

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, October 7, 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 McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 16, 2014 and the Special Commission Meeting of September 30, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Capital City Bank Platt and Road Abandonment Request – Resolution 2014-13

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve Resolution 2014-13. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Gulf Pines Hospital: Layout

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the lot layout as presented. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 507 Golf Carts: Second Reading and Request for Approval

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to read Ordinance 507 by Title only. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 507 by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adopt Ordinance 507. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Patterson noted that driving a Golf Cart in the City is a privilege and asked for the help of parents to ensure that underage drivers are not operating the golf carts.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Commission that the one year FDOT Crash Report is due shortly on the Golf Cart Crossing Area. Donnie Phillips of Transfield Services has contacted Mr. Anderson concerning the upcoming report.

Port Authority Dredge Basin Request

Attorney Gibson shared that he has had discussions with the JOE Company and is working on additional acreage for the City.

Marina Pennington – Planning Services Contract

After discussion concerning an annual contract and two recent grants, a Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to approve the annual contract with Mrs. Pennington for maximum compensation of \$20,000. Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan and Patterson voted in favor of the Motion. Commissioner Thursbay voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Business

Lighthouse Update

GAC will be hydroseeding the area in the next few days.

Solid Waste Contract Update

Discussion was held on the contract and the following issues were agreed to by the Commission and representative of Waste Pro, Norm Girardin and Richard Payne:

- The CPI increase per year will be 2%.
- Transfer Station Monthly Rent was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- Transfer Station Weigh Station Tickets will be used.
- \$51.50 per ton will be the Tipping Fee charge to the City.
- Termination will be by Breach of Contract.
- The Contract will be for a period of 5 years.

Mr. Girardin and Mr. Payne each addressed the Commission, thanked the City for the new contract and committed their willingness to work with the City on any issues pertaining to Waste Pro. Mr. Payne also noted that the past history of Waste Pro with the City and their investment in new equipment is why a five year contract with the City was requested.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the contract with Waste Pro. Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay voted in favor of the Motion. Mayor Magidson voted against the Motion and clarified that his vote was not against Waste Pro but the manner in which this process was handled. Motion carried 4-1.

Gulf Aire Sewer Proposal

More discussion was held and there will be a Workshop at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. Staff will be evaluating the system and gathering information prior to the Workshop.

Walking Path Lights Update

Mr. Anderson shared that some work has been completed on the lights, the wire is not of high quality and this will continue to be a maintenance issue.

Entryway Sign Update

Materials should be in this week and work will continue on the sign.

New Business

Workforce Board Lease 2014 – 2015

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the Workforce Board lease. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Ghost on the Coast

Due to recent cut backs to the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce Budget, they will not be sponsoring Ghost on the Coast. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, for the City to sponsor the event which will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Voting yes were Mayor

Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan and Thursbay with Commissioner Patterson voting no as he would like to see the activity held on October 31, 2014. Motion carried 4-1.

Jerry Stokoe – Fundraiser

Mr. Stokoe thanked the Commission for the use of the STAC House for the Salvation Army Program that he works with for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mr. Stokoe introduced Gina Watson, Community Resource Specialist with United Way of Northwest Florida.

Ms. Watson shared about the new 211 Program sponsored by United Way that provides resource information and referrals to callers. Their phones are being answered 24/7 and this service is proving to be a valuable asset to individuals seeking assistance.

Port City Trail Fitness Equipment – Sacred Heart

Mike Lacour has been meeting with the Gulf County Community Health Partner (CHIP) which focuses on increasing the physical activity of our citizens. The group is proposing a Community Bike Program and a Fitness Trail along a Park.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to allow fitness equipment along the existing Walking Trail. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

More research is being done on the Community Bike Program and Mr. Lacour will update the Commission when more information is available.

