

**Regular Council Meeting  
September 9, 2008**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, Earl King, and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Bennett Greenslait, and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

**II. Approval of Past Minutes**

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular Council meetings of August 12 and August 28, 2008 and the Council workshops of August 20 and September 4, 2008 as written, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

Clerk Haynes presented the following items:

Requested approval to perform 1<sup>st</sup> reading and to advertise for adoption a proposed small scale amendment, changing the current future land use assignment from RV (Rural Village) to C (Commercial) to match the remaining property owned by JLAB, LLC. The property is approximately two acres on parcel #27-1S-19-23000-031-0060. Councilman King motioned to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and to advertise for adoption the proposed ordinance, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

Requested approval to perform 1<sup>st</sup> reading and to advertise for adoption a rezoning request presented by JLAB, LLC. The parcel numbers of the property are #27-1S-19-23000-010-0000/011-0010/017-0000/031-0000/031-0020/031-0030/031-0040/031-0050/031-0060/033-0030/033-0050/040-0000 and contains approximately 43 acres. The current zoning of the property is RV (Rural Village) and C-2 (Heavy Commercial) and the proposed zoning is C-1 (General Commercial). Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and to advertise for adoption the proposed ordinance, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

**2. Legal Matters**

Attorney Adkinson requested approval to hold 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of an annexation ordinance for the Godwin property, located off of Earl Godwin Road. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no council or public discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #08-06 was adopted.

**3. Fire Department Report**

Chief Greenslait introduced Mr. Don Cioeta with the State Fire Marshall's office. Mr. Cioeta gave a brief update of the investigation in process with the Damascus Church fire. While the investigation will still take a few weeks pending lab analysis, it appears that the fire was accidental.

Chief Greenslait provided a list of calls responded to in August and a Certificate of Appreciation from the State Fire Marshall for the fire department's participation in the NFIRS and FFIRS Program.

#### **4. Engineer's Report**

Mr. Charles Peters updated the council on the following sewer department projects:

- Lazy Days project is still not completed, probably the end of the month
- Reuse tank virtually constructed, painting, slabs and cleanup, projected close out 1<sup>st</sup> week of November
- Reuse filters progressing, projected close out early November
- Designs worked out for well #7, possible advertising in October, tentative bid opening for 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in October

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **1. Schedule Special Meeting – Interview applicants/Parks Director**

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to set a special council meeting to interview applicants for the Parks Director position on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Marse informed council that he had received two quotes for the paving of April Street, Blueberry Road (the end toward Business 331) and Highland Street – Burnham Paving for \$28,220.00 and Byrd Enterprises for \$35,700.00. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve awarding the paving of the streets to Burnham Paving for \$28,220.00, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **V. New Business**

#### **1. FRDAP Presentation**

Clerk Haynes made a brief FRDAP presentation to council. Ms. Kassy Keyes is compiling two FRDAP grant applications for the Freeport Regional Sports Complex for the purpose of constructing a Splash Park, a lawn bowling facility and an exercise course. Clerk Haynes requested approval to submit two FRDAP grant applications. Councilwoman Arrant motioned approval for a resolution to authorize the submission of the FRDAP grant application packages, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Resolution #08-08 was adopted.

#### **2. Tom Marr – extension request/Hidden Pines**

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve Mr. Marr's request to grant another six months extension on the development order application for Hidden Pines, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

#### **3. June Weeks – Blueridge Parkway**

Ms. Weeks requested approval to place a "community sign" on the East corner of Highway 20 and Blueridge Parkway for a proposed development. The land development code currently does not permit the placement of signs on right of way property. After brief discussion, Councilman King motioned to send the request back to the Planning Board for a recommendation, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**4. Updated Personnel policy**

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the updated personnel policy dated September 9, 2008, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**5. Pay all bills in order**

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

**VI. Council Business Not On Agenda**

**VII. Public Business Not On Agenda**

Mr. Cliff Knauer with Preble Rish gave a brief update on the Four Mile Creek park project. Completion is expected in approximately three weeks.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:50 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