

# **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, November 4, 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**

### **Minutes**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 21, 2014; Workshop Meeting of October 21, 2014 and the Special Meeting of October 28, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### **CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson**

#### *Gulf Pines Hospital Bid Award*

D. H. Griffin Wrecking Company submitted the low Bid of \$156,205. No action was taken on the Bid as the Commissioners requested additional information concerning the anticipated selling price of the lots, funding sources and the possibility of a developer purchasing the property.

Attorney Gibson shared that the area is too small for a developer to be interested in and he anticipates the front two lots could be valued at \$85,000.

#### *Patton Park – Small Scale Plan Amendment*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, for an Amendment to be made to the Comp Plan. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0. The request will be given to the PDRB for their review, their recommendation will be provided to the Commission who in turn will submit the Amendment to the Department of Economic Opportunity. If approved by the DEO, the Amendment will be returned to the Commission for final approval.

#### *Port Authority Dredge Basin Request*

A letter has been provided to Tommy Pitts of Hatch Mott MacDonald stating the stipulations for Port Authority Disposal on City property. Mr. Gibson noted that discussion is continuing the JOE Company for additional property for the sprayfield and he anticipates that will be resolved by the end of this month. The letter and property outline are included as Attachment A.

#### *Resolution 2014-17 Rural Areas of Opportunity*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve Resolution 2014-17. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

#### *Resolution 2014-18 Healthiest Weight Florida Initiative*

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve Resolution 2014-18. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Old Business**

#### *Gulf Aire Sewer Proposal*

Commissioner Patterson shared that owner Frank Seifert has requested that the City make him an offer for the system. Mayor Magidson asked that Mr. Anderson, Ralph Roberson and Michael McKenzie review the City's finances and make a recommendation as to the feasibility of purchasing the system.

#### *Ghost on the Coast*

Mr. Anderson shared that this was a very successful event and many people feel that it was the largest attendance yet. The Commissioner commended City Staff for their help with the event and for stepping up to the plate on such short notice.

#### *Competitive Florida DEO Year 2 Funding Options*

There is \$40,000 available to continue the program and Mr. Anderson requested suggestions from the Commissioners as to what project they would like to pursue. The funding cannot be used for bricks and mortar but intended to make a project shelf ready. A Workshop will be held on December 2, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. to discuss the options.

### **New Business**

#### *Christmas Parade*

The City will be hosting the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. Previously, the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce has headed up the parade but due to budget constraints they will not be able to coordinate the parade this year.

#### *Highway 98 Golf Cart Crossing – Commissioner Patterson*

Commissioner Patterson continues to receive requests that golf cart owners be allowed to cross Highway 98. Phil Early suggested that a committee be formed to raise money to offset the cost of the required study by FL DOT.

Commissioner Buzzett suggested that a letter be written to each registered golf cart owner asking for a \$50 donation to offset the cost as he did not feel that tax dollars of approximately \$5,000 should be spent to provide passage for the 118 registered golf carts.

Mayor Magidson suggested that FL DOT be asked informally if there is a possibility permission would be granted for a crossing on Highway 98 before anything else is done. Mr. Anderson will follow up with FDOT.

#### *Jetty Park Upgrade – Commissioner Thursbay*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to spend up to \$1,000 from funds collected on rental space at the Marina to provide a grill and two picnic tables at Jetty Park. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### **Public Works – John Grantland**

#### *Water Distribution Phase II Update*

Mr. Grantland noted that the project is coming to a close, runs will be made in Highland View and on Kenney's Mill Road next week.

Phil Earley commended the City employees for a job well done, the professionalism that was shown and the cleanliness of the work area on this project.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Patterson, for improvements to be made to the Brent Circle Lift Station. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma**

Mr. McClamma shared that everything is running well.

#### **Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis**

Mr. Pettis noted that the Algae is dying back and there has not been an odor problem lately.

#### **City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III**

##### *CDBG Water Line Replacement and USDA Sidewalk Replacement*

Mr. Smallwood advised that paper work is being closed out on the project and a USDA representative will be here next week for an inspection.

Commissioner Buzzett requested that Mr. Smallwood mark Patton Park so that interested parties may see the change in the Small Scale Amendment.

#### **Code Enforcement**

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

#### **Police Department – Sergeant Burch**

Sergeant Burch did not have anything to report.

Mr. Anderson shared that the City is advertising for a Chief of Police. The advertisement will run in the Star on November 6 and 13, 2014 and in the Panama City News Herald on November 9, 2014. Chief Barnes will be in the office through November 19, 2014 and his last official day for payroll will be November 30, 2014.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to declare Chief Barnes's weapon and badge surplus and allow him to purchase them for \$1.00. The weapon is a Glock 27, Generation Four, 40 Caliber handgun with the Serial Number of WKT 862. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA)**

Ms. Alsobrook noted that landscaped beds on Reid Avenue will be replanted soon, the Winter Banners should be here next week and the Port Theatre Grant has been submitted.

Commissioner Patterson asked if the Bicycle Racks on Reid Avenue were being used as several people feel that they are a hazard. Ms. Alsobrook will check to see if they are being utilized.

#### **City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce**

Mrs. Pierce reminded the Commission that on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, City Hall will be closed to observe Veterans Day.

She also shared of a telephone call from Paula Lovett Waller complimenting the City on the cleanliness of the City, its overall appearance and how special it was for Paula and her brother, Howard, to be able to come to their hometown and see such a beautiful site.

### Citizens to be Heard

Christy McElroy advised the Commission that she had been cleared of Ethics Charges recently filed against her. She requested that a copy of the information in the Thursday, October 30, 2014, edition of the News Herald, dismissing the complaints, be included in the record. See Attachment B.

Reverend James S. Chambers of the New Bethel AME Church shared his concerns about issues in North Port St. Joe and offered to help in any way possible to improve the community. Mayor Magidson thanked Reverend Chambers for his input and shared of work that has been recently done in North Port St. Joe.

### Discussion Items by Commissioners

*Commissioner Thursbay* thanked Mr. Anderson and Sergeant Burch for their help given to a visitor to repair a broken axle on a boat trailer recently. He also asked that a light be replaced that was apparently damaged by an accident on Highway 98 / Clifford Sims Parkway.

*Commissioner Patterson* had received a call of furniture being dumped in an alley. Mr. Grantland has already taken care of this.

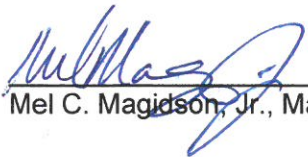
*Commissioner McCroan* asked about the quote for striping Madison Avenue in front of Port St. Joe High School. The cost is \$3,000 which is under the required Bid amount. He also thanked Mr. Grantland and the Public Works Department for their work in patching the two areas on Long Avenue.

*Commissioner Buzzett* thanked Mr. Grantland and the Public Works Department for their work on the Long Avenue patches; City Staff for their work on Ghost on the Coast, noted that renovations to the baseball fields will begin soon and stated that the water looks great in his neighborhood.

*Mayor Magidson* did not have anything to discuss.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014.

  
Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

11/24/14  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

11/19/14  
Date