

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, March 18, 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 City Attorney Tom Gibson were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2014, Regular Meeting with a correction to the Lighthouse update to include "relocation of power lines" on County Road 30 to move the lighthouse. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Ordinance 502 E Cigarettes – First Reading and Ordinance 503 E Cigarettes – First Reading

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to read by Title only Ordinance 502 and Ordinance 503. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 502 by Title only and then read Ordinance 503 by Title only.

Ordinance 504 – Signs

Mr. Anderson noted that Ordinance 504 was reviewed by the PDRB and they recommend approval of the Ordinance. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to read Ordinance 504 by Title only. Voting in Favor of the Motion were Commissioners McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. Voting against the Motion were Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett. Motion carried 3-2.

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 504 by Title only.

Ordinance 505 – Designating the City Commission as the PSJRA Board – First Reading

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan for discussion.

Commissioner Buzzett noted the accomplishments of the PSJRA, read a list of the members of the PSJRA Board, stated he felt it was wrong to dissolve the Board and encouraged the Commissioners to vote "No" to read the ordinance.

Mayor Magidson referenced the PSJRA's 2013 Stakeholders Summary and the many projects they have accomplished for the City.

The following individuals shared their concerns about dissolving the PSJRA Board and the Commission taking over those responsibilities: Dr. Dusty May, Trish Warriner, Natalie Shoaf, Barbara Radcliff, Terri Hays and Deborah Barnes.

Gail Alsobrook thanked everyone for being present to support the PSJRA; offered, as a volunteer, to spend as much time as needed with the City Commissioners to resolve any issues and noted that the PSJRA Board provides untold hours of free services through their professional training to the community.

Commissioner Patterson stated that he did not have anything against the PSJRA Board, felt they had done a great job, but continues to have numerous calls from voters encouraging the Commission to serve as the PSJRA Board.

Commissioner McCroan shared that the calls he has received supports the decision of the City Commissioners to dissolve the PSJRA Board.

James Cooley stated that he supports Commissioner Patterson's efforts to make the City Commissioners the governing body for the PSJRA.

The constant plea from citizens was to step back, look at the situation; if it isn't broke – don't fix it; provide a better understanding of where funding of the PSJRA comes from and the requirements on spending the money, and consider the additional time that will be required for the Commission to serve as the PSJRA Board.

Commissioner Thursbay asked about the possibility of an advisory board and Mr. Gibson noted that the Board must either be appointed or the City Commission must serve.

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Thursbay withdrew his Motion with consensus being to review the issue and make a decision at the April 1, 2014, meeting.

Legacy Trust Program Update

There was no new information to be shared.

Resolution 2014-04 Port Authority Support

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to adopt Resolution 2014-04. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Jetty Park Lease Agreement

Mr. Gibson shared that the St. Joe Company is drafting a lease agreement.

Gulf Pines Hospital

The IRS has requested that all information submitted two years ago be resubmitted. Mr. Gibson will work on this.

Competitive Florida Partnership Contract

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to execute the Funding and Program Agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Business

Resolution 2014-02 – Boat Launch Fees

Dr. Tim Nelson noted a need for revenue to maintain the park, encouraged the Commission to adopt a fee schedule and shared that the fee system is used throughout Florida.

Commissioner Thursbay asked that the information provided be reviewed, that thoughts and ideas be given to Mr. Anderson for consideration, and staff offer a recommendation on how to provide decals and collect fees in the most efficient manner.

Lighthouse Update

Mayor Magidson shared that Amendment One to the Historic Preservation Grant Award Agreement has been signed and all requested information will be submitted to the state within the next few days. He also noted that Duke Energy will need about 60 days to prepare for the move of the lighthouse.

Patricia Hardman once again challenged the Commission on cost figures to relocate the lighthouse. Mayor Magidson addressed her concerns and provided factual information.

Joint City / County Solid Waste RFP

City and County Staffs continue to work on this issue.

New Business

College Students – Community Service Projects

Mayor Magidson noted the many projects that Auburn University and University of Wisconsin students have completed in Port St. Joe. He expressed the appreciation of the Commission for jobs well done by the students.

Commissioner Thursbay requested that a letter of thanks be sent from the Commission to these universities recognizing the work of these students.

Temporary Road Closure Request - Church of God in Christ

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the request from the Church of God in Christ for a temporary road closure of Avenue D from MLK Boulevard to 163 Avenue D on Saturday, April 5, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0

Fee Waiver Request – Atkins

A Fee Waiver Request has been received from Atkins for the use of the Centennial Building on May 6, 2014, for a Public Hearing on the Gulf Coast Parkway. A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to grant the request. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works – John Grantland

Water Distribution Phase II

Palm Boulevard is basically complete and lacks tying into the existing main. Driveways will be repaired on Marvin Avenue in the next few days, pending weather, and Twentieth Street to Juniper Avenue is the next phase of the project.

