

City of Freeport
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2014

I Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Barley at 7:00 pm.

Council Members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilman Ray Jackson, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Councilwoman Jennifer Laird and Councilman Harold Taunton Jr.

Staff Members present: Fire Chief Chad Harrell, Fire Captain Tom Palmer, City Engineers Cliff Knauer and Anna Hudson.

II Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Taunton, followed by the pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III Approval of Past Minutes –RCM 6/10/14

Board Action: *Motion by Councilman Taunton to approve the minutes as presented.*
Second to motion: Councilwoman Brannon. Motion carried 5:0.

IV Staff Reports

A. Planning Department: none

B. Legal Matters: none

C. Fire Department Report

Councilwoman McLean reminded the Mayor and Council that the new ISO rating was ~~good~~ not available for 4 more months.

1. Eglin AFB Mutual Aid Agreement with Freeport Fire & Rescue

Chief Harrell presented the Eglin Air Force Base Mutual Aid Agreement.

Board Action: *Motion by Councilman Taunton to approve as presented.*
Second to motion: Councilman Jackson. Motion carried 5:0

D. Parks Department Report: none

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E. Engineers Report

City Engineer Anna Hudson gave engineering updates regarding the following:

- Freeport Consumptive Use 5-Year Compliance Report
- Water & Sewer Model
- Business 331 Upgrades
- West Bay Loop Water Line Video
- US 331 North Utility Relocation

City Engineer Cliff Knauer discussed the water line relocation project on the 331 Bypass.

Board Action: *Motion by Councilman Taunton for Preble-Rish to obtain bids. Second to motion: Councilwoman Brannon. Motion carried 5:0*

V Old Business

No Old Business was presented.

VI New Business

A. R.T. McGlamry/Request for Water Bill Adjustment

The Mayor and Council reviewed the usage history for 208 Pine Street and the testing by the Water Dept. which determined that the meter was accurate.

Board Action: *Motion by Councilman Jackson to deny the request for water bill adjustment. Second to motion: Councilman Taunton. Motion carried 5:0.*

B. Fire Hydrant maintenance – Councilman Jackson

Councilman Jackson requested meeting between Mayor Barley and County Administrator Larry Jones to talk to Board of County Commissioners about hydrant maintenance.

C. Legislative Updates – Elizabeth Brannon

- Northwest Florida League of Cities Dinner on July 17th; 110 elected officials will meet at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm at the Hammock Bay Lake Club

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- Discussed lights and turn lanes/safety issues on Highway 20

VII Council Business Not on Agenda

Councilwoman McLean:

- Steve Sheaf / Florida Fish & Wildlife District
- Auditor (JoAnn) thanks to all for their assistance
- later workshop in September
- actuary study
- retirees

Mayor Barley:

- Public Works: Larry Tuggle needs to trim trees on city roads before school starts; the county and prison crew would assist.

Board Action: *Motion by Councilman Jackson to approve the tree trim-work. Second to motion: Councilwoman Laird. Motion carried 5:0*

- Per Larry Tuggle, state law required backflow preventer tests; David Fannin has given a quote of \$2,000.

Board Action: *Motion by Councilman Jackson to accept the Fannin quote. Second to motion: Councilwoman Laird. Motion carried 5:0*

- Flag Dedication at the Freeport Heritage Center; thanks to the Woodmen of the World
- Al Wilson is retiring from the City August 1, 2014. The City will hold a come & go retirement reception for him.

VIII Public Comment

Charlie Aultman: there was a misquote of the flag pole cost to place flags at Marse Landing. The actual price will be \$2,260.00 for two poles.

Board Action: *Motion by Councilman Jackson for Mayor Barley to prepare letter for purchase. Second to motion: Councilwoman Laird. Motion carried 5:0*

IX Adjournment

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Board Action: *Mayor Barley requested a motion to adjourn. Motion by Councilman Taunton to adjourn.*

Meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm.

APPROVED:

Mayor Russ Barley

Council President Janice McLean

ATTEST:

City Clerk