

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, August 19, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce and Attorney Tom Gibson were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 5, 2014 and the Workshop Meeting of August 12, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Gulf Pines Hospital

With the exception of one, all Certificates of Discharge have been received from the IRS. The remaining certificate is forthcoming.

The proposed division for 6 lots on the hospital property was discussed. Mrs. Ann White shared she had looked at the proposal and was concerned about Patton Park. Commissioner Buzzett and Clay Smallwood, III, of PRI will meet onsite with Mrs. White.

Resolution 2014-11 Section 504 Compliance Policy Amendment (Handout)

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adopt Resolution 2014-11. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Business

Lighthouse Update

Clean up work will be completed this week and it is anticipated that the lighthouse will be available for climbing by the end of August.

Unexpected invoices were received just prior to the move from Broadband Tele Communications and Griffin Traffic Signals. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to use up to \$17,000 in BP Funds to offset one half of these expenses. Voting for the Motion were Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Thursbay and Buzzett. Voting against the Motion were Commissioners Patterson and McCroan. The Motion carried 3-2.

Solid Waste Bids

More discussion was held on whether to bid out the service or not. Attorney Gibson advised that, in his opinion, this should be bid out. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett to request an RFP for service. Mayor Magidson stated there was no reason to pass the chair as he could see where this was going. There was not a second to the Motion. A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, for Staff to negotiate a contract with Waste Pro for consideration by the Board. Voting in Favor of the Motion were Commissioners Patterson, McCroan, Thursbay and Buzzett. Mayor Magidson voted against the Motion. The Motion carried 4-1.

Affordable Housing

The PACES Foundation has received approval for funding their project in Port St. Joe. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the documents needed by the PACES Foundation for credit underwriting at Florida Housing Finance Corporation. (See Exhibit A). All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Buzzett noted the City provided the land, that Gulf County has committed \$300,000 in funds and the PACES Foundation has nothing invested in the project.

Commissioner Buzzett asked if the signing of these documents committed the City to any other obligations with the project and Attorney Gibson responded "Nothing past the land already given." This does not obligate the City to any road paving.

Attorney Gibson reminded the Commission that they had sent the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the State, the State has signed off on it and it will be on the City's September 2, 2014, Agenda for approval by the City Commission.

Town Hall Meeting – County Commissioner Smiley, August 22, 2014 at 5:30 in the City Fire Station

Mr. Anderson noted that there will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Fire Station on Friday, August 22, 2014 and will be hosted by County Commissioner Tan Smiley.

New Business

Fee Waiver Request

Carol Davis and Jerome Brundage – Neither Ms. Davis or Mr. Brundage were present at the Meeting. No action was taken on the request.

Landscape Maintenance Contracts – Highway 98 & Highway 71; City Parks

Highways 98 and 71

Staff has not had any issues with the current provider, Coastal Design and Landscape, Inc. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to continue the contract for an additional year at a cost of \$20,450. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

City Parks

Staff requested that this be tabled to review other options.

Department of Economic Opportunity – 2nd Year Funding

Mr. Anderson shared that DEO has suggested either a Marketing Study or the Branding Study for the next phase. The funds could be used to hire a consultant. The Gulf County TDC has been doing a branding study for Gulf County and would like to partner with the City on this. Commissioner Buzzett emphasized that he did not have a problem with working together but wanted to make it clear that he wanted a separate brand for the City.

Gulf Aire Sewer Proposal

Mr. Anderson noted that the proposal had been reviewed in the Workshop of August 12, 2014 and Staff feels that it is not the best idea to spend a million dollars at this time for the system.

Frank Seifert, owner of the Beaches Sewer System, addressed the Commission and felt that his offer was a good offer.

Commissioners Patterson and Thursbay asked that the proposal be tabled as they wanted more time to review it.

Grant Opportunities

Staff will work with the City Engineer to review these opportunities offered by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

North Florida Economic Development Academy

Mr. Anderson asked that anyone interested in attending the academy contact him.

City Manager Jim Anderson announced that a Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, at 5:00 P.M.

Public Works – John Grantland

Water Distribution Phase II Update – The system was cleared last Thursday; all tie ins will be completed in this area next week and the crew will move to the final section starting next week.

2nd and 4th Streets Sealing and Restriping Update – The project was completed last Saturday and many positive comments have been received.

RFP 2014-06 Reid Avenue Sidewalk Cleaning (Handout)

No bids were received for this project. Commissioner Patterson had received a quote from an individual and he will get with Mr. Anderson.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Mr. McClamma noted that things are going well at the plant.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd shared that the Algae problem is doing better and plants throughout the country have had major Algae problems this summer.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

CDBG Water Line Replacement and USDA Sidewalk Replacement

Mr. Smallwood reported that all meter connections have been made, tie ins are completed; work remains to be done on a storm inlet; driveways should be completed this week; sidewalks should be done next week and he anticipates that the project will be wrapped up by the end of this month.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed, no action was taken.

Police Department – Chief Barnes

Mayor Magidson offered congratulations to Chief Barnes and his department for a job well done in solving the recent thefts of fishing equipment.

Chief Barnes noted that the pickup and drop off changes made at St. Joe Elementary School were made by the school and not his department. He felt that after a short adjustment period, the changes will be fine.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA) – Gail Alsobrook

Minutes June 17, 2014 – Copies of the Minutes were provided for review by the Commissioners.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce did not have anything to report.

Citizens to be Heard

No one asked to address the Commission.

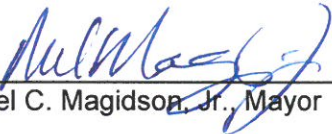
Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan, Patterson and Mayor Magidson each wished Commissioner Thursbay good luck on this health issues and assured him of their prayer support.

Commissioner Thursbay expressed his appreciation for the well wishes and shared that he would be attending the meetings or participating by telephone.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Approved this 2nd day of September 2014.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

9/5/14

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

9/3/2014

Date