

City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
City Hall – Paradise Path
Mexico Beach, FL

PRESENT

Mayor William A. Cathey
Councilman Bobby Pollock
Councilman Jerry Smith
Councilman Darrell Key
Councilwoman Sharon Call

ALSO PRESENT

City Administrator, Mario Gisbert
City Clerk, Tammy Brunson
City Attorney, Mr. Beninate

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford recognized and pleased with the services provided to Mexico Beach.

Captain Mike Brannon, Commander of East District, Mexico Beach Zone 09, reported calls for service, traffic stops, traffic accidents, suspicious persons/vehicles, field interviews and arrests from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Lt Marty Williams reviewed cases for 2020.

Mayor Cathey praised the quality of service of the Bay County Sheriff's Office and what a tough decision it was for Mexico Beach but has proven the worth and value by the excellent quality of services provided to the city. Mr. Smith also praised the services the of the Bay County Sheriff's office as well.

James Moore, CPA Annual Audit for the year ending September 30, 2019 by Wayne Durrett Power Point presentation reviewed Auditor's Report, General Fund, Disaster Recovery Fund, Business Type Fund, and Governmental Activities. Stated the city did meet threshold for having a certain dollar figure of federal and state grant expenditures and a mini compliance audit was required. The two programs tested was FEMA and DOT. No compliance findings. Report on Internal control there were 3 material weakness on internal control over financing reporting. Deteriorating financial conditions and financial emergency reported 3 other recommendations. Independent accountants' examination report in compliance with specified investment statutes.

Mayor Cathey stated for the record that our city has never experienced at least in the last 20 years an audit that lagged behind at this level due to Hurricane Michael and important to note that this is a snapshot in time almost 2 years ago. He emphasized that we are all making strides to improve not only the numbers but the process in which we report them.

Mario thanked everyone who was involved with audit.

Fire department report -Life rings for canal and boat ramp have been ordered and should be installed in the next few weeks. Daytime beach patrol has been started due to the number of people on the beaches. Pump testing on the two engines begins today. Key boxes in and installed by residents.

Gena Johnson reports 3 new single- family homes permitted since last meeting and handful of pole barns.

Kathy Lyons with code enforcement reports a mobile home on 406 Maryland has began demoing. Several rv's have moved. Mayor asked about trailer on 1st Street and 4th Street. Kathy stated these were on her list today to go by and visit. Mr. Key asked about Special Master applicants. Mr. Beninate reported he is circulating an advertisement for this position for a broader response.

Tommy Davis- Public Works – reports grinding stumps continue. Dredge crew continues canal dredging. Clean up at Parker Park continues. Grass cutting throughout city. Installed 6 more garbage cans at Canal Parkway. FDOT will be starting repairs on rest of sidewalks. More Port-A-Lets will be added April 1st for beach guests.

Utilities Kevin Martin – normal business as usual.

David Dewberry reports ongoing 3 projects: Sunset park, Boat ramp Expansion, and 15th Street Hwy Project begins April 1st.

Ordinance No. 759

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AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO TOWNHOME DISTRICT THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.061 ACRES; LOCATED AT 107 SOUTH 35TH ST WITH PARCEL ID NUMBER 04618-010-000, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

Mr. Pollock motioned and seconded by Mr. Smith to read Ordinance 759 by title only.

Mr. Pollock motioned and was seconded by Mr. Key to approve and adopt Ordinance 759. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 21-10

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A QUOTE FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR FOR A NEW CATERPILLAR 420 BACKHOE LOADER WITH CANOPY 4X4 STANDARED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,198.00.

Mr. Smith motioned and Mr. Key seconded to read Resolution 21-10 by title only.

Mr. Smith motioned and Mr. Key seconded to approve and adopt Resoltuion 21-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutiuon 21-11

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH FLORIDA CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE U.S. 98 AND WYSONG AVENUE WATER MAIN REPAIR PROJECT RESULTING IN A DECREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,531.50.


Mr. Smith motioned and Mr. Key seconded to read Resolution 21-11 by title only.

Mr. Smith motioned and Ms. Call approved and adopted Resoltion 21-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cathey brought to table Lot Combination discussion. Stated there have been mutiple lot combination requests which have been extremely routine and all have been approved by zoning and council. He stated he did not think we were doing justly to our citizens and property owners the time it takes to go through this process to send out certified letters and to charge them \$460.00 when it is a simple process. The Mayor emphasized that this is lot combinations only. Mr. Beninate stated there could be a process where the City Administrator could have authority to approve only routine lot combinations and anything unusual could be brought to the Council. Mr. Gisbert confirmed anything commercial has to go before Council. Mr. Gisbert stated if anything over 2 lots he would notify the council. Mr. Beninate stated an ordinance would be required to set in place and would work on for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

By: 
Mayor, William A. Cathéy

Attest: 
City Clerk, Tammy Brunson