

**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, May 19, 2015, AT 6:00 P.M.
The Meeting was held in the Port St. Joe Fire Department Meeting Room due
to a request for accessibility from a citizen.**

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 Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 5, 2015. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

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

The Lighthouse Documentary is substantially complete, the final \$25,000 payout will be received shortly from BP for the documentary and there will be a premier showing of the documentary soon.

Playground equipment has been installed at the Washington site: technical information is being reviewed for the amphitheater at Core Park; Façade Grants have been given to the Fuss, Bin 4 Eleven, as well as Bill and Diane Peevy; reimbursement is being made to the City for work done on stormwater and benches.

Future monthly meetings of the PSJRA will be held at 6:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of each month.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Port Authority Update – Mr. Gibson did not have anything new to share.

Ordinance 514 Overnight Parking Update – There will be a Workshop on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 4:00 P.M. to review and discuss the Ordinance. For the record, Commissioner Thursbay stated he was only supportive of including the area identified in the proposed Ordinance. A copy of the proposed area is attached as Exhibit A.

Mr. Gibson shared the suggestion was to include the Marina area and not residential.

Ordinance 515 St. Joe Gas Franchise Fee Agreement – Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to reduce the length of the Franchise Fee Agreement from 30 years to 20 years. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, to read Ordinance 515. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 515.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to adopt Ordinance 515. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Old Business

Gulf Pines Hospital Site – The cleanup process is continuing and engineering is waiting to hear from Mr. Grantland that the work has been completed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, for Preble-Rish to begin their work when the cleanup is completed. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Roof Repair Update Centennial Building – Mr. Gibson sent a letter to Bi-tec concerning the warranty. A representative of Bi-tec is to call Mr. Wilson about the Centennial Building roof and will set up a site visit.

Road Bond Money Update – An update has not been received from the county.

Boat Dock Improvement Project Update – Work on the middle section of the dock has been completed in a timely manner and is in use. A sign, noting the funding source of boat launch fees, and completion of the project, will be erected.

FWC Boat Ramp Grant – A handout was provided showing the revisions to the original application which include extending the dockage space to provide ample docking and replacing the existing seawall.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to send the revisions to FWC for the project. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

WastePro Amnesty Day June 13, 2015 – WastePro will be providing details of Amnesty Day in the paper.

Naming of Dixie Youth Field, Commissioner Buzzett – A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, to name the AAA Baseball Field in honor of Daryl Strickland. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0. A date and time for the dedication will be coordinated with the Strickland family.

St. Joe Seagrass Education, Commissioner Buzzett – After much discussion, offers and counter offers, a Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to spend revenue from the boat launch fees to purchase 4 signs, 2,500 postcards and framing for the signs at a cost not to exceed \$1,700. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Flushing Program – The main trunk line down Long Avenue and the downtown area have been flushed yesterday and today. Work will continue throughout the City and areas notified by Code Red last Friday.

New Business

4th of July Fireworks – Staff was instructed to move forward with planning and securing funding.

Pet Retreat, Debbie Stevens – Ms. Stevens did not attend the meeting.

Cape Sewer – A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to allow a resident constructing a new home at Sunset Point to receive a sewer hookup which will also service future residents. This will require permitting from DEP, assistance from Preble Rish, legal work on easements and work by City Staff to accomplish the project. All in favor, Motion carried 5-0. The cost is anticipated to be about \$35,000 and there is \$75,000 in the budget for Cape Sewer.

Public Works – John Grantland

Brent Circle Lift Station Bid Award – Pump and Process Equipment, Inc., submitted the only bid. A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to approve the bid in the amount of \$22,287. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

STAC House Flooring Bid Award – No bids were received for the project. Carpets and floors will be professionally cleaned before the STAC House opens for the summer. Improvements of paint and floor coverings will be considered during the fall.

Sand and Grit Removal Program, FRWA - This is a 50 – 50 grant and it is the recommendation of City Staff to hold off on this project because of the required match and a number of unknowns about the outcome.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Notification has been received that the City passed the state compliance for disinfectant by products testing at all sites.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Thompson Pump will be here tomorrow; Algae patches are returning, depending on the direction of the wind, there could be some odor issues as the line to remove the Algae is down and Staff is working to resolve the issue; the main 24" effluent line in the lagoon is deteriorating and Staff is looking at repair options, the main valve in the effluent line has also failed but is under warranty and will be replaced.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

Bids for the lime feed equipment are due on June 25, 2015, and the DEP Permit for the lime feed equipment was submitted today.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed, no action was taken. Commissioner Patterson requested that a copy of Mr. Burkett's schedule be given to him.

Mr. Anderson noted that a Liability Waiver has been received from the county; it has been signed and returned to them for removal of five houses. The City should not be subject to tipping fees on this project according to the County.

Police Department – Chief Herring

Chief Herring did not have anything to report.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Election Update – Clerk Pierce shared that the Logic and Accuracy test for the upcoming City Election Run-off will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2015, at 9:00 A.M., in the Gulf County Supervisor of Elections Office. The testing has been advertised in the Panama City News Herald as the time constraints did not allow for it to run in the Star.

City Manager Jim Anderson and City Clerk Charlotte Pierce will serve on the Canvassing Board with Gulf County Supervisor of Elections, John Hanon.

Consensus of the Commission was for the reception for departing and new Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

Citizens to be Heard

Christy McElroy provided the Commission with a handout of the May 20, 2015 / Gulf County EDC Chairman Report / April and May and updated them on the recent activities of the Coalition.

Ann White questioned why the Commission meetings are not being seen on Channel 12 TV. She had spoken with her carrier and was told that it was not an issue with their equipment. Mr. Anderson will follow up on this.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioners Thursbay shared that Bobby Pickels has accepted a different job with Duke Energy and will be relocating his family to Tallahassee. Mr. Pickels has been very instrumental in securing funding for projects in Port St. Joe and Commissioner Thursbay expressed his appreciation for all that Mr. Pickels has contributed to our City.

Commissioner Patterson noted that he had been contact by several volunteers that would like to help renovate and possibly pay for materials to the Lighthouse Keepers Quarters'. He will provide their names to the City Clerk.

There has been an issue of garbage cans being left the Washington Gym and this has been resolved.

A citizen has shared their concerns about traffic needing to slow down on Twentieth Street between Marvin and Long Avenues. Commissioner Patterson will talk with the neighbors concerning the need for speed bumps or stop signs. The citizen is also concerned about the condition of the grounds at the Constitution State Park and would like to see if the City could help with the maintenance of the grounds.

Commissioner Patterson is concerned about the unsightly entrance to the City as you come down the Highland View Bridge and look to the right. He has talked with a St. Joe Company representative about this and would like to see the vehicles for sale and overnight parking removed.

Commissioner Patterson also shared that the judge had ruled in favor of Bill Koran on the sale of alcohol within 500' of a church.

Commissioner McCroan did not have anything to discuss.

Commissioner Buzzett thanked the Fire Department for their assistance at the Centennial Building Workshop.

Mayor Magidson noted that the judge had ruled in favor of Shipyard Cove in their legal action against the City. He shared that it would cost the City approximately \$10,000 to appeal the ruling, the ordinance was poorly written and there should not be a motion for rehearing. The current ordinance could be tightened up and would apply to future businesses but would not have any impact on those already in existence.

Mr. Anderson stated that he had already completed the zoning section of the permit and will provide it to Mr. Koran tomorrow.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Approved this 2nd day of June 2015.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

6/3/15

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

6/3/2015

Date