

Regular Council Meeting  
December 12, 2006

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of December 12, 2006 at 7:10 pm.

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

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

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting on October 26, 2006, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Henninger presented the following planning items:

Requested approval for Okaloosa Gas Freeport Operations Center – 4,800 square foot office/warehouse building on two acres located on parcel #35-1N-19-17000-001-0026. Freeport Planning Board recommended approval as presented, as engineering approval had been received on September 25, 2006. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the proposed project as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Requested approval for The Enclave – a residential subdivision consisting of 31 lots on 5.7 acres located on parcel #16-1S-19-23000-013-0000. The project had received engineering approval on October 16, 2006. The Freeport Planning Board recommended approval subject to the developer providing an acceptable street lighting plan. Councilman King motioned to approve the project subject to an approved lighting plan being provided, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Requested approval for The Crossings at Freeport (fka Cambridge Place Subdivision) – a residential project consisting of 52 single family lots on 35 acres located on parcel #19-1S-19-23000-007-0000. Engineering approval had been received on October 18, 2006. The Freeport Planning Board recommended approval as presented. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the proposed project as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Henninger introduced Mr. George Russell with the Institute of Senior Professionals and expressed appreciation for the work that the group has been doing to help the City complete the EAR. Mr. Russell updated the council on the requirements by the state to complete the EAR report by September of 2007. He reminded council that the EAR report is an evaluation of the City's comprehensive plan and how well it helps the City meet its policies, goals and objectives. Mr. Russell introduced the team to council and provided a schedule of events for the upcoming year.

Attorney Adkinson requested approval for second reading and adoption of an ordinance to annex 160 acres located on parcel #36-1N-19-17000-002-0000. Councilman Helton motioned to approve second reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #06-28 was adopted.

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

- Bayloop Phase II sewer completed and final inspection scheduled for 12/19/06
- Master pump station startup scheduled for 12/19/06

- Bay Area Phase I sewer completed
- Bay Area Phase II sewer completed with exception of the overlay required on Old Jolly Bay Road, pump station site still to be determined
- Water tank #4 completed and ready to be tested
- Sewer department maintenance building – slab has been poured, building to be placed after the first of the year.
- North Bay water phase II – well site property being reviewed for approval Florida DEP.

Old Business:

Mr. Bob Jones requested approval for the Professional Grant Administration Services contract to submit to Department of Community Affairs for the CDBG grant project. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the proposed Professional Grant Administration Services contract as submitted, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Bob Jones requested approval for the Agreement for Engineering Services as submitted by Peters Municipal Associates to submit to Department of Community Affairs for the CDBG grant project. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the proposed Engineering Services contract as submitted, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Dawn Moliterno, President of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce and Rick Severance, co-chair of Workforce Housing Task Force, gave a presentation on the new Walton County Workforce Housing Resource Center. Ms. Moliterno requested the City donate \$18,750.00 to help fund the Workforce Housing Center. The board hopes to be fully self-funded within two years. Councilman King requested the motion be tabled until a later meeting to give the council time to review the business plan of the project since it had not been provided before the council meeting. Council agreed to table the request.

Mayor Marse recognized Miss Ashley Fannin and Miss Rachel Stanley as winners in the recent Walton County School District Science Fair with projects done on the City of Freeport's water distribution system.

Mayor Marse received a proposal on repainting for the water tank located at well #3 by the current contractor that had constructed tank #4. The quote received was for \$67,565.00 which was below previous quotes to have other tanks painted. Councilman King motioned to issue a change order for the current tank #4 contractors, Caldwell Tanks, to paint the tank at well #3 for an additional \$67,565.00, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lloyd Blue, chairman of the Workforce Housing Corporation, requested the adoption of a memorandum of understanding between the Walton County Workforce Housing Corporation and the City of Freeport to be included with a grant package to be sent to the State of Florida. Councilman King motioned to approve the adoption of the proposed memorandum of understanding with a change on the second page to allow the payment of water and sewer tap and impact fees be paid at each home's closing rather than all fees for the project be paid in advance, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Earl King, President of Council