

**Regular Council Meeting
October 23, 2008**

Board Members Present: Earl King, Ray Jackson, Charlie Simmons

Board Members Absent: Mike Helton (illness), Jean Arrant (out of town)

Staff Members Present: Latilda Henninger/City Planner, Clayton Adkinson/City Attorney, Ben Greenslait/Fire Chief, Shane Supple/Parks & Recreation Manager.

Staff Absent: Robin Haynes/City Clerk, Charles Peters/City Engineer

I Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Marse

II Invocation by Councilman Simmons and Pledge of Allegiance

III Approval of Past Minutes – RCM 10/14/08

Motion by Jackson/2nd by King to approve the 10/14/08 minutes as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

A. Latilda Henninger - Planning Issues: None presented

B. Clayton Adkinson- Legal matters

1. Interlocal Agreement between Defuniak Springs, Freeport, Paxton and Walton County for COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME Project.

Adkinson pointed out city responsibilities, such as providing staff to meetings to take minutes/provide governmental services.

Motion by King/2nd by Jackson to approve as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Interlocal Agreement for Governmental Services between City/County for use of practice fields and Freeport Regional Sports Complex.

Adkinson pointed out responsibilities and the agreement not to charge Walton County for Walton County Recreation activities. Adkison made several changes and deletions to the language, specifically to Paragraph 4.

Per Mayor Marse, the county cleared the practice ball field area; the city will be responsible to grading, fill, sodding and striping.

Motion by Simmons/2nd by King to approve the ILA with the changes as shown by Adkinson. All ayes' motion carried.

3. Rental Contract for Tournaments at Freeport Regional Sports Complex. No changes needed per Adkinson.

Motion by Simmons/2nd by King to approve as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

4. Freeport Regional Sports Complex Facility Use Agreement/Concession Stand.

No changes needed, per Adkinson.

Motion by Jackson/2nd by Simmons to approve as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

5. Guidelines for Use of Freeport Regional Sports Complex

Changes as outlined by Adkinson.

Motion by Simmons/2nd by Jackson to approve with corrections as noted by Adkinson. All ayes; motion carried.

6. King Annexation

Adkison will present this item at the next meeting, due to two councilpersons being absent and King having to recuse himself, a quorum cannot be established.

C. Fire Department Report

- 1. Written ISO Agreement with South Walton Fire District.

Per Greenslait, having a written agreement will lower the ISO rates.

Motion by Simmons/2nd by Jackson to approve as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

D. Parks Department Report

- 1. Park Maintenance Update
 - a. Spraying put off until next week due to weather
 - b. Scoreboard on adult softball filed to be repaired
 - c. Mosquitoes are a serious problem; being addressed
 - d. The soccer field lights lock has been repaired.
- 2. Flag Football Program. 5 teams, possible 6.
- 3. Softball Clinic scheduled for November
- 4. Permit for 5k/10k run for Hammock Bay

Hammock Bay has requested that Hammock Trail East be shut down for the race; Shane is trying to compromise by closing only one lane of the road down for the race so the public can still utilize the park.

- 5. CHELCO Lights Update

Per Brian Gilbert, to get off the demand system, CHELCO would have to install more meters.

E. Engineer’s Report: *None presented*

IV Old Business

- A. Mayor Marse – practice ball-fields

Mayor Marse requested permission to bid out the grading/sodding/fencing of the new practice ball fields.

Motion by Jackson/2nd by Simmons to bid the work out. All ayes; motion carried.

- B. Robin Haynes – bill processing/outsourcing: *This item continued to November meeting*

V New Business

- A. Employee Probationary period/Alden, Godwin

Alden and Godwin now full time status, per Mayor Marse.

- B. Pay all bills in order

Motion by Jackson/2nd by King to pay the bills. All ayes; motion carried.

VI Council Business Not on Agenda

Motion by Jackson/2nd by King to move the November 11 meeting to November 13, due to the Veteran’s Day holiday. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Jackson/2nd by King to cancel the 2nd Council meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All ayes; motion carried.

VII Public Comment *None*

VIII Adjournment *at 7:35 p.m.*

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, President of the Council