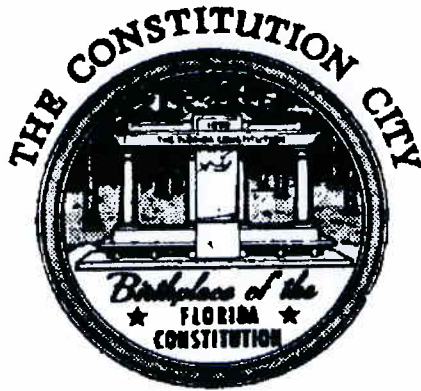


AGENDA

Tuesday, April 7, 2009
Workshop
5:00 p.m.
Regular Public Meeting
6:00 p.m., Commission Chamber
City Hall
Port St. Joe, Florida



City of Port St. Joe

Mel Magidson, Mayor-Commissioner
Arthur P. "Perky" White, Commissioner, Group I
Charles H. Stephens, Commissioner Group II
John Reeves, Commissioner Group III
Rex Buzzett, Commissioner Group IV

[All persons are invited to attend these meetings. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at said meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The Board of City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida will not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.]

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

April 7, 2009

Workshop
Monument and Williams Avenue
5:00 p.m.

Regular Public Meeting
6:00 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall

Call to Order

Consent *(Motion to Approve Consent Agenda)*

- Minutes for Site Inspection W/S March 17, Regular Meeting March 17, Workshop March 26 and Town Hall Meeting on March 26, 2009 **Pages 3-10**

City Attorney

City Manager Report

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- **County request DRA abatement**

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City Clerk

Citizens to be Heard

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Motion to Adjourn

Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners for the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, held in the Gulf County Commission Chambers on March 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Magidson called the Town Hall Meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners White, Stephens, Reeves and Buzzett. Also present were City Attorney Scholz, City Manager Weston and City Clerk Pendarvis.

Mayor Magidson stated that if there is anyone present who had an issue to discuss other than the Water Plant disinfectant, Chloramines to come forward.

Ann White came before the commission and asked if \$4,000,000 was missing from city funds. Mayor Magidson stated that money is not missing but not accounted for in the right account. An audit is underway, right now, to determine this.

Glenn Davis stated that he had been with the city for 35-years and the expansion was made in order to meet demand and supply water to the city's customers. We are expanding to a 6MGD plant and Chloramines has been determined to be the best disinfectant for use in the new plant.

Doug Kent, Gulf County Health Department, stated that he was a 33-year health officer and chloramines was the best disinfectant, more stable than free chlorines and had been used of 90 years in the United States as a water disinfectant. It is safe, low risk factors and meets EPA guidelines. It is used in 14 water districts in Florida without any health issues being reported. There are risk factors in everything but this has a lower risk than free chlorines.

Lynn Todd, Chemist at the plant stated that going from a 2MGD plant that used well water to a 6MGD plant that will be using surface water that the runoffs, birds and other debris needs a more stable disinfectant to cover the 85-miles roundtrip of water lines the city currently has. At present, the chlorine monitoring program uses 30,000 gallons to 90,000 gallons of water to flush the system at a single outreach point. This is wasted water. With the new system the water will be able to be "tweaked" at the new state of art plant and due to the stable nature of chloramines outreach points will not fail the chlorine monitoring test. Also, the additional organics from the surface water (birds and things that swim in it) will be disinfected as well.

Tracey Norwood stated that she has worked on audit teams for water providers and she has looked at EPA and DEP websites reviewing their requirements and the City's record keeping was very accurate. She stated that over 60,000,000 residents in the USA are drinking water from chloramine sites. She checked around the Gainesville area and found there were no issues with the chemical. Hospitals already have filters installed to safeguard their patients that have ammo-immunity problems. She has copied material from websites and would like to share the information that she has garnered from these sites for residents to review.

John Pope, DEP Northwest District, stated that the department was very excited about the new surface water plant. He noted that several large cities use chloramines and have not reported health problems with the chemical. Some of those cities are Lake City, St. Augustine, Melbourne, Tampa, Hollywood and Delray Beach to name a few.

Nathan Peters stated that he has a brother on dialysis and has concerns on how this will affect him. He wanted to know if the city would pay for charcoal filters for his brother's house. Commissioner Buzzett stated that his research showed that the enzymes and bacteria in the digestive tract breakdown the chemicals in the water and it doesn't affect you.

Lynn Todd stated that this is what she understands and that the problem is with direct contact with blood.

Mayor Magidson, Commissioner Buzzett and Lynn Todd all recommended that if you have a medical problem to check with your physician. Mayor Magidson stated that costs associated with a health problem is normally covered under the individual's health coverage if it is medically necessary.

Nathan Peters asked if there is a waterline break will it kill fish in a ditch. Glenn Davis said there is too many variables to answer that question—how large a break, size of ditch, etc. Mayor Magidson stated that residents are already using an additive for chlorine water to keep their fish from being killed in a fish tank and this will be no different.

Richard Robertson asked if this could be a legal issue. A discussion ensued with Attorney Scholz stating that the city would have to be proven negligent and using a 90-year old scientific method probably would not prove negligence. Tracey Norwood pointed out the no public utility has been found guilty in using chloramines in drinking water.

Ann White asked if boil water notices if boiling water would kill pathogens, if babies are bothered by the water and does the ammonia in the water eat copper piping. Lynn Todd stated that inhibitors are already added to the water for corrosion and this will not change. Ms. White asked if animals would be affected by drinking the water. It was noted that the same digestive cycle and the same as for humans drinking the water.

Philip Jones stated that initially ten engineers had worked on the design for the surface water plant and these ten engineers had made the design decision to use chloramines.

Patrick McFarland stated that just reading the letter would alarm you and asked if the possibility to hurt someone had been checked out. Mayor Magidson said it has been checked out and checked out.

Tracey Norwood noted that fish, using their gills, are using the same system as dialysis which includes contact with blood.

Minutes of the Workshop Site Inspection Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners for the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, held in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, March 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Magidson and the following Commissioners White, Stephens, Reeves and Buzzett visited three construction sites—Monument Avenue, Sunset Circle and City Hall Parking lot. City Manager Weston and City Clerk Pauline Pendarvis were also present.

Monument Avenue Site: Discussed if we saved the curb and reused it the city would save \$87,000 in the contract and this could be used to pave the sidewalks which are not included in the contract. The estimated cost for the sidewalks is \$112,000 of which \$59,000 is labor.

Sunset Circle: Reviewed flooding issues, location of water distribution lines and sewer collection lines and paving the roadway. Helen Quackenbush joined us and asked that her sinking water meter be repaired.

City Hall Parking Lot: Discussed the drainage and elevation of the parking lot. Discussed elevating sidewalks, if needed, after project is completed and the elevation of the lot is too high to the sidewalk. Agreed for the contractor to start working on the project as soon as possible. Noted that this is part of the road bond funding and the project must be completed by August 30th.

The tour ended and the board adjourned to the Commission Chamber at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor Magidson

City Clerk

