

**Regular Council Meeting  
October 12, 2010**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 12, 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. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Utility Billing Clerk Al Wilson and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Past Minutes**

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of September 23, and the special council meetings of September 23 and September 28, 2010 as written, Councilman Taunton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

**A. Approval request – 1<sup>st</sup> reading ordinance/FEMA Floodplain Plan**

Councilman King motioned to approve first reading and advertise for adoption the proposed FEMA floodplain plan ordinance as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms. Henninger read the proposed ordinance by title.

**2. Legal Matters**

No items were presented.

**3. Fire Department Report**

No report was presented.

**4. Parks Department Report**

No report was presented.

## **5. Engineer's Report**

Chance Powell, representing Preble-Rish, informed the council that the coordinates were changed on the previously proposed "no-wake" ordinance and would be ready to present for first reading at a later meeting.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **1. Approval request - Public works building**

William Chapman, representing the Walton County Sheriff's Office updated council on the renovations to the old public works building. It has been decided that it would be more cost effective to demolish the structure and build a new one. Attorney Adkinson has reviewed a draft lease agreement provided by Walton County and has slight modifications to recommend to council at a later date. The County would be responsible for all building costs, as well as the moving of the control panel for the well, if necessary for construction. The test well at the location has been closed and must be left alone. Councilman King motioned to approve Walton County demolishing the old public works building owned by the City subject to Walton County constructing a new building, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **2. Approval request - Rock Hill Road well**

Mayor Marse told council that the deed to the well site and acreage and funds have been received from Regional Utilities for the Rock Hill Road property and requested approval to move ahead with permitting for the upgrading of the well and running a water line from it to the line at the Owl's Head property. Councilman King motioned to approve moving forward with permitting for upgrading the well and constructing a water line, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

## **V. New Business**

### **1. Bay Area sewer questions**

Mr. Jeff Powell asked the council if there were any possibility of reducing the connection fees for connecting to sewer in the Pitts Bayshore area. After short discussion regarding fees, loan payback and possible financing options, Attorney Adkinson requested council not take action at this time and give him 30 days to research and negotiate with Walton County regarding the sewer loan payments. No council action was taken.

### **2. Approval request – US Tank/tank maintenance program**

Mr. Jim Morris, representing US Tanks, presented a tank maintenance program proposal to council. After short discussion, council agreed to wait until Attorney Adkinson has had time to review the contract before voting on item. The proposal is to be brought back to council at a later meeting. No council action was taken.

**3. Approval request – Halloween hours**

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve setting the Halloween “trick or treat” hours for Saturday, October 30 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm., Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**4. Pay all bills in order**

Councilman Taunton 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**

City Clerk Haynes presented the following items:

- Advertising for two weeks for full-time firefighter due to open position. Councilman King motioned to approve Chief Greenslait and Mayor Marse interview candidates and bring recommendation to hire back to council, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.
- Request consideration for imposing a charge for meter accuracy testing. Councilman King motioned to set a \$50.00 meter accuracy charge, to be refunded to customer if determined that the meter is inaccurate, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.
- Presented Mr. Al Wilson with an engraved clock in appreciation of his 20 years of service as a City employee.

**VII. Public Business Not On Agenda**

None was presented.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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