

City of Freeport
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 23, 2014 Agenda

I. Meeting Called to Order

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

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird

Staff present: City Clerk Gary Mattison and City Attorney Clay Adkinson.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Eddie Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. Sewer Agreement with Walton County

The revised sewer agreement was presented by Attorney Adkinson.

Board Action:

Councilwoman McLean motioned to approve the revised sewer agreement (attached). Councilman Farris seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

IV. Fire Dept. Agreement with Walton County

The revised fire agreement was presented by Attorney Adkinson.

Board Action:

Councilman Farris motioned to approve the revised fires agreement (attached). Councilwoman Brannon seconded the motion. All ayes; motioned carried.

V. Parks Director Interviews

City Clerk Mattison presented two candidates to be interviewed by the Council: Dana Weiler and Pat Markey. The candidates were brought in one at a time. Mattison moderated and asked interview questions of both candidates. The Council followed up with minor questions. Both candidates left the building.

The Council rated each candidate: Weiler 18; Markey 17

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to extend an offer to Dana Weiler for the open Parks

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Director position. Councilwoman Cuchens seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

VI. Other Business

City Clerk Mattison brought to the Council's attention that President Obama has declared December 26, 2014 to be a Federal Holiday and that Governor Rick Scott as declared December 26, 2014 as a State Holiday. Following that action, Walton County has designated December 26, 2014 as a County Holiday. Mattison requested that the City of Freeport follow suit and designate December 26, 2014 a City Holiday and close city offices.

Board Action:

Councilwoman McLean motioned to designate December 26, 2014 a City Holiday with holiday pay for all city employees. This designation is for the 2014 calendar year only. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. The vote was 4:1 with Councilwoman Cuchens voting nay. Motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Farris motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.