

**Regular Council Meeting
April 9, 2013**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 9, 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, Parks Director Shane Supple, Water Operator Ben Lewis, City Planner Latilda Hughes and City Clerk Robin Haynes. Charley Cotton, Anna Hudson and Cliff Knauer 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 meeting March 28, 2013 as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

A. 2nd reading and adoption of proposed ordinance – LDC changes/Industrial Use Category

Councilman King motioned to approve the 2nd reading and 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 Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms. Hughes read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #2013-05 was adopted.

B. Request to abandon PDP resolution #2006-06

Ms. Hughes presented a proposed resolution dissolving the Owl's Head "West" PDP (prior proposed site of Ashton Heights apartments), stating that the property has reverted back to the bank. Mayor Marse updated the council on the possibility of the property being purchased by the Walton County Economic Development Alliance.

After short discussion, no action was taken on the proposed resolution.

Councilman Jackson motioned to authorize staff to move forward with the re-zoning of the proposed parcel to Light Industrial, with the specific condition that the WCEDA is able to purchase the property, if not, it will stay the same, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0. Councilwoman Brannon abstained from voting, citing her representation of the bank in sale of the property.

2. Legal Matters

No legal items were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Captain Palmer gave a brief call, training and fire hydrant maintenance report.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane Supple thanked Thomas Palmer and the fire department with their assistance at the car show and Easter egg hunt.

A. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe – vandalism at the Freeport Sports Complex

The Wolfe's did not show up to speak.

5. Engineering report

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

Cliff Knauer gave an update on the Cross Creek project – the problem has finally been found regarding the retention pond. The design was done correctly, but either inferior materials were used, or something happened incorrectly during the construction. The owner has been notified and will do whatever is necessary to get it resolved. Florida Department of Environment will be called out to assist with the repair permit.

Design work is continuing with the parking lot improvements at the Four Mile Creek Park. The grant application for was submitted last week.

IV. Old Business

No items were presented.

V. New Business

1. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Jackson 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

Mayor Marse asked again if the Wolfe's or any other parents were in the audience that wanted to discuss the vandalism at Freeport Regional Sports Complex. No one came forward.

VII. Public Comment

Lora Renfro, representing Freeport Relay for Life, requested approval for a proclamation to be presented on May 1st, 2013, honoring local cancer survivors, as the kick-off for Freeport's Relay for Life event to be held on May 3rd and 4th. Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the proclamation as requested, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President

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