

**Regular Council Meeting  
January 24, 2013**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Fire Chief Al Ford, Fire Chief Russell Beaty, Thomas Palmer, and City Clerk Robin Haynes. Charley Cotton and Anna Hudson were present representing Preble-Rish.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Tom Conley, with Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, was unable to attend, but sent a message that the City would be receiving \$15,978 back in unused insurance premium.

**III. Approval of past minutes**

No minutes were presented.

**1. Planning Issues**

No items were presented.

**2. Legal Matters**

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading and to advertise for adoption the proposed annexation ordinance for parcel #18-1S-19-23010-004-0020 (Barley & Ard, 134 Waterview Cove Dr) and parcel #18-1S-19-23010-004-0020 (Chancey, 122 Waterview Cove Dr), Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Mr. Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

Mr. Adkinson informed council that a letter had been sent by his office to Barbara Stokes (Bishop's Landing property) giving her 30 days to clean up the parcel, remove the dismantled house and fill in the abandoned swimming pool before legal action is taken.

**3. Fire Department Report**

No report was given.

**4. Parks Department Report**

No report was given.

## **5. Engineering report**

Charley Cotton gave a brief update on the control valve project on Highway 20 (contractor is waiting on valves) and the well house 4 construction (trusses on site).

## **IV. Old Business**

### **1. Approval request – Fire station electrical upgrades/additional breaker needed**

Councilman King motioned to approve amending the electrical upgrades by adding an additional breaker at the fire station for \$1,198.45 as per the requested proposal, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **2. Approval request – fire chief position description and advertising**

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the fire chief position description as presented and to advertise the position for 30 days (ending on February 28), with the change of “salary to be negotiated upon hire”, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

## **V. New Business**

### **1. Approval request – Calypso Cove RV Park (fka Lazy Days) connection fee swap**

Clerk Haynes presented a request by Mr. David Smith, representing the owners of Calypso Cove RV Park, to swap the sewer connection fees paid for their planned second phase of development to the existing first phase. After brief discussion, Councilman King motioned to not approve the fee swap, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **2. Approval request – Staff attendance/training conference**

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve Latilda Hughes attending the Certified Local Government Training Conference in Tallahassee on February 27 and 28, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **3. Approval request – Town Planters/fence installation around Veteran’s Memorial**

Item tabled until the Town Planters received drawings and/or quotes for the fence.

### **4. Approval request – Establish scheduled council workshop**

Clerk Haynes requested council to consider establishing a scheduled once a month council workshop for the purpose of discussing upcoming agenda items, personnel issues, etc. After discussion between Attorney Adkinson and council regarding the requirements of the workshop, Clerk Haynes withdrew her request.

Clerk Haynes requested a council workshop to be scheduled to discuss the Land Development Code revisions (to create a heavy industrial use category) and to discuss the fire chief position interview and hiring process. Council set the requested workshop for February 12, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

**5. Pay all bills in order**

Councilman Simmons motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Taunton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**VI. Council Business Not On Agenda**

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve hiring B.A. Bates as a temporary employee through the end of August, with no benefits other than paid holidays, Councilman Taunton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. At budget workshops, it will be determined whether or not to create a new position for grounds maintenance.

Council had brief discussion regarding relocating the batting cages behind City Hall to the Freeport Regional Sports Complex. Councilman Simmons is to consult with Shane Supple regarding the moving/upgrading of the cages. Money for the cages is to be used from the funds budgeted for the upgrading/development of the new ball fields at the Sports Complex.

**VII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Earl King, Council President