Crews are still working on clogged stormwater drains that were filled because of the 8 plus inches of rain that fell in the last few days.

Long Avenue Sewer Line

The cost to repair the line is in excess of \$238,000 and not currently in the budget. Road repairs will be made until funds are available.

Commissioner Thursbay commended Mr. Grantland for the outstanding work that is being done by Mr. McDaniel and his work crew on the baseball and softball fields.

Surface Water Plant

There was no report from the plant.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd did not have anything to report.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

The Water Study

There was a meeting yesterday with Dave Cozan of CDM to discuss the VT Water Study Report. A Workshop will be held on April 1, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. to review the report with the Commission. Mr. Smallwood suggested that particular attention be given to Sections 6 and 7 when reviewing the report.

CDBG Water Line and USDA Sidewalk Replacement Update

Workers have been shooting bores on Avenue D; isolating directional bores for the water line services on Avenue C and an underground crew will be on site tomorrow. Stormwater work will begin in a few weeks and the sidewalks will be addressed after that.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed. No action was taken.

Police Department – Chief Barnes

The Port St. Joe Police Department will be applying for a \$1,000 grant to purchase batteries and chargers for Tasers.

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

The *Annual Report* has been provided to Commissioners, advertised on the website and public notice given.

Resolution 2014-03 Jetty Park Grant

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve Resolution 2014-03 to apply for a grant to make improvements to the low docks at Jetty Park. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Alsobrook offered to write a synopsis on how the funding for the PSJRA is obtained and the requirements for spending those funds.

The next meeting of the PSJRA Board of Directors will be on March 21, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be advertised by the City to allow Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Thursbay stated that he wanted to make it clear that it was not his intent to fire Ms. Alsobrook nor did he have an agenda to do that.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce did not have anything to discuss.

Citizens to be Heard

Dr. Tim Nelson noted that it is important to know more about how the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) money is obtained for the PSJRA and the allowable expenditures and asked if this information could be shared so citizens would be better advised about the issue.

James Cooley stated that he did not want to see anyone loose a job and felt better information about the PSJRA would be helpful. He also noted that the Buck Griffin Lake needed some maintenance as the water fountains and spigots are not working and there are several boards in the walk over the lake that are in need of repair. He suggested that an inspector be hired to check for needed repairs. Mr. Cooley also noted drainage problems on Bellamy Circle and an ongoing problem with the water.

Mayor Magidson thanked Mr. Cooley for sharing the information, asked that other citizens make the City aware of any City property in need of repair and encouraged people to come to the Commission meetings.

Commissioner McCroan shared that numerous citizens feel pushed to the side concerning their thoughts and ideas and asked that an effort be made to include everyone.

Ann White expressed her appreciation to the Commission for their help through the years and encouraged people to attend meetings when they have a concern. She noted that in the past, when she would bring something to the attention of the Commission, it was resolved.

Chuck Livingood shared that he was a new resident to town, was impressed with the cleanliness of the City and thank the Commission for all that is being done. He encouraged everyone to "Keep on keeping on."

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Buzzett expressed his appreciation to Staff for all the help with the Lions Club's Sportsman's Banquet last week. He noted that funds raised at the banquet are used throughout the community.

Commissioner McCroan did not have anything to discuss.

Commissioner Patterson stated he has received calls concerning the lack of light on the walking path and would like to know what can be done to add more lighting. Staff will research the contract and bond to see what options might be available.

He also asked about the feasibility of purchasing a mulching machine as opposed to paying tipping fees at the landfill. John Grantland shared that this had been researched several years ago and it was not feasible at that time.

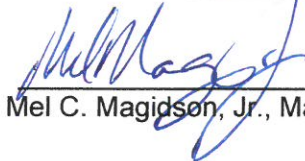
Commissioner Thursbay stated that he wanted to apologize to Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett for any snarled comments that he made during the earlier meeting this month. He said that he would continue to bring issues to the Commission, there will be differences of opinions but he is working on controlling his emotions.

The Red Light at the Intersection of Highways 71 and 98 continues to be a problem and the Commissioner asked that it be rechecked. Mr. Grantland will follow up on this as repairs have been made to this area several months ago.

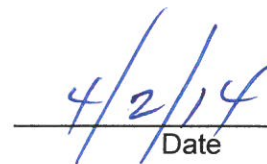
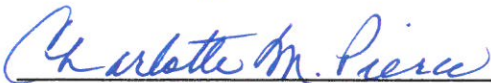
Mayor Magidson expressed his appreciation to the attendees of the Sportsman's Banquet because this translates to dollars to be used in the community.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:09 P.M.

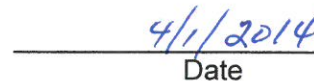
Approved this 1st day of April 2014.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor


Date

Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk


Date