

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, January 19, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Patterson presented a Proclamation in recognition of the life of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., to Reverend Castldera Watts of Thompson Temple First Born Church of the Living God.

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 5, 2016, and the Special Meeting of January 12, 2016. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

PORT ST. JOE REDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (PSJRA) - Bill Kennedy

There was no report from the PSJRA.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

First United Methodist Church Liability Waiver Request - A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the request with the following stipulations. A Hold Harmless Agreement must be provided to the City; an Easement to the property previously approved; and approval of the amended Development Order. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Old Business

Patton Park Lots – Realtor Proposals: A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to contract with Sabrina Burke of Burke and Company for 6 months. Should the property not sell, the next lowest bidding Realtor would be offered the property for six months. If, at the end of that 6 months, the property still has not sold, the next lowest bidding Realtor would be offered the property for 6 months. All in favor; motion carried 5-0.

102 Stone Drive Update: Mr. Anderson noted this is still under legal review.

Jim Ayotte, Executive Director of the Florida Manufactured Housing Association, offered his thoughts on the current issue.

Attorney Pat Floyd thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to review the issues associated with 102 Stone Drive.

Amy Rogers voiced her displeasure with the actions taken by the Commission.

Matthew Taylor and Lee Fontaine, property owners in the neighborhood of 102 Stone Drive, reiterated their concerns over the issue.

Wellness Initiative – Commissioner Buzzett discussed and also provided a form for the Wellness Initiative. This is a voluntary program and an employee can earn up to 8 hours of personal time per year by being actively involved in the Wellness Initiative. Each of the following categories earns 2 hours of personal leave: Influenza Vaccination; Blood Drive Donation; FHC Lifestyle Wellness Assessment; and Physical

Examination to include Biometric Screening. The Wellness initiative begins on October 1, 2015, and ends of September 30, 2016. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Uninhabitable Structures with Asbestos – Staff will seek information on identifying structures with Asbestos and the costs for removal.

Public Works – John Grantland

RFP 2015-15 Presnell's Lift Station - Mr. Charles Costin reviewed the activities associated with this project since its inception eleven years ago. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to take \$45,000 from the Cape Sewer Fund to complete the lift station for this project. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma shared that he has 3 employees sitting for state license exams tomorrow.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd did not have anything to report.

City Engineer - Clay Smallwood, III

Golf Cart Crossing Update – Florida DOT still has the application and Mr. Smallwood is waiting to hear from them.

Long Avenue Sewer Evaluation – Mr. Smallwood will be meeting with Mr. Grantland tomorrow on this.

Code Enforcement - Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed. No action was required.

Police Department – Chief Herring

Investigative Funds – A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to provide \$5,000 from BP Funds to be used to enhance investigations. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

SSGT Clifford C. Sims Memorial Park Dedication – Clerk Pierce shared that the ceremony to rename the park in honor of SSGT Sims will be held on Friday, February 19, 2016, at 2:00 P.M.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to award the sign design renaming Jetty Park as SSGT. Clifford C. Sims Memorial Park to Coast2Coast in the amount of \$2,400. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Citizens to be Heard

Christy McElroy provided a copy of *Port of Port St. Joe, Gulf County, FL Request for Restore Funds from Gulf County Commission* to each City Commissioner. She requested the continued support of the Board for Port projects, and encouraged the Commission to become familiar with the document provided.

Commissioner Buzzett requested that an updated Resolution in support of the Port be on the next Agenda.

Amy Rogers thanked the Commission for their support of the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., activities this past weekend. She also noted the need for sidewalks on Avenues B and D. The City is working to provide sidewalks on Avenue D.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Buzzett stressed the need for eliminating leaks at the Centennial Building and asked that Mr. Grantland work on sealing the blocks very soon. Mr. Grantland will have prices for the cost of repairs at the next meeting.

Commissioner McCroan requested that a sign be placed at the Intersection of Long Avenue and Highway 98. The previous sign has been removed and makes locating the road at night a problem.

Commissioner Ashbrook asked that lights be provided for the walking path as the original lights have ceased to work and are no longer repairable. He noted that Jennifer Jenkins, Executive Director of the Gulf County TDC, may possibly have funds that could be used to enhance lighting on the walking path.

Staff will check with Duke Energy to see what the cost of lights and poles would be for the path.

Commissioner Thursbay shared that he is still receiving calls about the lack of service from WastePro and asked if the service had improved since the meeting with the company.

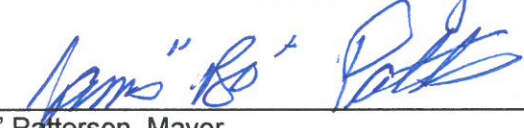
Mr. Anderson stated that City Hall continues to receive calls daily about the lack of service and the inability of WastePro to resolve issues with customers.

Mayor Patterson related that his neighbors had received care from Sacred Heart Hospital and were very impressed by the service they received, the friendliness of the staff, and the facility in general. He offered his thanks to the hospital for what they provide for our community.

The Mayor also expressed his appreciation for the community participation in the Reverend Martin L. King, Jr., festivities.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:19 P.M.

Approved this 2nd day of February 2016.



James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

2/4/2016

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

2/3/2016

Date