

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY  
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT  
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, June 21, 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, Attorney Tom Gibson and recently elected Commissioner Brett Lowry 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 June 7, 2016, and the Special Meeting of June 16, 2016. Voting in favor were Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, McCroan, and Thursbay; Mayor Patterson voted nay. Motion carried 4-1.

**Recognition of Service – Commissioner McCroan**

Mayor Patterson presented Commissioner Phil McCroan with a plaque of appreciation for his four years of dedicated service to the City of Port St. Joe.

Commissioner McCroan thanked the Commissioners and the City employees for their support while serving on the Commission, noted that he had made numerous friends during his tenure, and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Commission.

**Swearing in of Elected Officials – Commissioner Buzzett and Commissioner Lowry**

Judge Timothy McFarland administered the Oath of Office to returning Commissioner Rex Buzzett. Mrs. Buzzett held the Bible for the ceremony.

Judge McFarland also administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner, Brett Lowry. Commissioner Lowry's brother, Bart, held the Bible for the ceremony.

Commissioner Lowry took his seat with the Commission.

**Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA) - Bill Kennedy** shared that progress is being made on Core Park, ground depressions have been filled and clay has been provided for the parking lot base.

**CITY ATTORNEY –**

*Ordinance 525 Alcohol Sale Within 100' of a Church or School – First Reading:* A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 525. Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 525 by Title only, All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson**

*Digital Sign – Mayor Patterson:* A Workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the sign by phone with Bill Benham of Digital Communication Display Network.

*Bin4Eleven – Pam Woolery:* Kamen Woolery presented information on the damage to his business. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to reimburse Mr. Woolery \$2,997 for the damages. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

*Fourth of July Fireworks* – Will begin at 10:00 P.M., on Monday July 4, 2016, and will be launched from the old mill site.

*Patton Park Subdivision Update:* The City closed on the fourth lot and approximately \$62,000 has been placed in the BP Fund Account.

*Tom "Dooder" Parker Park Dedication – June 24, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.:* This has been postponed due to the illness of Mr. Parker.

*City Construction Crew Pay – Commissioner Thursbay:* This was Tabled but later in the meeting, a Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the increase in pay. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Grantland computed the cost for the pay increases to be \$4,200.

*Waste Water Lagoon Study –* This was Tabled as information has not been received from Mr. D'Isernia.

## **New Business**

*Financial Disclosures – Due July 1, 2016:* Mr. Anderson reminded the Commissioner that their Financial Disclosures are due to the Supervisor of Elections by July 1, 2016.

*FRDAP Grant Application – 16<sup>th</sup> Street Disc Golf and Girls' Softball Fields – Commissioner Thursbay:* Bill Kennedy shared several recommendations with the Commission earlier in the meeting on this topic. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to submit an application for this and if possible, to include improvements to the baseball fields. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

*Reid Avenue Handicap Parking – Mayor Patterson* requested that signs be purchased to designate Handicapped Parking areas on Reid Avenue.

*Propane Gas Trucks – Mayor Patterson* asked Commissioners to consider the possibility of purchasing a propane operated truck in the coming year.

*Catholic Church Vacant Lot –* Mayor Patterson has been talking with the priest to get this issue resolved.

*Road Bond Money –* The Gulf County Board of Commissioners provided a list of streets they have approved for paving. Mr. Anderson will be meeting with the City Engineer and Public Works Director on our options for the Long Avenue improvements.

*Centennial Building State Historic Preservation Grant Application – Resolution 2016-06 Grant Application* Commissioner Buzzett requested that a grant application be submitted to cover repairs for the Centennial Building. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to submit the grant request in the amount of \$500,000 and approve Resolution 2016-06. Voting in favor of the Motion were Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, Lowry, and Thursbay. Voting nay was Mayor Patterson. The motion carried 4-1.

**Public Works – John Grantland** did not have anything to discuss.

**Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma** did not have anything to share.

**Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis** noted they are spraying again and are about three months ahead of where they were this time last year in combating the Algae issue. The underground leak has not been found but feel they are closing in on it.

**City Engineer - Clay Smallwood, III,**

*Golf Cart Crossing Update –* Mr. Smallwood received an email at 4:56 P.M., today that the crossing would be approved.

Commissioner Buzzett requested that a City Project List with Dewberry / Preble-Rish be compiled and made available for Commissioners.

**Code Enforcement** – Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed but did not require any action. Mayor Patterson noted there has been an increase in Unlawful Accumulation and shared that property needs to be kept clean or the City will be noticing them for their violations.

**Police Department – Chief Herring** shared that the Police Department will be participating in Touch a Truck at the Washington Gym Friday, June 24, 2016, at 8:30 A.M.

**City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce** did not have anything to share.

#### **Citizens to be Heard –**

Roni Coppock, Executive Director Gulf Chamber of Commerce, asked about the City participating in the Having Fun at Work Red Noses Campaign. The Commissioners and department heads posed for pictures following the meeting.

Chester Davis reminded the Commissioners of their invitation to the Gulf County Emancipation Celebration on Saturday June 25, 2016, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

#### **Discussion Items by Commissioners**

*Commissioner Buzzett* welcomed Commissioner Lowry to the Commission. He also shared that he had a 1938 original program from the dedication of the Centennial Building that he would share.

*Commissioner Lowry* stated he was excited to be serving on the Commission and looked forward to working with everyone.

Attorney Gibson asked Commissioner Lowry if he had viewed the Sunshine Law Video and he responded that he had.

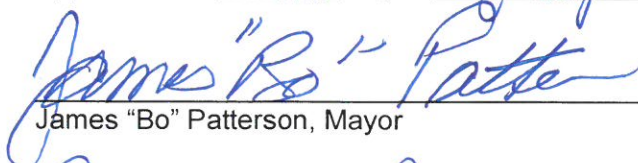
*Commissioner Ashbrook* welcomed Commissioner Lowry and asked about the Frank Pate Park Boat Ramp status. Mr. Anderson shared that it is in the design phase and it is anticipated that construction plans will be bid by the end of the summer.

*Commissioner Thursbay* asked that the record reflect that he feels he was thrown under the bus on the recent 3-2 vote on the settlement with former officer, David Garner. He was not present at the scheduled Grievance Hearing, received a call from Attorney Gibson and was under the impression there were five votes to hold their noses and vote for it.

*Mayor Patterson* shared people are working behind the scenes to bring jobs here. He also stated he felt the same as Commissioner Thursbay on the recent settlement vote.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:13 P.M.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

  
James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

7/13/2016  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

7/6/16  
Date