

**Regular Council Meeting
March 12, 2013**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 12, 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 Captain Thomas Palmer, Water Operator Ben Lewis, Parks Director Shane Supple, City Planner Latilda Hughes and City Clerk Robin Haynes. Charley Cotton, Duane Porter and Anna Hudson were present representing Preble-Rish.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Melinda Wickham and Terry Dawkins, representing the Choctawhatchee Military Council, expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their support of the group and presented a plaque to the Mayor.

III. Approval of past minutes

No minutes were presented.

1. Planning Issues

A. 1st reading ordinance

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the 1st reading and advertise for adoption of a proposed ordinance changing the Land Development Code to establish a Heavy Industrial category and to reclassify permitted uses within the industrial categories, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms. Hughes read the proposed ordinance by title.

B. Approval request – inter-local agreement with Walton County/shared GIS licensing

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the inter-local agreement with Walton County for the Geographical Information system shared licensing agreement as proposed, at a cost of \$1,000.00 per year, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Legal Matters

No legal items were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Captain Thomas Palmer gave a brief February calls, training and events report.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane Supple gave a brief events report to council.

A. Approval request – proposed pool operating schedule

Councilman King motioned to approve the pool staffing and operation schedule as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

5. Engineering report

Charley Cotton gave a brief update on the well house construction for well #4 and the valve project on Highway 20.

IV. Old Business

1. Applicant ranking – fire chief position

Councilman King motioned to accept the committee recommendation and interview the following applicants for the fire chief position: Brian Eddins, Charles Frank, Chad Harrell and Lewis Stewart, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Special meeting – fire chief applicant interviews

Councilman King motioned to set a special council meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm to interview fire chief applicants, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Approval request – interview questions/ranking process

Councilman King motioned to table this item to the next regular scheduled council meeting, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Choctawhatchee Military Council presentation

Presentation was done at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Pay all bills in order

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

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilman Jackson asked Charley Cotton if they have had an opportunity to inspect the retention ponds at Cross Creek. Charley was unsure of the status, but said he would check into it and bring it back to the council.

Councilwoman Brannon reminded council that the Northwest Florida League of Cities board meeting and dinner was in Crestview, March 21.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President