Resolution 2014-14 Cape San Blas Lighthouse Grant

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to apply for a \$125,000 grant from the Bureau of Historic Preservation of the Division of Historical Resources for the Phase III Cape San Blas Lighthouse Relocation Project. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works – John Grantland

Water Distribution Phase II Update

Mr. Grantland shared that testing and sampling are being done this week in the Gulf Pines Hospital area and he anticipates the new hookups will be done next week. Driveway repair should begin tomorrow. Hot taps were made in Highland View and the Kenney's Mill Road last week.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Mr. McClamma did not have anything to report.

Chipola Pump #2 Rehab Quote

Mr. Anderson noted the motor is in, work is being done on the gas line and that Paul Thorpe of the Northwest Florida Water Management District notified him they would consider the funding request at their next meeting in November.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd advised the Commission that the data for the Lead and Copper Samples Report was back, the results were very good as the limit is 15 ppb and our highest amount was 5.9 ppb.

Complaints have been received from the Highland View Community concerning an odor. Ms. Todd noted that the Algae is very thick and there are some floating mats of Algae. Discussion as to the causes of the Algae problem ensued and Ms. Todd shared that the plant had gone from an industrial to a domestic plant,

the lagoon is comprised 70 surface area acres, heavy rains have been an issue and there has been a high amount of nutrient runoff this year. Staff continues to research for a solution to the Algae problem.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

CDBG Water Line Replacement and USDA Sidewalk Replacement

Mr. Smallwood advised the Commission that there are very few items remaining on the punch list and the project is near completion.

Commissioner Thursbay asked if Stormwater Grants were still being sought by Preble-Rish. Mr. Smallwood acknowledged that Preble Rish continues to seek avenues for grant funding.

Code Enforcement

Items under Carports and Porches – Discussion

Mr. Anderson shared that currently the City deals with items not under roof lines of homes. A discussion was held and it was the consensus of the Commission that the City continue the currently policy.

Officer Burkett's report was reviewed and no action was taken.

Police Department – Sergeant Burch

Sergeant Burch did not have anything to report from the Police Department.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA)

There was nothing to report from the PSJRA.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce did not have anything to report.

Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Chuck Livengood complimented the Commission on the lighthouse move, the visibility of it when entering Port St. Joe and what it adds to the City. He also expressed his appreciation for the improvements and repairs that have been made to the sails and deck at Dr. Joe Hendrix Memorial Park.

Mr. Anderson noted that there had been a request to paint the fire hydrants in several areas of town. John Grantland shared that the request had been received from Julie Hodges for the Port St. Joe High School Art Students to paint the hydrants. This will be a contest for the students, there are rules that must be followed and Mr. Grantland will have more information at the next meeting.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay expressed his appreciation for all the prayers and support that he has recently received by stating "God is good and prayer works." His last report was very good and he believes that the cancer is gone.

Commissioner Patterson questioned the accessibility of elderly residents to City Commission Meetings. Mr. Anderson noted that if there is an issue, a call to City Hall is all that is needed. Meetings can be held in the Fire Station or if necessary, the Centennial Building.

Calls have been received by Commissioner Patterson as to why there are no sidewalks on Garrison Avenue. Mr. Anderson shared that grant funding could be a possibility as nothing was in the budget for new sidewalks.

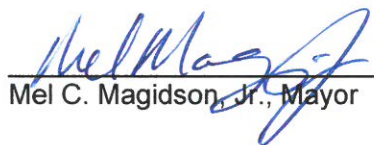
Commissioner McCroan reminded the Commission that Port St. Joe High School will be having Homecoming next week and asked that everyone be patient with the float building and festivities.

Commissioner Buzzett did not have anything to discuss.

Mayor Magidson stated that he would like to quell a rumor that is being spread. "I have no plans to move to Atlanta, not now, not ever. Helen is not working in Atlanta and we are not coming home on the weekend. I moved from Atlanta, and unless God moves me somewhere, I plan for my next move to be in a pine box to Holly Hill."

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Approved this 21st day of October 2014.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

10/23/14

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/22/2014

Date