

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY  
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD  
IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, MARCH 15, 2011  
AT 6:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Gingell, Johnson, Stephens and Buzzett. City Manager Charlie Weston, Attorney Tom Gibson and City Clerk Jim Anderson were also present.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Stephens, to approve the McDaniel Lawsuit Settlement and the Minutes for the March 1, 2011 Regular Meeting with the corrections. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

**City Attorney, Tom Gibson:**

**BP Claim Update:**

Attorney Gibson noted that he and City Staff had a second conference call with our BP representation that is working on the proposed BP Claim for the City. We expect our attorneys will be ready to file a claim by the end of the week and it will probably take sixty days for a response.

Mayor Magidson would like an update at the April 19, 2011, Commission Meeting. He believes that the quality of work we have received from our representation is very good and hopefully, we will reap some reward.

**Ordinance 466, Grinder Pump Fees:**

Motion by Commissioner Stephens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gingell, to have the 2nd reading of Ordinance 466. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Stephens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gingell, to adopt Ordinance 466. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Buzzett would like the funds for Grinder Pump Fees placed in a separate Bank Account.

Mr. Weston assured the Board that the money will be fenced and will follow-up with the Commission on the details.

**City Manager, Charlie Weston:**

Mr. Weston noted that approx. 150 college students from Auburn University are here in town doing some really good things in reference to community service. The group also painted City Hall.

**Langston Drive:**

Mr. Weston indicated that Gulf Asphalt Company will be laying the lime rock soon and the road should be complete the first of April.

**Dedication of Core Park and Miss Zola Drive:**

Mr. Weston noted that we have not been able to contact the family of Mr. Core but the dedication is still scheduled for Thursday April 21, 2011.

**Washington Gym:**

Mr. Weston indicated that we have a lease thru May on the Gym with the Workforce Board. The Gym will be open two days during the week and on Saturday. The Workforce Board is also seeking funding to extend the program.

The PSJRA will award their grant that could be used to help fund the gym on March 25, 2011.

**Siemens Pilot Study:**

Mr. Weston noted that Seimens has proposed a six month Pilot Study to test new technology. He suggested that we utilize one of two options.

Option #1: Have Siemens pay the Electrical cost and a minimum of \$1,000 a month.

Option #2: Not allow the study.

Based on all the things going on at the Water Plant, Mr. Weston recommends denying the request.

Commissioner Stephens asked, "Would the Pilot Study have any impact on our current chemicals used at the plant?"

Mr. Weston doesn't see a plus.

Mr. Davis indicated that City Staff won't be doing the Pilot Study. If Siemens comes up with some solutions, yes it could help.

Mayor Magidson asked, "What will be the negatives from the Pilot Study?"

Mr. Weston indicated that potentially Siemens could be bringing in a lot of equipment and could have the tendency to tap into our staff. He doesn't think that we need the distractions.

Mayor Magidson noted that if Siemens uses our resources and/or staff, City Taxpayers should not pay for it. We need to see if Siemens will come up with the funding. If we receive benefits to help with our water problem it's one thing.

Commissioner Stephens asked, "What if they do the Pilot Study at no cost and don't use our resources?" We need to let Mr. Weston look into it.

Mayor Magidson noted that we need to tell Siemens that we are afraid the Pilot Study will be a disruption to staff and see how they can contribute to the City.

Commissioner Buzzett also feels that Siemens should contribute to the City.

Motion by Commissioner Buzzett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson to utilize Option 1, Have Siemens pay the electrical cost and a minimum of \$1,000 a month. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### **Joint City /County Meeting Update:**

Mr. Weston noted that after a productive joint meeting, staff has reviewed a few of the topics.

### **Insurance Consolidation:**

In reference to Insurance consolidation: City Broker Dwight Van Lierop is researching the legality of consolidation. He will have an update at the next meeting.

### **Law Enforcement Consolidation:**

Chief Barnes noted under the direction of both Boards, the Sheriff and he have reviewed the Police Department Budget. Chief Barnes gave a memo to the Board outlining the duties that are currently consolidated between the City and County. He also indicated that the Police Department Budget has been cut to the bare bones.

Commissioner Johnson asked, "Has the same memo been sent to the County Commission?"

Chief Barnes responded, "No, just the City Commission."

Commissioner Stephens feels that we need both Law Enforcement Agencies and would like to end the discussion on consolidating the two.

### **IT Bid:**

Mr. Weston noted that staff has reviewed the bid packages and recommends awarding the bid to Bluemanta Group.

Commissioner Gingell asked, "Does Bluemanta Group handle the County's IT Services?"

Mr. Weston responded, "Yes, and we had a good meeting with Bluemanta to discuss the services that they can provide to the City."

Motion by Commissioner Buzzett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Johnson, to award the IT Bid to Bluemanta Group. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### **Fireworks:**

Mr. Weston indicated that the TDC has committed \$4K for fireworks and to coordinate a fundraiser as well. The Chamber of Commerce is working with their Board to help with the Fireworks. The City will be in charge of the logistics and provide in-kind services which are a major part of the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Commissioner Johnson noted that the traffic plan after the fireworks last year was great, traffic flowed smoothly.

### **Public Works, John Grantland:**

Mr. Weston noted that a kiosk on Sixteenth Street has been vandalized. He has asked Public Works to look at ways to protect them in the future and repair the damaged one.

