

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
9 September 1999

Mayor Drabczuk called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Following a silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call was taken.

Present: Mayor Drabczuk  
Councilwoman Carroll  
Councilman Skelly  
Councilman Williams  
Councilman Kendrick  
Councilman Payne

Absent: None

ALSO, PRESENT: Attorney Jeff McInnis, Town Manager Turner, Secretary Patti Eastin, Mr. Norm Frucci, Ms. Deanna Frucci, Mark Schaeffer, Ms. Irene Balsley, Ms. Sadie Robblee, Ms. Kim Payne, Ms. Kelly, Rev. Mickey Hawkins, Mr. Brian Dumka, Ms. Joyce Dumka, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Ms. Dawn Arnold, Ms. Sue Turner, Mr. Steve Arnold, Mr. Keith Balsley, Ms. Eli Skelly. Also present were five visiting dignitaries from Russia, plus their escort.

1. Council Woman Sara Carroll was recognized and introduced the Russian guests. The Mayor then presented each individual Russian guest with a key chain, Town Pen and a t-shirt with the Town seal.
2. The Mayor then opened the public hearing to discuss the Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate and General Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 September 2000. The Mayor asked for questions or remarks from the audience. There were none.
3. The Mayor then asked for a motion to tentatively approve the proposed Ad Valorem Millage rate of 2.300 mills. Councilman Kendrick made a motion to approve the proposed Ad Valorem Millage rate as stated. Councilman Williams seconded the Motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Councilman Skelly made a motion to tentatively approve the general operating budget for the Fiscal Year ending 30 September 2000 in the amount of \$229,701.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kendrick. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. Town Attorney McInnis read the first reading of ORDINANCE NO. 177-First reading and proposed adoption of Ordinance No. 177, an Ordinance providing for an Ad Valorem Tax Milage rate 2,300 mills upon all real and personal property located in the Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida, on 1 January 1999.

6. Town Attorney McInnis read the first reading of RESOLUTION 99-01 - First reading and proposed adoption of Resolution 99-01, a Resolution of the Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida, adopting the General Operating Budget (\$229,701.00) for the Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida, for the fiscal year from 1 October 1999 through 30 September 2000.

7. The Mayor then closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

8. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes, regular Council Meeting 12 August 1999

B. Status of Funds, August 1999

Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second by Councilwoman Carroll. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

9. A. Approval, final contract with Okaloosa County Sheriff for the COPS grant: Town Manager Turner reported it has been reviewed by the City Council and the Sheriff's Department and is ready for final approval. Councilman Payne made a motion to approve the final contract, seconded by Councilman Skelly. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Town Manager Turner reported that we had put out a request for proposals for Auditors and received three responses. Attorney McInnis stated that the Council needs to decide the procedures that it wants to follow to make its' selection so that we can move to the negotiation of a contract. Councilman Skelly made a motion that we go with an interview process to interview the three bidders. Major Drabczuk suggested that a time frame be established for the interview process and Town Manager Turner stated a meeting is scheduled for 16 September 1999, at 12:30 p.m. for that purpose. Attorney McInnis stated that he believes the interviews could be completed within a two hour period allotted for the meeting. Councilman Williams asked if this was advertised and Town Manager Turner said that it has not been yet, but it will be. Attorney McInnis stated that it is an advertised public meeting and the interviews are open to the public and you will be able to vote at the conclusion of the meeting to rank the firms for negotiations. Mayor Drabczuk pointed out that the council has two meetings that they could look at. Town Manager Turner that the meeting for 23 September 1999 is for the final reading of the ordinance and the resolution and for the final adoption of the operating budget for the fiscal year 2000. Attorney McInnis stated that you can have the interviews on 16 September 1999, you would be coming back on 23 September 1999 and that will allow time for negotiations to occur and then vote on 23 September 1999. Councilman Williams made a motion for the interviews to take place on 16 September 1999 and the time allowed will be 20 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Skelly. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Public comments were presented by Joyce Dumka and Bryan Dumka in regards to the dismissal of Ms Payne and the financial liability that dismissal could possibly cost the town. There was general discussion by the members of the Council. Attorney McInnis elaborated on the fact that all records are public. But emphasized that it is not appropriate to discuss individual

situations at a session like this and advised caution.

10. Engineers Report: Mark Shaeffer was introduced to become the Town Engineer. There was brief discussion of the items we need to do in conjunction with the Kidd Street, Yacht Club Drive intersection.

11. Manager's report:

A. The web page is back on line and we're using an ISP to access America on Line.

B. Town Manager presented the options on hiring a Secretary and asked for direction from the Council. There was a general discussion of the matter by the Council. A motion was made to table the issue.

12. Council-members reports and comments.

Councilman Payne reported that he was again healthy and that he was on some new medication.

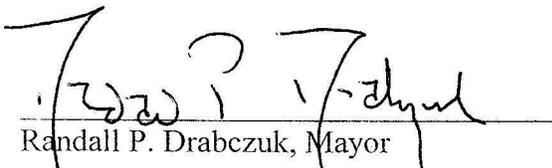
Councilwoman Carroll expressed concern regarding open trash cans on the street.

Councilman Williams requested something be done regarding parking on the sidewalk on Opp Blvd.

Councilman Skelly asked if we had looked into the signs and posts at the entrance to K Mart parking at the Eglin entrance.

13. Mayor's comments/announcements. Reminded the Council of the next meeting to be held at 12:30 P.M. on 16 September 1999. Invited all guests to attend the Town Picnic next Tuesday.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

  
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Randall P. Drabczuk, Mayor

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Charles W. Turner, Town Manager/Clerk

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