

**Regular Council Meeting
December 9, 2008**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of December 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King, and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Bennett Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple, City Clerk Robin Haynes, and Council Member appointee, Mark Martin.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Marse issued the Oath of Office for new Councilmember Mark Martin.

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 13, 2008 as written, Councilman Simmons. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

There were no planning issues presented.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson requested approval to hold second reading and adoption for an annexation ordinance for the King property. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve second reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. Councilman King abstained from voting due to ownership of the property. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #08-14 was adopted.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait briefly discussed the following items:

- Monthly call recap
- Volunteer stipends
- Fire hydrant maintenance log

Councilwoman Arrant inquired as to when repairs are being done – repairs are being turned into the water department for repair as they are being inspected.

Councilwoman Arrant also mentioned appreciation for thank you letter received from the Elementary School on behalf of Richard Withrow.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane Supple briefly discussed the following items:

- Asphalt repair on tennis and basketball courts has begun
- Dogwood Services on winter schedule – once a month
- County is assisting with repairs to the batting cages
- Flag football finals winding down

- 1st adult softball tournament went well
- Hammock Bay 5/10K is scheduled December 20
- Will be bringing proposal Mr. Phil Rose w/Pyle Soccer Academy regarding having clinics, lessons, etc.

Councilman Simmons asked if the information had been received regarding the electrical meters at the ballfields. Chelco is working some numbers regarding power bills now, versus adding additional meters to lower the demand rate.

5. Engineer's Report

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

- Well #7 contract documents have been executed, a pre-con meeting to be scheduled between now and Christmas with a start date of January 5, 2009
- Reuse tank interior finish not completed, floors to be poured within a few days. Estimates two to three more weeks to complete
- Reuse filters are close to completion, planning meeting for start up procedures to be scheduled soon
- Notified Council that a proposed stimulus plan that the Florida League of Cities in conjunction with the National League of Cities to be proposed to Legislature. Projects have been identified by description, estimated cost and estimated number of jobs to be created. Mr. Peters has met with the Mayor and will present a list of proposed projects.

Mayor Marse informed Council that Joe Campbell road had finally been paved.

IV. Old Business

1. Gene Wesley – Water meter fee

Councilman Simmons motioned to deny Mr. Wesley's request of fee waivers for the maintenance fees on his meters, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Councilman Simmons requested Clerk Haynes send Mr. Wesley a letter stating the Council's decision.

2. Mayor Marse – Quotes received/Practice ballfield construction

Mayor Marse received four quotes for the practice ballfield construction:

Burnham Paving	\$15,000.00
Leddon's Landscaping	\$15,250.00
Tindle Enterprises	\$18,430.00
Young's Contracting	\$34,297.14

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve Burnham Paving for the construction of the practice ballfields for \$15,000.00, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Mayor Marse – Joe Campbell Road, paved

2. Mayor Marse – WCEDA update

Mayor Marse stated that he has been attending the monthly Walton County Economic Development Alliance meetings and the by-laws are being developed. Ms. Elizabeth Brannon attended with Mayor Marse and has stated that she would like to represent the City as an ex-officio board member at a later time.

6. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Jackson motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilwoman Arrant asked about the status of the playground equipment. The equipment has been installed and is waiting on the safety surface before opening them up to play.

Clerk Haynes requested approval to place Shane Supple on regular employee status effective January 1. Councilman King motioned to approve Shane Supple to be placed on regular employee status, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Councilman Simmons asked about the status of the Bishop Landing property code violation/enforcement – Clerk Haynes to get with Planner Henninger and Code Enforcement on the status of the project.

Councilman Simmons requested approval to work with Peters Municipal regarding the design and cost estimates for a safe room to be added to the fire station. Council agreed.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President