

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, April 7, 2015, 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

Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Magidson read the Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Thursbay encouraged citizens to wear Blue on Friday, the designated day to support Child Abuse Prevention.

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and the Workshop Minutes both held on March 17, 2015. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Port Authority Update – The Port Authority is working with the legislative delegation to provide funding. Commissioner Patterson encouraged those present to attend the Port Authority Meeting tomorrow.

Unlawful Accumulation Ordinance Update - Mr. Gibson noted that the Ordinance will need to be reviewed, tweaked and also consider the impact it will have on local businesses. A section for Code Enforcement needs to be included and the effective date can be put off a little while. The PDRB will look at the Ordinance as they initiate the process and then make a recommendation to the City Commission.

Ordinance 512 Capital Improvement Plan Update – Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption

No one from the public spoke on Ordinance 512.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to Read by Title only. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gibson read by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adopt Ordinance 512. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Gulf Pines Hospital Site – D. H. Griffin Wrecking Company has completed the demolition of the site. The City is still removing the driveway and will be adding fill dirt to the area. A Survey will need to be done and deed restrictions will need to be finalized.

St. Joe Bay – Dr. Dusty May

Dr. May did not speak on the issue.

Centennial Building Roof - The roof did not leak during a recent rain. Staff continues to monitor the situation and the Fire Department will create a rain event when all parties can gather to observe the event.

Road Bond Money – County Staff continues to work with Bond Council on the issue. County Commissioner Joanna Bryan shared that the County voted earlier today to go forward with a Public Hearing.

NRDA Funding, Frank Pate Park Boat Ramp Update – The City has been asked to review and revise their current plans and submit them. It is still unknown when the funding will be available.

RFP 2015-01 Boat Dock Improvement Project - A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, to award the bid to A-1 Quality Docks in the amount of \$19,275.80 with the understanding that work must be completed by June. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Marina Dockage Agreement Amendment – A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Patterson, to extend the Agreement for one year for the Fishing Express to dock at the Marina. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Computer Backup Server – Mr. Anderson asked that this be tabled as Staff is continuing to work on our options.

STAC House Flooring Quotes – A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to go out to bid for commercial grade Vinyl Floor Covering. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Franchise Fee Letters – Mr. Anderson noted that letters had been sent to St. Joe Gas Company and FairPoint Communications.

Lighthouse Power – A quote of \$3,000 has been given by Duke Energy to get power to the site. Staff is reviewing what the electrical needs for the site will be before a decision to proceed is made.

Likely Building Roof Quote; Commissioner Patterson – A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to request quotes for repairs to the roof. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Reid Avenue; Commissioner Patterson – Indentions in the pavement continue to be an issue on Reid Avenue and Commissioner Patterson asked what was being done to help the situation. Gail Alsobrook, PSJRA, noted that she has been searching for funds to make repairs or upgrades to Reid Avenue.

Sailboat at Core Park; Commissioner Patterson – Mr. Gibson will talk with the Florida Wildlife Commission tomorrow concerning this.

Affordable Housing; Commissioner Patterson – Mr. Gibson was asked to write a letter to PACES concerning the hiring of local companies and individuals.

PSJA Executive Director Attendance at Staff and Commission Meetings; Commissioner Patterson

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, for Ms. Alsobrook to attend Monday City Staff Meetings but not be compensated for attending the meeting. After discussion, Mr. Patterson withdrew his Motion. This issue will be addressed at the next PSJRA Meeting.

After discussion and clarification of the roles of the PSJRA Board and City Commission, a Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to move Ms. Alsobrook's report to follow the Minutes of City Commission Meetings rather than the current location in the Agenda. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Buzzett voting against the Motion.

Public Works

Mr. Grantland did not have anything to report.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Chipola Pump Station Update – The project has been completed and the pump is running well. Staff is preparing the bid specs for the Lime pretreatment.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd shared that they are continuing to lower the lagoon level with adaptations and modifications. There is some algae bloom but Staff is being proactive on the growth.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to award RFP 2015-02, to Thompson Pump in the amount of \$24,980. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

Mr. Smallwood is working with the Northwest FL Water Management District on the Lime Pre-treatment permit and the water line replacement which begins at the Intersection of Highway 71 and Long Avenue and goes around to Highway 98 at Tenth Street. He is continues to work with the Department of Economic Development for Engineering of the water and sewer line replacement in the downtown area.

Code Enforcement

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

Police Department – Chief Herring

FRS Invoice – The City was recently notified that a FL Retirement Contribution, in the amount of \$2,250.83, was due for a former employee for the period of 1/3/1991 – 7/1/1991. Interest on the contribution since 1991, in the amount of \$7,952.30 was also billed. The City paid the contribution and asked for a waiver of the interest. FRS denied the request to waive the interest. Due to the length of time that has transpired and no prior communication from FRS, Mayor Magidson is to contact our legislative delegation to see if a waiver of the interest can be obtained.

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

March 17, 2015 Minutes were provided for review. Ms. Alsobrook noted there will be a Workshop on April 14, 2015, to discuss the amphitheater at Core Park.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Clerk Pierce noted there will be City Election on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, and the offices of Mayor / Commissioner and the Group Two seat will be on the ballot. Commissioner Thursbay was re-elected without opposition. She asked the candidates to review their handbooks and place political signs only where allowed.

Citizens to be Heard

Curtis Little inquired as to why Commercial Rates are more expensive than residential. Commissioner Patterson requested that the issue of Commercial Water Rates be on the next Agenda.

Edward (Buddy) Wood asked for the City's support to prolong the opening of Scallop Season until August 15 to allow the Scallops to grow and prevent the harvesting of the baby Scallops. Mayor Magidson noted that the City does not determine the opening date and he felt the opposition from local merchants would not support delaying the season. The Mayor did state that if the Commission supported delaying the opening of the season, he would write a letter on behalf of the City.

Mr. Wood also noted the excessive number of Cormorants in the area and the need to eliminate some of them.

Eckley Sander shared his concerns about the damage being done to St. Joseph Bay by chemicals and the Scallop Season. He suggested a March, April, May season as the Scallops are larger then.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

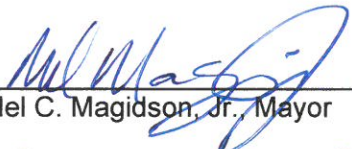
Commissioner Thursbay expressed his appreciation for the faith placed in him to return him to office without opposition. He intends to continue to give breaks where possible, work to reduce the water rates, is for the people of Port St. Joe and not special groups.

Commissioner Patterson noted his appreciation for the cleanup of the old Arizona Chemical Company site.

Neither *Commissioner Patterson*, *Commissioner McCroan* nor *Mayor Magidson* had anything to discuss.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Approved this 21st day of April 2015.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

4/21/15

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

4/22/2015

Date