

Regular Council Meeting
January 23, 2003

The Freeport City Council met for a Regular council meeting at 7:00 pm on January 23, 2003.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Earl King, Jean Arrant, Mike Helton and Scott Brannon. Also present: City Clerk Diane Riley.

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

Councilman Helton made a motion to accept the minutes of 01/14/03, seconded by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Charles Peters was unable to attend this meeting to give an engineer report. Mayor Marse stated that the closing for the new site of the Portland well was slated for next week. All other ongoing projects remain about the same.

New Business:

The Council discussed the pool grant awarded to the City. Mayor Marse explained that he had asked Pat Markey with the W.C. Parks and Recreation division to hold off on the site of the pool pending an offer from a developer on donating some property for a park. After further investigation, it may take some time for the property to actually become a city park and the City may not have enough time to construct the pool. The Council decided to move forward with the original location behind the City Hall. There was a discussion about moving the pool to another location on the site behind the City Hall and requesting some element changes to the State. Councilwoman Arrant will contact Pat Markey and ask that he address the Council at the next meeting.

Water and sewer accounts for years dated 1999 and 2000 were presented to the Council for write offs, due to uncollectible debts. Councilwoman Arrant motioned that the total debt of \$4794.55 be wrote off the books for nonpayment, motion 2nd by Councilman King, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilwoman McLean to pay all bills that are in order, seconded by Councilman Brannon, motion carried, 5-0.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Councilman King was able to look into different forms of communications for the crews. Councilman King felt that the City needed to stay with the radio system and possibly look at upgrading the system. Cellular communications are within reason. He may look into other alternatives.

Councilman Helton denied telling Mac Grodnick that he gave him permission to move a trailer beside his home. Councilman Helton wants to get him before the Council and tell him to move it. Also, Ms. Turner has not come in and signed the letter granting the trailer variance on Four Mile Road. She has not placed a trailer on the property as of tonight.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council