

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, December 2, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 18, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Gulf Pines Hospital

Mr. Gibson did not have anything to update. Mr. Anderson shared that the bid had been awarded and was accepted by D. H. Griffin Wrecking and they are working on the contract.

Patton Park – Small Scale Plan Amendment Update

Per Mr. Gibson, everything is moving forward on the project.

Port Authority Update

Attorney Gibson stated that nothing has changed, there is a high level of confidence in the permitting being granted and the soil disposal berms on the canal will be approximately 28' tall.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Business

Gulf Aire Sewer Proposal

Ralph Roberson is still reviewing the proposal and will have a recommendation before the next meeting.

Christmas on the Coast

Mayor Magidson shared that Jennifer Jenkins of the Gulf County TDC has pledged \$500 to the City for Christmas on the Coast on a reimbursement basis.

Competitive Florida DEO Year 2 Funding Options

A Workshop was held at 5:00 P.M., today to discuss the potential projects for the year. A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the PACES Foundation, Inc., proposed Boulevard Corridor as the project for the \$40,000 DEO Planning and / or Engineering Funding. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Highway 98 Golf Cart Crossing – Update

FL DOT has notified Mr. Anderson that a twelve month crash history from installation and an updated intersection traffic count will be required for the existing Golf Cart Crossing. This report must be signed and sealed by a Registered Florida Professional Engineer. Preble Rish will charge \$800 for the report and seal.

It was also noted in the FL DOT correspondence that any future crossings will require a study and must follow FL DOT regulations.

New Business

Lease Agreement – St. Joe Group, LLC

Mr. Koran has not gotten back with Mr. Anderson on this.

Budget Request – Senator Bill Montford

Mr. Anderson has spoken with Mr. Butler and the County will probably be pursuing funding for Beacon Hill Sewer. Mr. Butler will speak with the Gulf County Commissioners to see if they will consider joining the City in a request for sewer funding for the Cape San Blas area as well to get citizens off of septic tanks and lessen the environmental threats to St. Joseph Bay.

Builders continue to contact the City to see if an “in lieu of tap fee” can be worked out for the Cape San Blas area for long distant lines for sewer on side streets. Mr. Anderson shared that the lines would be of such size that additional homes could be added to the main which in turn would add new customers to the system.

Highway 98 Phase IV Landscaping Contract

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to roll the Phase IV Landscaping Contract in with the current contact with Coastal Landscape. There is a \$550 per month charge for the service with the City paying 75% of the cost and the PSJRA paying the remaining 25%. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Gail Alsobrook shared that Leake Landscaping will be replacing the dead trees in the project area.

Troy University Spirit Partnership

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, for the City to participate in the partnership. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0. No monetary contributions will be involved, representative of Troy University will be allowed to talk with City employees during Open Enrollment and flyers may be distributed periodically.

Fire Hydrant Art Class Project Update

Mr. Anderson shared that this is an ongoing project and the work has not been completed.

Pressure Washing of Reid Avenue Sidewalks – Commissioner Patterson

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to advertise for the pressure washing of Reid Avenue using scrubbers and including the curb area where wands may be used. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0. A request was made that traffic to businesses that are open at night not be impacted.

Public Works – John Grantland

Water Distribution Phase II Update

Interconnections are being made, Highland View will be tied in tomorrow and the work on Kenney’s Mill Road will follow shortly. There is a section left to be completed in the Bridgeport area. All work is progressing well and completion is anticipated very soon.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Chipola Pump Station Update

Mr. McClamma announced that the City passed the State Quarterly Disinfectant Bi-products test and all numbers were very good. He congratulated Travis Burge for passing the state Class B Water License test.

Mr. Anderson congratulated Lynn Todd as well on passing her state Class C Wastewater License test.

The Northwest Florida Water Management District has provided \$30,870 to complete the pump motor replacement and rehab of pump number two. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the grant contract with Northwest Florida Water Management District in the amount of \$30,870. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd noted that spraying is being done this week to reduce the level of the pond which increased because of the rain. The algae is dying off which has eliminated the odor problem.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

Mr. Smallwood shared that the North Port St. Joe Water Systems Improvements (CDBG / USDA) project has been completed. He is currently gathering documents for Bruce Ballister of the ARPC to determine the feasibility of Phase II.

Code Enforcement

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

Special Master Final Order

Mr. Gibson noted that this is an involuntary demolition as the owner of the property is deceased. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Anderson are reviewing the file and Mr. Burkett is working on voluntary approval. Fines currently total \$38,000 and are continuing to accumulate.

Notification was received from the Florida League of Cities attorney representing the City that Teresa Nelson has agreed to settle her claim for \$32,500. Mr. Gibson noted that this is an unusual situation as two insurance companies are involved in the suit and the City is not responsible for the deductible. A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the settlement. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Police Department – Sergeant Garner

Sgt. Garner shared that accidents in the City are on the increase and he encouraged all drivers to slow down, take their time and concentrate on their driving.

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

Ms. Alsobrook inquired as to where the dead palm trees should be taken and she was advised that the Five Points Land Fill would be the location to receive them.

Pepper's Mexican Grill has stated that the bicycle rack in front of their business does not belong to them and they have no objections to it being moved. Ms. Alsobrook will have the rack removed.

Ms. Alsobrook noted that a pink box has been left on Reid Avenue and Oyster Radio will be picking it up.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce did not have anything to report.

Citizens to be Heard

No one wished to address the Commission.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay expressed his appreciation for the thoughts and prayers for his recent surgery and noted that all went well. He also wished the Sharks good luck in the bid for a state championship and safe travels for everyone attending the game.

Commissioner Patterson had received a call about the possibility of a leak at the Holly Hill Mausoleum and questioned if flowers are allowed there. Mr. Grantland will follow up on the leak issue.

He noted that the Intersections along Highway 71 have not been completed and asked that the contractor make arrangements to improve the areas.

Today Commissioner Patterson measured the banners on Reid Avenue and does not feel that they are at the correct heights. He asked if something could be put on the ends of the lower rod to prevent an injury should someone walk into them. Most Banners do not extend over the sidewalks but over the landscaped areas.

The Handicapped Parking spaces are not marked with a sign and he feels that this should be done so that people parking there without authorization could be ticketed.

Commissioner McCroan welcomed Commissioner Thursbay back, wished the Sharks well and asked about repairs for the tire holes / dimples on Reid Avenue. Consensus was the paving was a very poor job and the only repairs would be asphalt patches.

Mayor Magidson shared that Tony Clemons had rescued residents from a burning home recently and he would like to see him recognized for his heroic endeavors.

In an ongoing rivalry with Mrs. Ann White, Mayor Magidson emphatically stated "Roll Tide!"

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 6:42 P.M.

Approved this 16th day of December 2014.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

12/29/14

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

12/17/2014

Date