Mayor Magidson indicated that this is not the first instance of vandalism; a sign at the Centennial Building has been damaged as well.

Mr. Weston recommended that the Commission consider a reward of maybe \$200. The cost of the kiosk was approx. \$400.

Commissioner Johnson indicated we also have some safety issues on the multi-path. He asked that if anyone sees an unlawful act to please contact law enforcement. The State has given the City a lot of money for our facilities.

### **Surface Water Plant, Glenn Davis:**

Mr. Davis noted that our quarterly water sample indicated a level of 37.02 ug/L and a running average of 63.3 ug/L, which is good.

Mr. Davis also indicated that we have received an Amended Wastewater Consent Order, which is under review before being sent to Mayor Magidson for signature.

Mr. Weston noted that the amended Consent Order was due to a change in the scope of work and an extension of the completion date for the Headworks and Sprayfield Project. The project has been awarded to North Florida Construction

pending approval from the State Revolving Fund. We should get the Notice to Proceed in the next two weeks with construction beginning in mid April.

**City Engineer, Clay Smallwood, III:**

Mr. Smallwood indicated that a public hearing is needed to proceed with the funding from the State Revolving Funding for the Water Distribution System Improvements. He requested holding the meeting on April 5, 2011 at 5:30 P. M.

Commissioner Buzzett asked, "How much funding are we requesting from SRF?"

Mr. Smallwood responded, "\$2.3M."

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Stephens, to hold the Public Hearing for the SRF Funding for the Water Distribution System Improvements on April 5, 2011 at 5:30 P.M.

**Code Enforcement, Richie Burkett:**

**Demolition/Joint Venture:**

Mr. Weston indicated that on March 11, 2011 demolition of two houses took place. One site was cleaned today and the other will be cleaned up tomorrow. We will also continue our joint venture to remove structures for public safety.

**Police Department, Chief Barnes:**

Chief Barnes noted that the PD routinely patrols the multi-path and will place surveillance cameras in the problem areas.

**Grants, Charlotte Pierce:**

**Grants Activity:**

Mrs. Pierce noted that we are close to completing the Frank Pate Park Grant project and it should be closed out soon.

Commissioner Buzzett asked, "Is the Sunset Circle Grant closed out and can we remove the sign?"

Mrs. Pierce responded, "The grant is not closed out but we are working on the removal of the sign."

Mrs. Pierce provided the Commission with a Grant Report that outlines the activity for the past two weeks.

**PSJRA, Matt Flack:**

**Youth Enrichment Grant:**

Mr. Fleck indicated that the grant deadline is March 17, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. and the PSJRA Board plans to award the grant on March 24, 2011.

**Highway 98 & 71 Landscaping Project:**

Mr. Fleck noted that the final inspection is scheduled for next week and the project must be completed by the end of the month.

**City Commons Gazebo:**

Mr. Fleck indicated that Seascape Construction is scheduled to begin work on the new gazebo next week. The plan is to have the work complete by the first Farmers Market if possible.

Commissioner Gingell noted that she didn't see an electrical plan for the gazebo.

Mr. Fleck responded, "John Grantland and I are reviewing the locations. Initially the City was planning to do the installation, but with the reduction in the workforce, we are looking at other options."

**Citizens to be Heard:**

**Eddie Fields**

Mr. Fields noted that he has spoken with Mr. Weston today about the Washington Gym. The Washington Improvement Group will be presenting a proposal to the PSJRA and he hopes the Commission will allow WIG to open the gym as well. He is glad to see the gym open and is willing to work with the Workforce Board to see a continuing program for the kids.

**Sally Jenkins:**

Mrs. Jenkins is concerned about the gym as well. The gym is part of her heritage and she hopes the gym stays open. All we have is our churches and the gym. She is concerned about the kids and wants to keep them occupied.

Mayor Magidson noted the City is trying very hard to keep the gym open. "Fortunately, the PSJRA has a grant to issue and the Workforce Board has stepped up to get the gym open. It looks like the gym can be open thru the summer. We need a long term plan to keep it open. This will take a community effort because budgets are tight. We are doing our best."

Mrs. Jenkins asked, "Are you looking for a partnership with a nonprofit organization?"

Mayor Magidson noted that the grant is being issued by the PSJRA not the City Commission. We want to see the gym open and the Workforce Board has stepped forward with the money to reopen the gym.

Mrs. Jenkins asked, "What did the City do with the money it received from BP? Nothing is being done in North Port St. Joe."

Mayor Magidson responded, "As we reported earlier, the City is planning to file a claim in reference to the BP Oil Spill, but we have not received any money."

**Amy Rogers:**

Mrs. Rogers asked, "Is it true that the City has \$6,000 for the Summer Program?"

Mayor Magidson noted that we have a budget for the summer program but doesn't have the figures.

Commissioner Johnson indicated that the City is planning to run the Summer Program the same way it has always been run.

Mr. Weston noted that the City has budgeted approx. \$32K for all of its Summer Programs.



**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Johnson noted that approx. two years ago he announced his candidacy for City Commissioner. He has enjoyed working with staff over the past two years. We have gone thru a lot together and he is proud of the accomplishments that have been made. He will not be seeking re-election as City Commissioner and thanked the community for their support during his term.

Motion by Commissioner Stephens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gingell, to adjourn at 7:06 P.M.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

  
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Jim Anderson, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Magidson