City limits, and volunteer compensation/time sheets. Council requested he separate the calls by inside or outside city limits in the future.

### 4. Parks Department Report

No parks report was given.

### 5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Peters updated Council on the following items:

- Well #7 – electrical equipment should be received within one to two weeks
- North Bay extension – preliminary assessment indicates the City could be eligible for up to 45% grant funds, request council direction regarding the application package, draft proposed notification letter for solicitation of new customers has been drafted, and plans to contact Mr. Bob Jones regarding assistance with the environmental review required by Rural Development (plans to use some of the elements of the review being conducted now by SAIC)

Councilman Martin motioned to approve Peters Municipal Associates proceeding with PER and application for the North Bay Water expansion, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

## IV. Old Business

### 1. Water Line upgrade/Washington, Adams & Jefferson Streets

Three prices were received for the water line upgrade project:

H & T Contractors, LLC	\$53,757.50
Emerald Bay Underground & Sitework	\$56,044.90
Construction Service Company	\$65,165.00

Councilman King motioned to award the contract to the low bidder, H & T Contractors, for \$53,757.50 subject to engineer review and approval, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

## V. New Business

### 1. Melinda Wickham & Terry Dawkins/Choctawhatchee Military Council

Mr. Terry Dawkins (Vice-Chair) introduced himself and Melinda Wickham (Chair) to the Council and made a short presentation. No action was requested or taken.

### 2. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Martin motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

## VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilman Simmons motioned to authorize Attorney Adkinson to issue letters to the property owner's of abandoned property requiring them to clean up the properties, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**VII. Public Business Not On Agenda**

Mr. John Crawford requested the Mayor to send a letter requesting Cox Cable to add the RFD channel to their line up. Council agreed.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:45 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, Council President

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