

**Regular Council Meeting
August 26, 2010**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of August 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the minutes of the regular council meetings of July 13, July 22 and August 10, 2010 as written, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

A. Request for workshop – grant application/Freeport Regional Sports Complex

Councilman Simmons motioned to schedule a special council meeting on September 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm for FRDAP grant application, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

B. Approval request – grant application/Historical Display

Ms. Henninger updated the council on grant opportunities for creating a historical display at the old Masonic Lodge and possible FRDAP grant for boardwalks on Four Mile Creek Park

C. Approval request – Replat/Haven at Hammock Bay

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the re-plat request by the Haven at Hammock Bay to combine lots nine and ten to become one lot, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

D. Planning Board Appointment/Reappointment

Councilman King motioned to accept Councilman Jackson's request to re-appoint Mr. Ronnie Brannon as his representative on the Freeport Planning Board, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Councilman Taunton will bring his appointment to council at a later date.

E. Resolution revision – recreation board

Ms. Henninger informed council that she would be revising the recreation board appointment resolution from 2005 and would present it to council at a later meeting.

2. Legal Matters

None were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait presented his monthly call report for July.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineer’s Report

Charles Peters, representing Peters Municipal Associates, updated council on the following items:

- Well #7 – A/C problems have been ongoing since May, currently is working but recommends calling another contractor if it comes up again
- McDaniels lift station start up scheduled earlier today, short punch list of items to complete
- Highway 20 sidewalk extension – still waiting on contract documents from contractor

Lift station re-build project construction bids received:

BCL Civil Contractors	\$ 698,354.00
Gulf Coast Utility Contractors	\$ 820,915.50
Crestview Site & Underground	\$ 840,000.00
Royal American Construction	\$ 911,648.90
H & T Contractors	\$ 992,970.15
I-C Contractors	\$1,031,478.80
J & P Construction	\$1,054,100.00

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve awarding the lift station re-build project to the low bidder of BCL Civil Contractors for \$698,354.00, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

IV. Old Business

None was presented.

V. New Business

1. Request special meeting – TRIM/Final Budget Hearing

Councilman Simmons motioned to schedule a special council meeting for September 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm for the TRIM/Final Budget hearing, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Pay all bills in order

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

3. Request for waiver of rental fees/Friends of the Walton County Animal Shelter

Council reviewed a request by Friends of the Walton County Animal Shelter for the waiving of rental fees of the community center. Council took no action.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilman Taunton mentioned that he was going to work on removing obsolete DOT signs from 331 Business and Highway 20.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President