

Regular Council Meeting  
September 28, 2006

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of September 28, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, and Earl King were present. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson and City Clerk Robin Haynes. Councilman Charlie Simmons and City Planner Latilda Henninger were absent.

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

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the council workshop on August 30, 2006 and the regular council meeting on August 24, 2006, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to set public hearing dates for the Proportionate Fair Share Ordinance at the regular council meetings of October 26, 2006 and November 14, 2006, Councilman Jackson seconded. Mayor Marse expressed concern regarding passing of the ordinance and requested Ms. Henninger to contact Florida League of Cities to determine how many municipalities plan to pass this prior to the first public hearing. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

There were no legal matters presented.

Mr. Charles Peters updated the council on the following items:

- Florida DEP grant for the tertiary treatment plant, master lift station, SCADA, and service lines
- Florida Forever grant application submitted for alternate water source plan
- North Bay Phase II – waiting on notification from DEP and NWFLWD regarding whether land for wellsite is permissible
- Traffic concurrency meetings with Walton County have continued

Old business:

Clerk Haynes requested a motion to approve a resolution to award the City Hall construction contract to Southern Structures Corporation for \$1,579,000. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to adopt the proposed resolution, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0. Resolution #06-19 was adopted.

Clerk Haynes reported that Peters Municipal Associates was ranked first on the proposals received for engineering services for the anticipated 2006 Neighborhood Revitalization CDBG Grant. There were two proposals received, Peters Municipal Associates and PBS & J. Councilman Jackson motioned to select Peters Municipal Associates, Inc. for engineering services for the project and negotiate a contract, subject to Department of Community Affairs review and issuance of a grant contract, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Clerk Haynes reported that there was only one proposal received for administrative services for the anticipated 2006 Neighborhood Revitalization CDBG Grant. The proposal was received from Jones-Phillips & Associates, Inc. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to select Jones-Phillips & Associates, Inc. for administrative services for the project and negotiate a contract, subject to Department of Community Affairs review and approval of the sole source procurement and issuance of a grant contract, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Clerk Haynes requested council to set a special council meeting to interview additional applicants for the utility billing position. Councilman Jackson motioned to

set a special council meeting for October 3, 2006 at 7:00 pm, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

New business:

Brittany Stark made a brief presentation to the council regarding 4-H clubs. Mayor Marse signed a proclamation designating October 1-7, 2006 as National 4-H Week in Freeport.

Clerk Haynes requested council to pay vacation time not used to three employees, David Fannin, Preston Wright, and Kelly Mixon. The vacation time can not be carried over and would be lost unless paid out. Councilman Jackson motioned to pay the vacation time, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Clerk Haynes requested approval to have a decorative gas light installed at City Hall as part of the ribbon cutting ceremonies planned by Okaloosa Gas. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the installation of the light, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion. The motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Marse informed council that there were two bids received for the interim financing of the new city hall building. First National Bank & Trust bid 3.60% and Regions Bank bid 4.30%. Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the low bid of 3.6% by First National Bank & Trust subject to USDA Rural Development approval, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:35 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, President of Council