

Regular Council Meeting
October 14, 2003

Mayor Marse opened the Planning meeting at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Scott Brannon, Jean Arrant and Earl King were present. Councilman Helton and City Clerk Riley were absent. Also present: Bookkeeper Robin Haynes and City Attorney Clayton Adkinson.

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

The Freeport City Council, sitting as the Freeport Planning Board met for a hearing to consider a request for rezoning and a planned development project. Angela Reeder of WFRPC read the first request by T & Y Pinestraw for rezoning from a category of R-2 to C-1. The second request consisted of the Freeport 860 planned development project. Recommendation of both subjects were approved to forward to Council. Jack Rhodes presented maps and preliminary drawings of the park to the Council and public.

The regular scheduled meeting began.

No minutes were presented for approval.

Angela Reeder of WFRPC presented the first reading of the rezoning ordinance of T & Y Pinestraw. Councilman Brannon motioned to allow the first reading of the ordinance. Councilman King seconded the motion, motion carried, 4-0. Ms. Reeder read the proposed ordinance by title.

Angela Reeder requested approval of a resolution for Freeport 860 LLC on a planned development project. There was confusion on who was to draft the resolution. Attorney Adkinson suggested looking at a previous similar resolution and drafting the resolution now. Ms. Haynes was able to type the new resolution and forward it to Council for adoption. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve Resolution #03-15, 2nd by Councilman Brannon, motion carried, 4-0. Jack Rhodes presented a certified mailing certificate for the record.

Attorney Adkinson reviewed the agreement with the telecommunication consultant, Bruce French. He felt it was legitimate and requested a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a three month application period, fee charges and actions performed by the customer. Councilman Brannon moved on the request, Councilman King seconded the motion, motion carried, 4-0. Councilman Brannon motioned to enter into contract with Municipal Solutions to draft an ordinance for services. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion, motion carried, 4-0. Motion to have first reading and advertise for adoption of an ordinance to regulate the citing of cell towers in the City was made by Councilwoman Arrant and seconded by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 4-0.

Charles began the engineer report with the North Bay funding shortfall and presented the Council with budget summaries. He discussed potential areas of cost cutting. The Portland project has some areas of construction issues. Charles' personnel have been tending to these issues. Chelco has been alerted on the 3 phase electric connection. The sewer application submitted last year is up for renewal. Mayor Marse signed the agreement with Kasey Keyes to continue lobbying for sewer funding to state agencies. Charles requested a meeting with Mayor, Earl and Dewey Wilson on the consumptive use permit.

Quotes for interim financing were reviewed. Attorney Adkinson stated that 3 quotes were invalid due to restrictions and request for additional information. After reviewing each valid quote, Councilman Brannon motioned that Regions Bank be accepted as the tentative lowest bidder of 2.35%, Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion, motion carried, 4-0.

Bob Jones was the only applicant for the administration of the CDBG program.

Planning for the community development award was set at noon with finger foods. Councilwoman McLean to contact Channel 13 for coverage. Councilman Brannon suggested placing information about the award on the utility bills.

Robin Hollington was recommended to represent the City on the County Library advisory board.

Councilman King motioned to accept FY2002-2003 audit agreement with Allen, Yagow, & Carr. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 4-0.

Diane Riley was named employee of the quarter.

Motion by Councilwoman Arrant, 2nd by Councilman Brannon to pay all bills in order, motion carried, 4-0.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Halloween trick-or-treating will be observed on Friday night as scheduled.

Councilman Brannon and Charles Peters met on the upgrade on the expansion of the sewer plant and reported to the Council that the wheels are turning.

Councilwoman Arrant went through the old post office building and says it looks good. Need to order a city seal for the exterior. Two quotes for a restroom at Casey park were received. DC Davis quoted \$9703 and John VanDoren quoted \$14,000.

Paul Miller noted up coming issues for the Council.

Ernest Nettles stated that the Woodturning organization would have training and will be running 220 volt wire for machines at the Community Center.

With no other business, Councilwoman Arrant motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council

