

**Regular Council Meeting
November 9, 2010**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of November 9, 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 Clay Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait and Parks Director Shane Supple and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Simmons motioned to accept the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of October 28, 2010 as written, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

A. 2nd Reading & Adoption/FEMA floodplains management ordinance

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the second reading and adoption of the proposed FEMA floodplains management ordinance as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms. Henninger read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #2010-05 was adopted.

2. Legal Matters

A. 1st reading/proposed annexation ordinance – Freeport Real Estate Investments

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the first reading and to advertise for adoption the proposed annexation ordinance for Freeport Real Estate Investments, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

3. Fire Department Report

A. Recommendation to hire firefighter

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve Chief Greenslait's recommendation to hire Mr. James Whedon as a full-time firefighter, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Chief Greenslait requested approval to keep the list of interviewed applicants open for six months in case there may be another opening. Councilman Taunton motioned to approve keeping the list of interviewed applicants open for six months, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was presented.

5. Engineer's Report

No report was presented.

IV. Old Business

1. Florida Retirement System

Councilman Taunton requested council comment about registering the council members in the Florida Retirement System. Discussion included:

- Possibility of buying back length of service for council members
- Funds not currently budgeted
- Buying back service to ensure "vesting"
- Reduce pay by 5% to assist with funding

Clerk Haynes to gather more information for council regarding registration and bring back to next regular scheduled council meeting.

2. 1st reading/No-wake ordinance

Councilman King motioned to approve first reading and advertise for adoption of a proposed no-wake ordinance for Four Mile Creek, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Clerk Haynes read the proposed ordinance by title.

3. Sewer finance agreement/new connections

Clerk Haynes presented a draft agreement for financing of sewer connections in the bay area/bay loop area by paying half of cost upon connection and \$100 per month until balance is paid. Discussion continued regarding:

- Only the property owners would be able to sign agreement and would be responsible for the bill
- Existing, single-family residences only
- The ability of agreement to be transferred to another owner
- Placing liens on property for balance owed, Attorney recommends not placing liens due to extended cost to City of Freeport
- Cost of current sewer connection fees being collected up front versus reducing connection fees to gain customer base and collect usage fees long term
- "Finance" connection fees by raising sewer usage fees

4. Fleet Vehicle policy

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the proposed fleet vehicle policy with two changes: change all arrests and traffic “convictions” to “citations” and include “no smoking in vehicles”, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Cancel council meetings of November 25 & December 23

Councilman Taunton motioned to cancel the regular scheduled council meetings of November 25 and December 23, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Christmas schedule for City Hall

Councilman King motioned to approve closing City Hall Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24 for Christmas, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. 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

None was presented.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President