

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, December 16, 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

Proclamations

Port St. Joe High School Football Team

Mayor Magidson read a Proclamation recognizing the Port St. Joe High School Football Team and Coaches as the Class 1A State Champions and proclaiming this week as Tiger Shark Week.

St. Joe Hero – Tony Clemons

In recognition of his heroic deed of entering a burning home to rescue a resident on October 20, 2014, Mayor Magidson presented Mr. Clemons with a Proclamation and expressed the City's appreciation for his selfless and successful endeavor.

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Regular Minutes of December 2, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Workshop Meeting of December 2, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Gulf Pines Hospital – The contract has been received from D. H. Griffin Wrecking Co., Inc. Mr. Gibson is reviewing several comments that were noted. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the contract with D. H. Griffin Wrecking Co., Inc., in the amount of \$156,205 for RFP 2014-07. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Port Authority Update - Mr. Gibson noted that FL DEP will issue a variance for dredging and by the end of the year he anticipates having a Notice of Intent. The Corps of Engineers is a little behind on their permits.

Shipyard Cove, LLC Lawsuit – The City has been served with a lawsuit and will need to file a response. FL League of Cities has advised that since there is no request for monetary settlement, no representation will be provided by them. A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, for Mayor Magidson to represent the City and file the response. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gibson noted the high activity of children on the abandoned sail boat in St. Joe Bay during the Scallop Festival and shared his concerns about the vessel. The Florida Wildlife Commission has delivered the papers for removing the boat and he will be talking with Jim Townsend about having it removed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Old Business

Gulf Aire Sewer Proposal – A Handout was provided for review of the analysis performed by Roberson and Associates, P. A., of the proposal from Mr. Seifert.

Christmas on the Coast – Mr. Anderson and the Commission expressed their thanks to employees for their involvement in making the Christmas Parade such a success.

Highway 98 Golf Cart Crossing – Mr. Anderson shared that a Traffic Study will be required by FDOT for the proposed location. A Traffic Count is currently being done by Preble Rish on the existing crossing. A Workshop will be held in the next few months to discuss the possibility of a one time assessment fee for the proposed location study and the possibility of annual fees for recurring cost with the crossings. A letter will be sent to all Golf Cart Permit holders advising them of the Workshop and possible fees.

Benny Roberts Park FRDAP Grant – Mr. Anderson noted that the Tenth Street Park T-Ball Field is looking good and work is continuing on the park.

Legislative Budget Request – A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to submit a request mirroring Gulf County for the following: Beacon Hill and Cape San Blas Sewers in the amount of \$2,000,000 each; Dredging for the Port of Port St. Joe \$20,000,000. The City will also request \$2,000,000 for the paving of Long and Garrison Avenues. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Avenue D Sidewalks – Commissioner Thursbay shared that he is still working on this project and has not forgotten about it.

Impact Fees Discussion – Staff continues to work on this and anticipates having a draft Ordinance in several weeks for a Fee Waiver in lieu of future service.

New Business

Building Rentals for Funerals – This was Tabled and will be addressed at a later date.

Fee Waiver Request of Farica Gant – A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to grant the request for Dance Kraze "ACU" Inc., to have a Dance Camp from December 15 – 19, 2014 and a Youth Dance Fundraiser on December 25, 2014, at the WIG Building. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief Position – Matt Herring was introduced as the new Chief of Police. He expressed his appreciation to the Commission for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and is looking forward to working with the City. Chief Herring's first official day of work will be January 1, 2015.

PACES Foundation Request – A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to allow PACES to apply for funding of 40 additional units for Senior Citizens at their proposed new housing development. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

New Year's Eve Fireworks – The Gulf County TDC will be providing New Year's Eve Fireworks on December 31, 2014, at 10:00 P.M. The trolley system will also be in service for the evening.

CIP Plan Update – Copies were distributed to Commissioners and Staff for their review. Department Heads of Public Works, Surface Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants were asked to review the plan for their respective departments.

Public Works – John Grantland

Water Distribution Phase II Update – Mr. Grantland expressed his appreciation to employees in the Public Works Department for their work this year. There have been numerous project in the department this year, many have been complex but a great job has been done on all of them.

Interconnects have been made on the remaining water line replacements, the Kenney's Mill Road area and the Oak Grove Interconnect should be completed this week. He will be working with the C. W. Roberts Company on the Bridgeport area.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Mr. McClamma did not have anything to report.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd did not have any issues to discuss.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

Mr. Smallwood shared that the traffic count on the existing Golf Cart Crossing would be completed today.

Code Enforcement

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

Police Department

There was not a representative of the Police Department at the meeting.

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

Copies of the October 21, and November 18, 2014, Meeting Minutes were provided.

Ms. Alsobrook shared that the Port Theatre Art and Culture Center Grant was recommended for 100% funding by the Florida Historical Commission in the FY 2016 Special Category Grant Application Cycle.

Commissioner Thursbay inquired about the playground equipment for the Washington Gym. Ms. Alsobrook will be checking on this.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Clerk Pierce reminded the Commission that City Hall would be closed on Wednesday, December 24; Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26, 2014. If service is needed, citizens may call the Gulf County Sheriff's Department non-emergency number, 227-1115, for assistance.

Mrs. Pierce thanked the City employees for their help with the Christmas Parade and noted that the Phase III Cape San Blas Lighthouse Relocation Grant was recommended for 100% funding by the Florida Historical Commission in the FY 2016 Special Category Grant Application Cycle.

Citizens to be Heard

Christy McElroy updated the Commission on the current status and activities of the Gulf County Economic Development Committee. She also provided handouts to the Commissioners.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay shared his concerns about Franchise Fees and that a local business is not paying their share. He asked that Commissioners review Ordinance 155.

Commissioner Patterson is still concerned about the problems with the intersections on Highway 71 not being properly repaired. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner McCroan noted that he had spoken with Mrs. Emma Guillot concerning the Mausoleum at Holly Hill and shared that there is an awning seam leak and that all crypts are protected.

He also shared there is a great interest in having the lighthouse relit. Mr. Anderson has discussed this with Mr. Butler of Duke Energy and they are looking at the possibilities for electrical service. Commissioner McCroan wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Buzzett asked if the contract with Waste Pro had been signed and Mr. Anderson responded that it had.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to use BP Funds to pay for a Christmas Greeting in the Star from the City of Port St. Joe. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Magidson encouraged everyone to be safe, watch out for dangers and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Approved this 6th day of January 2015.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

1/8/15

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

1/7/15

Date