

Regular Council Meeting  
March 27, 2003

The Freeport City Council met for a Regular council meeting at 7:00 pm on March 27, 2003.

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

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

Motion by Councilman Brannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman King to accept the minutes of 3/11/03 as presented, motion carried, 5-0.

Huston Carter the administrator for the CDBG project 02-DB-89-01-76-02-E57 for the industrial park requested a resolution by the council for a line item change. Councilman Helton made motion to transfer \$15,000.00 from the street improvement line item to the sewer improvement line item. Councilman King seconded the motion, motion carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Motion to have the first reading by title of Ordinance #03-02 was made by Councilman Brannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 5-0. Attorney Adkinson read the ordinance by title, it deals with the annexation of Freeport 860, Barnhill (Robert Agerton), Marse and City of Freeport properties. There were no comments on the property of Freeport 860, Marse, nor the City of Freeport. Several people from the audience made comments on the Barnhill property about the proposed zoning. Attorney Adkinson replied by advising the audience that this was not a reading on the zoning of the property, but just annexation. Attorney Adkinson suggested that the city request from Mr. Barnhill a certified zoning designation from the county. The Paradise Subdivision owners need to do research on the restricted covenants.

Charles began the engineer report with the Portland project. A change order has been delivered to rural development, but we have not heard from the state office on approval. The North Bay water improvement design plans have been completed and Charles wants to meet with City personnel, Clayton Adkinson, and council members to review the project. The DOT, DEP, and consumptive use permits applications have been completed. DEP notified the City of a violation by the Freeport Village development: stating they had not obtained a storm water permit for the project. Charles wrote a letter to Dean Burgess and informed him that the development violated the development order and needs to stop working. A resolution for the utility relocation at hwy 331 and 20 by the DOT was presented to the council. Motion by Councilwoman Arrant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Helton, motion carried, 5-0, to authorize the Mayor to sign the utility agreement with PMA at a cost of \$138,000 for the relocation of the lines.

New Business:

Huston Carter addressed the Council earlier on the change order for the Industrial Park.

The Council reviewed the advertisement for the WC Chamber of Commerce Official Buyers Guide. Motion by Councilman King to get a 1/3 page (5x5) at the cost of \$650.00, motion seconded by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned that the City approve the cost estimate of \$4075.00 from Chelco to provide security lights to the point. Seconded by Councilman King, motion carried, 5-0.

James Odom the assistant fire chief requested use of the City's repeater for the department for internal communications. When there is an incident the County's lines

can get jammed, and this would help the local department. Council agreed for them to use the frequency, but reminded them that the City was just trying the new communications system for a year.

Adoption of the Employee handbook was tabled.

Motion by Councilwoman Arrant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman McLean to pay all bills in order, motion carried, 5-0.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Clerk Riley gave information on a request for annexation by Michael Simmons. The request was tabled until further information is received.

Councilman Brannon advised the Council that Freeport 860 owner Jay Odom plans to donate property to the City for a recreation park. Due to an oversight the Mayor and Clerk quoted sewer connections at the residential rate rather than a collective rate, thus reducing his cost. There is a difference of \$500.00 on each tap. The Council has been actively looking for property for recreation, so this appears to be a great compromise for each party involved.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:07 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Diane Riley, City Clerk

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Janice McLean, President of Council