

**Regular Council Meeting
March 13, 2012**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Council member Ray Jackson was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, City Planner Latilda Henninger, 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 scheduled council meeting of February 23, and the special council meeting of February 27, 2012 as presented, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

1. Planning Issues

A. Windswept sales trailer at Highway 331 and Highway 20

Ms. Henninger presented a proposed site plan for the placement of the temporary trailer as requested by council at the last meeting. After short discussion regarding the placement of the trailer, the length of time requested for the trailer to be located at the site, and the type of trailer being placed, Ms. Henninger requested that the item be tabled until she could gather additional information.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson stated that a response had been received from FDOT regarding the CenturyLink cable installed in the City's workspace for the water line extension, giving the City approval to remove what line they needed if it was in the way of construction. Mayor Marse was not satisfied with the response received. After brief discussion, Attorney Adkinson recommended the water line project continue as scheduled, removing whatever phone line may be in the way along the site.

3. Fire Department Report

No report was given.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineering report

Charley Cotton, representing Preble-Rish, gave a short update on the North Bay water phase II, Energy grant upgrades and Wagon Wheel projects.

IV. Old Business

No old business was presented.

V. New Business

1. Chamber update

Ms. Kitty Whitney canceled her appearance and will reschedule at a later time.

2. Rental fee waiver/Town Planters

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve waiving the rental fee for the community center for the Town Planters fund raiser scheduled on April 21, 2012, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

3. Letter of Support/FACC NW District Director nomination

Councilman Simmons motioned to authorize a letter of support signed on behalf of the City Council for Clerk Haynes' nomination for the Florida Association of City Clerks Northwest District Director, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

4. Updated water turn-off policy

Councilman King motioned to approve the updated water turn off policy for non-payment as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

5 Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve paying all bills that are in order, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VII. Public Comment

Scarlett Phaneuf, representing the Walton County Economic Alliance, updated the council on the following projects:

- WCEDA board has approved moving forward with the infrastructure of the Industrial Park with assistance from Walton County and the City of Freeport
- Southern Wine and Spirits is finally moving forward with construction of their facility in phase I of the industrial park
- Project Tersus is waiting on notification from the University of West Florida regarding additional business incentives prior to proceeding with their project

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President