

**Regular Council Meeting
June 27, 2013**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 27, 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 Captain Thomas Palmer 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 June 11, 2013 as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Report

No planning report was given.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson updated council on the property formerly known as “Bishop’s Landing” – it was foreclosed upon and resold. The new owners have been notified of the outstanding nuisance complaint.

3. Fire Department Report

No fire report was given.

4. Parks Department Report

Shane Supple gave a brief update on the batting cage construction and the Sheriff’s department charity ball game coming up.

5. Engineering report

Anna Hudson updated council on the status of the water and sewer model.

IV. Old Business

1. Employee update/sick leave request

Robin Haynes updated the council on the status of the employee that was granted a sick leave donation exception – he has not returned to work at this time and the office has not been notified when he will. The sick leave policy will apply as soon as her office has been updated on his status.

V. New Business

1. 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

Councilwoman Brannon updated council on Northwest Florida League of City events.

Councilman Simmons mentioned that he would like discussion to start/continue regarding the districting of Freeport for the purposes of resident representation. His concern was that one population group could become over-represented and eventually change the identity of “old” Freeport. Comments included:

- Districting based on population
- Workshops to encourage discussion regarding districting
- Freeport’s current charter contains districts – there is no requirement for the council member representing the district to live within the district at this time
- Freeport’s current charter has language that allows between 5 and 9 council seats – the City has previously only used the minimum of five
- Attorney recommendation of moving beyond the election time frame before scheduling/discussion workshop options

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