

Regular Council Meeting
October 27, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of October 27, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of October 11, 2005. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

Latilda Henninger, City planner had the following items to report:

Legislative Issues:

Request to have second reading and adoption of the Freeport Industries small scale amendment ordinance changing parcel id #22-1S-19-23010-000-0060 containing 4.34 acres more or less from LDR to I-1. . Councilman Jackson motioned to have the second reading and approval of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried, 5-0. Ms. Henninger performed the second reading and Ordinance #05-27 was adopted.

Request to have second reading and adoption of the Freeport Industries zoning ordinance designating the above mentioned parcel to I-1. Councilman Helton motioned to have the second reading and approval of the proposed ordinance, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried, 5-0. Ms. Henninger performed the second reading and Ordinance #05-28 was adopted.

Request to have second reading and adoption of the Blizzard small scale amendment ordinance changing parcel id #21-1S-19-23000-007-0000/0030/0040/0050/0060 and 21-1S-19-23000-006-0000/0120 containing 10 acres more or less from RD to RV. Councilman King motioned to have the second reading and approval of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Ms. Henninger performed the second reading and Ordinance #05-29 was adopted.

Request to have second reading and adoption of the Blizzard zoning ordinance designating the above mentioned parcels to RV. Councilman Jackson motioned to have the second reading and approval of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Ms. Henninger performed the second reading and Ordinance #05-30 was adopted.

Quasi-Judicial items:

Request a motion for approval of Laurel Oaks Subdivision to be designated as a Residential Planned Development Project. Councilman King motioned to approve the project and the resolution for the Planned Development Project master plan (PDP), Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Resolution #05-19 was adopted.

Other:

Mr. Steve Del Gallo with Freeport Residential would like to make an amendment to the Developer's Agreement and requests to have a public hearing date. With requested revisions, the maximum density would become 450. Councilman Simmons motioned to allow Freeport Residential to set a public hearing regarding the requested amendment, Councilman King seconded. Council decided to have the public hearing at the December 13th regular council meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

Planner Henninger announced that the final plats approved previously for Pods 6 & 7 at Hammock Bay were ready for signing

Due to Attorney Adkinson being absent, no legal issues were presented.

Charles Peters announced that the City of Freeport had only received two bids for the water tank #4 located at Windswept Estates. The contract was bid at both 300,000 gallon tank and 500,000 gallon tank. The apparent low bidder on both size tanks was Caldwell Tanks Inc. at \$578,400 and \$711,100 respectively. Councilman Jackson motioned to proceed with construction of a 500,000 gallon water tank, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Peters announced that the re-bidding of the Industrial Park turn lane was set for November 8, 2005.

Mayor Marse announced that DOT would not accept the right of way work that was completed by on the North Bay project in Choctaw Beach. The contractor (L & R Contracting) has refused to complete the work as requested by September 30, 2005. The contractor has filed suit against the City of Freeport for the retainage funds that are being withheld pending completion of the project. Attorney Adkinson is attempting to have the case heard in Walton County instead of Bay County. Mayor Marse has found an outside contractor that would complete the work necessary for DOT. Councilman King motioned to proceed with the repairs as necessary, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to increase City Clerk Haynes pay by \$1.00 an hour, with a \$.50 additional pay raise after her 90 day probationary period, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marse announced that the Freeport Recreation Committee was not ready to be completed at this time. Commissioner Brannon is to appoint a member from the Walton County Recreational Board. Councilman Simmons has expressed an interest to be placed on the board.

New Business:

Mayor Marse announced that Councilman Helton has received a length of service award from the Florida League of Cities for 28 years of service.

Ms. Eleanor Turner of the Town Planters addressed the council. She is requesting that the City of Freeport help set up the utilities for the Blount House. Councilman Simmons motioned to set up the utilities as required, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marse requested permission to place bid ad for the disposal of two S-10 trucks. Council agreed.

Mr. Pat O'Neil with the Black Creek RV Resort addressed the council. He requested that Mr. Cecil Henley with McNeill Company give a short presentation regarding the type of wastewater treatment plant that Mr. O'Neil would like to build on his project site. Mr. O'Neil requested that the Mayor and Council issue a letter of no objection to Walton County to allow him to proceed. After some discussion, Councilman King motioned to table this issue until Attorney Adkinson would be available to advise Council, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills that are in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Jackson motioned to have the City Christmas Party at The 331 on December 15, 2005 at 7:00, Councilman King seconded. No public or council discussion, motion carried 5-0.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council