

Regular Council Meeting  
April 8, 2003

At 6:45pm the Freeport City Council sat as the Planning board to consider a request for a small-scale amendment for the Cemex Corporation to have the future land use map amended. Approval of the reading by the Council was unanimous and no changes were request. The Planning board meeting was closed at 6:52pm.

The Freeport City Council met for a Regular council meeting at 7:00 pm on April 8, 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.

No minutes were presented.

Old Business:

Attorney Adkinson explained to the Council and audience that the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of ordinance #03-02 would have amended portions. The Marse property would be excluded in the ordinance. The first consideration was the Freeport 860, LLC, yet with a 40-acre parcel in section 19 removed, this was due to the unavailability of all the owners. There was no public comment on this, and a motion by Councilman King was made to accept this portion of the ordinance as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Arrant, motion carried, 5-0. The second part of the ordinance dealt with the Agerton property (Darrell Barnhill was the representative) and the Council heard comments from the audience. Betty Thompson, Bill Howell, Phyllis Caswell, Robin Whitley, Daryl Barnhill and Robert Agerton made comments on the annexation request. Councilman King motioned that ordinance #03-02 be approved with revisions, Councilman Brannon seconded the motion, motion carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman McLean offered a letter of guidelines for the annexation of property. Motion by Councilwoman Arrant and seconded by Councilman King to adopt the guidelines for requesting annexation, motion carried, 5-0.

Charles began the engineer report with the Portland project. The change order has not been approved by rural development. Testing is 60% complete and the contractor is placing the meters on properties now. The North Bay water improvement design plans have been completed and funding has been approved. Charles talked with Joe May of DEP on the sewer plant upgrade. He is hoping to finalize a meeting later.

Mayor Marse requested to the Council that employee Andrew Grover be removed from employment probation. Motion by Councilman Brannon to accept the request and place Mr. Grover on to permanent status, Councilman King 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried, 5-0.

New Business:

Angela Ellis of West Florida Regional Planning presented the first reading of ordinance #03-03- Cemex Corp. small-scale amendment. Councilman King motioned to approve the first reading as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Helton, motion carried, 5-0.

Dennis Dingman offered a brochure to the Council explaining his company ability to do grant and economic development consulting. He would like to make a formal presentation in the future.

Phyllis Caswell asked the Council if an individual could paint the fountain for the price of \$20.00. Council agreed that the fountain needed painting. She will go back to the Townplanters with the Council's recommendation that it all be the same color.

Councilman Brannon motioned to accept a request by owners of Magnolia Bay Estates for annexation and proceed with advertisement, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 5-0. Attorney Adkinson will get with owners for proper paper work needed.

The request by Michael Simmons needs a survey. Attorney Adkinson asked for a motion by Council to advertise Marse, Magnolia Bay Estates, and Simmons property for annexation. Councilman King so moved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Brannon, motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Marse requested two temporary personnel positions for the summer. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept these temporary positions, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 5-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution #03-02- DOT mowing agreement was entered by Councilman Brannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman King, motion carried, 5-0.

Attorney Adkinson presented a proposed ordinance for the change of collective and commercial sewer impact rates. Councilman Brannon requested a setting of a workshop for sewer rate policies. Council set the rates and Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title. Rates do not change until ordinance is adopted.

Tracy Varner was named employee of the first quarter for 2003.

Motion by Councilman Brannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Helton to pay all bills in order, motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Marse advised the Council that the annual dinner for FL. League of Cities was May 30, 2003 and asked them to register with Clerk Riley if they wanted to go.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Councilman Helton requested the Council to purchase a commercial grade lawn mower. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to allow purchase of the mower and a replacement engine for another mower. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman King, motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Marse told the Council that several items were not completed with the last water operator and there would be newspaper articles on the water system.

Councilman King requested that an advertisement be placed for a water operator. This applicant must have a class "C" license or higher. Councilman King motioned the request and Councilwoman Arrant seconded the motion, motion carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant praised the employees for their help in Panhandle Pride.

With no other business, Councilman King motioned to adjourn at 8:25 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