

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2007 – 6:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Koch called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 10, 2007. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer, roll call was taken:

Roll Call: Mayor Iovieno (absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Koch
Councilman Bratton
Councilman Chubb (absent)
Councilman Caforio
Councilman Farley

Also present at the meeting were: Town Manager/Clerk Nell Webb, Asst. Town Manager/Clerk Monika Gillette, Attorney Amy McBride, Engineer Tyler Strickland, Community Officer Jim Welch, Dutch Payne, Edward Stanford and Susan Cox.

Mayor Pro Tem Koch stated that Councilman Bratton would be given his affirmation of office in at this time by Monika Gillette for his term ending March 2009.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Council Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Pro Tem Koch asked for acceptance of the agenda with two changes – moving the swearing in of Councilman Bratton before regular business and the addition of a request by Attorney McInnis to attend the annual attorney association meeting in July as action item B. Councilman Bratton motioned to approve the agenda. Councilman Caforio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council Approval of Consent Agenda:** Mayor Pro Tem Koch asked for acceptance of the consent agenda including: Minutes: Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2007, and Budget Status as of April 30, 2007. Mayor Pro Tem Koch stated that she asked several questions of the office staff earlier and repeated the questions and answers at the meeting. Councilman Bratton asked for further information from the minutes regarding the drainage issue at Laguna Landing. Councilman Caforio motioned to accept the consent agenda, Councilman Bratton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

- Mayor Pro Tem Koch asked for a motion to approve preparing an ordinance for an additional homestead exemption for low income seniors. Ms. Webb recommended a first reading of the ordinance at the regular council meeting in June and the second and final reading at the July regular council meeting. Once the ordinance has passed it would be forwarded to the taxing authority for 2008. Councilman Caforio motioned to have an ordinance prepared. Councilman Farley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
- Mayor Pro Tem Koch had read the request from Attorney McInnis earlier to attend the annual attorney conference to be reimbursed by the Town. Councilman Caforio motioned to approve the request for reimbursement for entry fees, mileage, hotel and per diem. Councilman Bratton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Councilman Bratton yes
Councilman Farley yes

Councilman Caforio yes

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Hurricane Preparedness – Ms. Webb updated her manager's report by stating she had met with Mr. Sullivan who reviewed all bids for the generator for compliance. She stated that the Kossen Equipment extended the warranty to two years and that the unit would be delivered within 7-9 weeks and that installation bids will be requested as the time draws closer. Ms. Webb stated that Mr. Sullivan strongly recommended a maintenance contract to maintain the generator. She also stated that Capt. Porrier had stopped by the office and that anyone interested in the CERT program submit their names by the end of the month. Mayor Pro Tem suggested a workshop to review hurricane preparedness plans and budget adjustments for 2006-07. The meeting was set for May 24th at 5 pm.
2. CRA – Ms. Webb stated that TIF (tax increment funding) dollars may be effected with property tax reform being looked at through the state legislature.
3. Ms. Webb stated that the town's comprehensive plan was due to be updated and that Mr. Jack Dorman, who previously worked on the Town's comp plan, may work with both the Town and Shalimar since they were both so small. Ms. Webb stated that the council should plan on a workshop to discuss the update. Mayor Pro Tem Koch asked when the deadline for the update was. Ms. Webb stated that the deadline was not until February 2008, but that she wanted to make the council aware of the upcoming project.

Reports

1. **Town Manager's Report:** Ms. Webb submitted a written report.
2. **Engineer's Report:** Engineer Strickland stated he was reviewing the plans for Gary's Fitness Center and Anchor Ice House. He stated that the slab survey for Gary's Fitness Center was approved, but that plans for Anchor Ice House were lacking in eight issues and were returned to them for corrections.
3. **Attorney's Report:** None given.
4. **Community Officer's Report:** Deputy Welch submitted a written report. Mayor Pro Tem asked him about the property on Garnett Drive. Deputy Welch stated he was in contact with the property owner and that no vehicles were parked more than a few weeks and were not in any violation.

Public Comments/Requests: Susan Cox, the association manager of Bienville Square Townhomes, approached the council. She thanked Ms. Webb for her assistance up to this point. She stated that her board of directors had asked her to approach the council on two different issues. The first was illegal dumping of yard waste behind the fence of Opp Blvd. residents. Deputy Welch suggested writing the residents to ask them not to dump their yard waste and that he would help distribute the letters. Her second issue was illegal parking on their property. Deputy Welch suggested that the association put "No Parking" signs up and to contract with a towing company. He stated that the sheriff's department would not call for towing, but that the property owner could. He and Ms. Webb also suggested the homeowner's association issue parking decals to identify residents.

Council Member's Comments/Reports:

- Councilman Bratton apologized for missing the last two meetings. Although he was happy to see the foundation being removed at the property next to town hall, he asked if the property owners could be required to put the trees back on the property next to town hall. Ms. Webb stated that the Town could not require trees to be replanted but that Mr. Johnson said he would landscape the property to get it ready for sale as three separate residential lots.
- Councilman Caforio stated that she was also happy to see the foundation being removed next door.

Mayor Pro Tem stated she had received a call from a resident who requested reimbursement for the difference between non-resident and resident fees for children's activities offered by the City of Fort Walton Beach. Ms. Webb stated that she had also received the request and that it would be addressed during the budget process. Ms. Webb also asked the council to start thinking about the anniversary celebration

Adjourn – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

ATTEST:



Carol Koch, Mayor Pro Tem



Nell Webb
Town Manager/Clerk

