

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU
SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 1987

Mayor Laginess called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Laginess
Councilman Davis
Councilwoman Dumka
Councilman Gage

Absent: Councilwoman Buchanan
Councilman Skelly (Arrived at 6:04 PM)

Also Present: Attorney McInnis Secretary Kelley
Jim Shrine

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 118 - An ordinance amending Section 7(b) of Ordinance No. 108; Authorizing the Franchisee to enter into written commercial sanitation service contracts; Repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date hereof. Attorney McInnis read Ordinance No 118 by title only. Councilman Gage made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance No 118, seconded by Councilwoman Dumka. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Skelly arrived at this time.

RESOLUTION 88-1, CHRISTMAS PARADE - Mayor Laginess presented Resolution 88-1 and read it by title only. Councilman Skelly made a motion to adopt Resolution 88-1, seconded by Councilwoman Dumka. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

COUNCIL AS COMMITTEE MEETING

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Minutes - October 13 & October 20, 1987. Councilman Skelly made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13 and October 20, 1987 as written and to place this item on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Project Cheer Fund Request - Councilman Gage made a motion to make a donation of \$50.00 to Project Cheer - Christmas and to place this item on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Skelly. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Variance Fee - Following a short discussion, Councilman Skelly made a motion to establish a fee of \$50.00 for each variance request and to place this item on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Parking Lot & Storage Building - Following a discussion as to the need for additional storage and other uses for the building, Mayor Laginess appointed Councilman Gage to chair a committee to review the requirements and make recommendations to the Council.

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS/COMMENTS

1. Councilman Gage advised the Council that there would be a meeting with the County Commissioners concerning the distribution of the 5 cent gas tax and dual taxation. The Mayor asked Mr. Davis and the Town Manager to attend this meeting.

2. Councilman Skelly presented a letter to the Council relating an incident he had with dogs in his yard. The matter is being handled through PAWS. Councilman Skelly also requested the status of the request for a ZIP code for the Town and addresses changes for Yacht Club Drive. The Mayor advised that a meeting with the Ft Walton Beach Postmaster will be scheduled to discuss these matters.

PUBLIC REQUESTS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrative Committee - No Report
2. Finance & Budget Committee - No Report
3. Comprehensive Plan Committee - Councilman Gage reminded the Council of the Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 1987, for the review and proposed adoption of the first four elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Copies were made available for each Councilmember's review.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - None

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - The Mayor announced that the Cost Chopper Foods ribbon cutting ceremony would be on Wednesday morning, November 4, 1987, at 8:00 AM and all were invited to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.



Mayor

Attest:



Town Manager/Clerk

NOTE: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing proceedings of which these minutes are a part and is on file in the Office of the Town Manager/Clerk.

Joseph P. Skelly
96 Yacht Club Drive No. 9
Cinco Bayou, Florida 32548



Mr. Michael Zoller
Panhandle Animal Welfare Society
628 Lovejoy Road
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

October 23, 1987

RE: DOG ATTACK - 10/23/87

Mike:

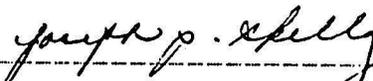
At 2:20 p.m. on this date, I was crossing the common area from my townhouse on Opp to the community mailboxes located on Yacht Club Drive. I was attacked and cornered midway by what appeared to be a Pit Bull dog belonging to the family which resides in the home at the corner of Yacht Club and Nebraska. Fortunately, only my pants leg was torn, but the dog held me at bay for 18 minutes. Though familiar with dogs and their mannerisms, I was unable to move as this dog demonstrated unusual and disquieting symptoms: constricted pupils; extremely reddened eyes; excess salivation; consistent guttural growling. This was coupled with the dog's irrational behavior: repeated lunging; fang bearing; snapping at flies, leaves or nonexistent objects; and territorially threatened behavior in a non-threatening situation.

After some minutes, my ten-year old daughter opened the patio door to check on my delay. As I shouted to her to stay inside, the dog lunged again. Some scrub branches interfered, and we returned to our standoff. When I was able to make my way behind a fence, I was surprised to find the animal still stalking me. After some more time, I was able to duck behind a fence. I made my way around the other side of the complex to my home.

I called PAWS and was referred to Officer Lynn Shultz, who responded to the call within fifteen minutes. She apprehended the dog that was on the loose, and as the gate was open and a second dog was about to slip its restraint, apprehended it as well. I will address the exemplary behavior of Officer Shultz in a separate letter to you.

These animals have terrorized the neighborhood on more than one occasion, as was reported to me by my neighbors. In one instance, a couple out on an evening stroll had to seek refuge in a neighbor's townhouse after being chased down the street by these two animals. Had my small daughter gone to retrieve the mail instead of myself, we would have had a tragedy on our hands. She would have bolted when the dog lunged the first time; that mistake may very well have been fatal.

Mr. Zoller, I have never lodged a complaint about these or any animals in the past. However, the seriousness of this situation and the potential danger to my daughter and my constituents prompt me to do so on this occasion. Should those dogs be returned to their owners and continue to inhabit the Yacht Club Drive address, I will initiate litigation against PAWS and against the owners of the animals. As a responsible citizen, no other course is open to me. Thanking you in advance for your kind co-operation in this matter, I remain,

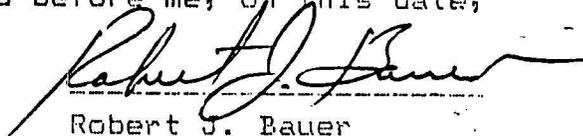


Joseph P. Skelly
Councilman
Cinco Bayou, Florida
Exec. Vice-Pres.
Gemini Truck Tops, Inc.

cc: A. Borchik, Cinco Bayou
All Homeowners, Cercle Nautique

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this date,

10/24/87
DATE



Robert J. Bauer
Notary Public
Okaloosa County
Florida

PAWS/Attack
-Oct. 24, 1987-
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My commission expires February 13, 1988. R2B

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