

**Regular Council Meeting  
June 11, 2013**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 11, 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, Parks Director Shane Supple, Fire Chief Chad Harrell, City Planner Latilda Hughes and City Clerk Robin Haynes. Anna Hudson was 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 May 14 and May 23, 2013 as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

**A. Workshop request – large scale amendment updates**

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve holding a large scale amendment workshop on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 7:00 pm, Councilman Taunton 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**

Chad Harrell provided council with a drawing of the Freeport High School, showing the proposed layout for use as an emergency shelter. Councilman Jackson mentioned problems with the auditorium during the last evacuation event which caused the residents to be moved from the area and into the hallways and requested Chad bring it to the county officials' attention.

Chief Harrell gave a brief monthly report including medical and fire calls, training hours and hydrant maintenance items.

**4. Parks Department Report**

Councilman Simmons and Shane Supple updated council on the progress of the batting cages. The cage area has been “formed” with cement pouring to be done this week. The pole barn is to be

installed the following week. Proposals for turf will be brought back to the council at the next meeting.

## **5. Engineering report**

There was no engineer's report given.

## **Mayor Marse moved new business item #1 – and introduced Ms. Linda Sumblin, Executive Director of Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton counties.**

Ms. Sumblin introduced herself as well as Ms. Regina Clark. The JobsPlus/Workforce Housing office will be moving to the Freeport Business Park. They will continue to maintain a presence in DeFuniak Springs, but feel the Freeport area will allow them to be more centrally located and provide more services to a larger population.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **1. Community center rental fee waiver**

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the Panhandle Area Education Consortium a rental fee waiver for the use of the community center for monthly meetings during the 2013-2014 school year, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **2. Sick leave transfer policy**

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the new sick leave transfer policy as presented (attached), Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **3. Sick leave incentive program**

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the revised sick leave incentive program as presented (attached), Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

## **V. New Business**

### **1. Linda Sumblin, Executive Director of Workforce Development Board (moved above old business)**

### **2. City election information/update**

Clerk Haynes gave a short update on the upcoming City election to include the following items:

- Qualifying began today and will run until Friday, June 14 at 4:30 pm
- Because of questions regarding the security of the absentee ballots, the absentee ballots will be mailed from and returned to the Walton County Supervisor of Elections office

- Absentee ballots and a lock box will still be provided at City Hall for residents that may want to vote absentee “in office”
- Poll workers will be selected from outside the local Freeport area

**3. 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**

Clerk Haynes was asked by the Assistant County Administrator if the council was willing to meet with the County Commissioners at the South Walton Annex rather than at the Freeport City Hall (bay area sewer discussion). Council members stated for the County to establish the date, time and location, and that they would make arrangements to be there.

**VII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Earl King, Council President