

**Regular Council Meeting
September 22, 2011**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of September 22, 2011 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 Clayton Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of past minutes

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the minutes of the regular council meetings of August 25 and September 13, 2011 as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

A. Approval request – Acceptance of streets/Hammock Bay

Councilman King stated that he felt the City should honor its original agreement to accept the streets in Hammock Bay. Attorney Adkinson stated that since the streets had been constructed according to the specifications required by the City and were inspected and found to be in compliance, he did not recommend refusing acceptance. Councilman King motioned to accept the streets within Hammock Bay excluding the sections of brick pavers, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no additional council or public discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Resolution #2011-07 was adopted.

B. Nuisance ordinance

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve allowing the Freeport Planning Board to review the City's nuisance ordinance and make recommendations to update it, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson informed the council that the interim financing loan closing for the North Bay expansion was scheduled for the following Monday.

3. Fire Department Report

Mayor Marse stated that Greg Kisela, Walton County Administrator, has requested an additional thirty days to work on the County's funding for the Freeport Fire Department.

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve granting a thirty (30) day extension on the negotiations for the Freeport Fire department funding, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Councilman Taunton motioned that in the event any firefighters would need to be laid off due to the County not providing funding, that the personnel affected are to be given a ninety (90) day notice of their lay-off, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane provided information on the circus that was going to be set up at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex on Sunday and Monday.

IV. Old Business

1. Fee waiver request – Community Center/Town Planters

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve waiving the rental fee of the community center for the Town Planters on October 22, 2011 for their annual Design Show, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Approval request – water operator applications

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve Councilman King and Mayor Marse to interview candidates for the water operator position and to bring back a recommendation for hire, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Approval request – website development proposals

Two proposals for website development were received: Shadow Media Group and Jill Keith. After viewing sample websites, Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve Shadow Media Group for the City's website development, for a set up fee of \$200.00 and a monthly maintenance fee of \$50.00, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

4. Special meeting request – Engineering Continuing Contract evaluations

Attorney Adkinson stated that there were several outstanding issues that the council needed to decide on regarding the engineering continuing contracts, such as the number of firms to be awarded contracts, and how the work would be distributed. He said that a special meeting wasn't required, but that the evaluations would need to be turned in at a certain time. Councilman King motioned to approve ranking three firms and the evaluations being turned in Clerk Haynes prior to the special council meeting of September 27, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Pay all bills in order

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

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Clerk Haynes mentioned that there were written engineer reports with the council packets and that the 4-H office requested a proclamation for “National 4-H Week” for the week of October 2nd through the 8th.

VII. Public Comment

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President