

**Regular Council Meeting
March 28, 2013**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Harold Taunton. Charlie Simmons was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Fire Captain Thomas Palmer, Parks Director Shane Supple, City Planner Latilda Hughes and City Clerk Robin Haynes. Charley Cotton and Anna Hudson were present representing Preble-Rish.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of past minutes

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the minutes of the regular council meetings of November 13, 2012, January 24, February 28 and March 12, 2013 as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

1. Planning Issues

No planning items were presented.

2. Legal Matters

No legal items were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

A. Approval request – fire department shift lieutenant positions

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the promotion of Terry Raffield, Austin Cosson and Ritchie Riley to shift lieutenant positions as recommended, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0

B. Approval request – application for 50/50 Dept of Forestry grant

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the application for a Division of Forestry 50/50 grant for the purchase of brush gear up to \$4,200.00, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

4. Parks Department Report

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the purchase of a lawn mower on state contract from Southern Powerworks for \$7,661.94 (budgeted item), Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

5. Engineering report

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

IV. Old Business

No items were presented.

V. New Business

1. Approval request – rental waiver fee/Walton-Okaloosa Council on Aging

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the rental fee waiver of the community center for Walton-Okaloosa Council on Aging on June 11, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

2. 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 4:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve putting Joshua McKay on permanent employment status after his successful completion of his probationary period, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Councilman Jackson asked Attorney Adkinson the next step in the process to have the Bishop's Landing property cleaned up (30 day notice was not adhered to). Attorney Adkinson stated that the next step would be to file suit to have the property cleaned. Councilman King motioned to approve the attorney's office to proceed with legal suit to have the property cleaned, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Councilman Jackson asked Charley Cotton if it had been determined what was wrong with the Cross Creek retention ponds. Charley informed the council that he had been on the premises, but it appeared to him that the damage had been done at a previous time. After short discussion, Councilman King agreed to meet Charley on site next week to show him what he thought may be some of the problems.

Councilwoman Brannon reminded council that the Northwest Florida League of Cities annual meeting was on May 10 at Sandestin. Also, she and staff are going to develop a presentation to submit for the Community of Excellence award given out by the league.

Mayor Marse updated council that he has been in contact with Representative Coley's office and that he and Chance were to make a presentation to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee in Tallahassee on Monday, regarding funding of the water line expansion application for Highway 20 East (Bruce/3280 extension).

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President

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