

**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 18, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan and Patterson. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce and Attorney Tom Gibson were also present. Commissioner Thursbay was absent due to medical reasons.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 4, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Gulf Pines Hospital: Cost Breakdown and Bid Award

Mr. Gibson shared that the Gulf County Property Appraiser's Office anticipates the assessed value for the lots will be approximately \$350,000. In his opinion, the sale of the lots will put the project in the black.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to award RFP 2014-07, Gulf Pines Hospital Asbestos Removal and Building Demolition, to D. H. Griffin Wrecking Company Inc., in the amount of \$156,205 with the stipulation that payment come from the BP Funds. This will be a short term loan from these funds to be repaid from the sale of the lots. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Patton Park – Small Scale Plan Amendment Update

Mr. Gibson did not have an update on this but anticipates everything should be completed by the demolition of Gulf Pines Hospital.

Port Authority Update

Attorney Gibson shared that they anticipate the DEP Dredge Permit by the end of this year but the permit from the Corp of Engineers will take a little longer. He noted that once the permits are given to the legislature, the funds will be provided for dredging.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Business

Gulf Aire Sewer Proposal

Ralph Roberson is reviewing the proposal as well as City finances and expects to have an opinion in the next week or two.

Friends of St. Joe Bay – Dr. Dusty May

Dr. May shared his concerns about the bay and suggested the following ways to help preserve the area: Signage at all entry points; Materials to hand out; Tide Charts and having Education Ambassadors. He feels that these tools would make boaters more aware of the need to protect the bay and is willing to volunteer his time to work on the issues.

Mayor Magidson suggested that he present these concerns to the RESTORE Act Committee and request funding for this project.

Florida Forever Property- Commissioner Buzzett

Commissioner Buzzett would like to see the area cleaned and the site improved. He asked that information be provided as to the City's responsibilities for the sites.

Christmas on the Coast

Mr. Anderson shared that the merchants are planning a Friday Night event and that Jennifer Jenkins of the Gulf County TDC is reviewing the possibility of purchasing new decorations.

Competitive Florida DEO Year 2 Funding Options Workshop December 2, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

The Commissioners were reminded of the Workshop by Mr. Anderson.

Highway 98 Golf Cart Crossing – Update

A copy of the letter from Mr. Anderson to Jared Perdue with the FL DOT was provided as a handout to the Commissioners. The letter addressed the first year's review of the current Golf Cart Crossing at the Intersection of Highway 71 and Reid Avenue and requested additional permitting for a new crossing at Highway 98 and First Street.

Commissioner Buzzett asked that a letter be written to current Golf Cart owners requesting a donation of \$50 per permit to offset the cost of the study for the new crossing.

New Business

Lease Agreement – St. Joe Group, LLC

Mr. Anderson noted that \$1,800 has been paid to the St. Joe Group, LLC, which provides a trash collection site for Sister's, Provision and Peppers.

Mark Haddock questioned the dumping of mop water and chemicals in the alley. Mr. Anderson shared that there is a Pretreatment Ordinance that prevents such dumping and can be addressed through that.

Budget Request – Senator Bill Montford

Senator Montford has requested that District 3 Budget Requests be submitted by January 31, 2015. Mr. Anderson asked the Commissioners to provide any suggestions they may have that could be done jointly with the County to increase the possibility of funding. He will work with Don Butler on this project.

Solid Waste Transfer Station Permit Renewal

Mr. Anderson recommended that the Permit be renewed. Clay Smallwood, III, will check with DEP to see what is needed for the renewal.

It was noted that a signed contract has not been received from Waste Pro and the Tipping Fee has not been reduced to the agreed upon amount.

C1A District – Discussion

Currently, any vehicle with a tag is exempt in this district for overnight parking. An Ordinance with enforcement powers is needed. Staff will come up with a recommendation for the Commission.

Public Works – John Grantland

Water Distribution Phase II Update

Mr. Grantland noted that the project is winding up and he anticipates that it will be completed by Thanksgiving.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Mr. McClamma did not have anything from the plant to report.

Chipola Pump Station – Update

The new engine is in and we are waiting on the transmission. Mr. Anderson shared that he had been notified of the \$30,000 grant from the Northwest Florida Water Management District to finish the rehab of the #2 pump.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd did not have anything to report.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

Water Supply Development Community Assistance Initiative

Mr. Smallwood shared that the City of Port St. Joe will be receiving \$358,920 from the Northwest Florida Water Management District for the Lime Feed System and Water Main Replacement.

Code Enforcement

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

Police Department – Sergeant Garner

Sergeant Garner reminded the Commissioners that tomorrow would be Chief Barnes' last day in the office. Mayor Magidson asked that Sergeant Garner convey the thanks of the Commission to Chief Barnes for his service to the City.

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

Minutes of the August 19, 2014, Meeting were provided.

Ms. Alsobrook asked that the season banners be installed and that extras be placed on MLK Boulevard and Marina Drive.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Clerk Pierce reminded the Commissioners that City Hall would be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2014 and Friday November 28, 2014, to observe Thanksgiving.

Citizens to be Heard

No one wished to address the Commission.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Buzzett shared that the Centennial Building is still leaking and asked that Attorney Gibson send a Certified Letter to the contractor requesting that the roof be fixed.

He also mentioned Commissioner Thursbay's recent surgery and wished him well.

Commissioner McCroan noted that former City of Port St. Joe Police Chief, Bucky Richter, had passed away and asked that his family be remembered.

Commissioner Patterson asked when the intersections on Highway 71 would be completed. He was complimentary of the improvements to Highway 71 but is concerned about the unfinished intersections. Mr. Grantland will follow up with the state contractor, C. W. Roberts.

Commissioner Patterson requested that the cleaning of the sidewalks on Reid Avenue be placed on the next Agenda and be rebid.

Mayor Magidson asked about the status of the fire hydrants being painted by the Port St. Joe High School Art Students. Mr. Grantland will follow up on this.

Ms. Alsobrook shared that she does not feel that the hydrants fit in with the local design.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Approved this 2nd day of December 2014.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

12/10/14

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

12/3/2014

Date