

Regular Council Meeting  
December 9, 2003

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of December 9, 2003.

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

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

Councilman Brannon motioned to accept the minutes of 9/17/03, 9/23/03, 11/17/03, 10/23/03 and 11/12/03 as presented. Councilwoman McLean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried, 4-0.

Old Business:

Charles Peters presented the engineer' report by starting with the pre construction meeting for the North Bay water system. The official start date will be January 5, 2004, with 180 days allotted for completion. The completion date is set for July 3, 2004. Councilman Brannon requested a meeting in the community of Choctaw Beach/Villa Tasso to inform the public on what was going on. The Council set a date of January 15 at 7pm. Clerk Riley needs to have the information about the meeting placed on the bill cards and Tri Village marquee. Charles requested a meeting with the waste water treatment plant personnel to go over the plans to upgrade the facility. It is slated for January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am at City Hall.

New Business:

Mayor read by title the proposed Ordinance #03-15 (Telecommunications)  
Councilman Brannon motioned to adopt Ordinance#03-15 as proposed, Councilman Helton seconded the motion, the motion carried, 4-0.

Jack Rhodes of Freeport 860, LLC requested permission to draw up a legal ad, with the aide of the City attorney, for a conceptual development plan. The plan requires a public notice to run in the newspaper for four weeks. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to allow Mr. Rhodes to proceed with advertisement of a CDP. Councilman Brannon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion carried, 4-0.

Blue Ridge International request for dedication of the road way was next on the agenda. Councilman Helton motioned to dedicate the road way up to the gate on Blue Ridge Parkway. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 4-0. Mayor Marse wants to make clear that there needs to be clarification of the distance of the road, so Charles Peters will review.

Clerk Riley presented a proposal for a copier. The leasing period would start in May of 2004 and continue for 44 months. The City would keep the copier they now have for a \$1 buy out fee. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to get the new copier for the 44 month term, Councilman Helton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried, 4-0.

Councilman Brannon motioned to pay all bills that were in order. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Helton, motion carried, 4-0.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Councilwoman Arrant questioned the following past events: the soil compact test results on the W.C. Industrial Park entrance road done by APAC. Charles Peters stated they came back okay, and we should proceed with the final payment. Robert Reeves requested a variance several weeks ago for his son to have a plumbing business at his resident. He was told to come back with the details of the operation and submit an application for a development. Mr. Reeves has not come back with any further information on the variance request.

By request of Clerk Riley, Paul Miller of WFRPC reviewed a possible variance request from FDOT for the David Miller parcel at the intersection of Hwy 331 and ST

road 20. After addressing the issues in the Land Development Code, Mr. Miller presented the Council with an analysis of the request. Mr. Miller findings under article 2.04.00 included lot coverage area, yard requirements, screening and other requirements. Under article 2.04.02 it requires a positive response in order to grant a variance. His recommendation was not to grant a variance under the conditions provided by FDOT. The Council agreed with Mr. Miller' findings and will not issue a variance for this property under the rules in the LDC, articles 2.04.00 and 2.04.02.

Councilman Brannon stated that the survey for the Old Post Office Building is done for the parking area.

Councilman Helton asked if anyone had heard when Carl Burnham was to begin paving city streets. He shall call Mr. Burnham and ask him to proceed with the paving as soon as possible.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:37 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