

City Council Meeting
May 25, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
City Hall – 201 Paradise Path

Present

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

Also Present

City Administrator, Mario Gisbert
City Clerk, Tammy Brunson
City Attorney, Nick Beninate

Meeting was Called to order at 9 a.m.

Citizen Comments

Lisa Logan said there are several posts on social media about people who have purchased campers and RVS to keep in their yard for extra room when family comes to visit. Mayor Cathey said that will be the responsibility of Code Enforcement if people are not complying with the new ordinance.

Department Reports

Ms. McLeod reported revenues for this year are good and expenditures are in line with the budget. Her report will have a new line item for Hurricane Michael FEMA funds to show. She has 2022 budget documents out to department heads. September 2020 bank reconciliation should be done this week and she will be getting ready for the auditors that are scheduled for the end of June. She will have an updated report to go over at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Walker stated they received the grant funds for PPE's which they used for hoods to protect them from carcinogens that can cause health issues in the future. He is also working on a grant for floatation devices to use for water rescues. They are continuing with hydrants and ISO scenarios. The pole barn should be finished today.

Lieutenant Williams said they are gearing up for the Holiday weekend and coordinating for activities over the Fourth of July.

Ms. Johnson said they issued 7 new home permits last week and Harmon Real Estate Building should get their certificate of occupancy this week.

Ms. Lyons said she has talked with several people who have said how great everything looks and how pleased they are with all the rebuilding.

Mr. Davis reported that street signs are being made and should be back in 5 to 6 weeks. Dredging started again and the canal should be good for snapper season. Lime rock was

delivered to expand the boat ramp parking. They are replacing the garbage cans at the beach entrances.

Mr. Martin was not present.

Dave with Dewberry updated the Sunset park Project. They are still working with DEP but have finalized comments with DOT. With that done they can put together a bid set. 15th street culvert is ready to advertise for bid. Boat ramp expansion has finalized construction documents once reviewed they will send them back to DEP and the Corp for final review. Boat ramp expansion will not affect the fish cleaning station. Landscape project is complete. Mayor Cathey asked about the last 300 yards to the county line. They will have to replace some plant material that may be able to swap out for more palm trees.

Resolution 21-22 was brought to the table.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to read Resolution 21-22 (By title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to approve Resolution 21-22. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 21-23 was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Mr. Pollock seconded to read Resolution 21-23 (By title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to approve Resolution 21-23. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 763 (First reading) was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Ordinance 763.

Discussion – Mayor Cathey – Ordinance 761 was brought to the table.

Mayor Cathey is concerned about the time and money it takes to get a simple lot split done. If there is nothing non-conforming about the lot and it is returning the lot to existing or pre-existing platted condition, can language be added to the Ordinance that will expedite the process? All agreed that it does not need to be left up to interpretation. Mr. Beninate will revise the language for the next meeting.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Beninate reported he is waiting for the signed contract with the new Special Master. He will start looking at what the next hearing date will be.

City Administrator Report

Mr. Gisbert presented a spread sheet breaking down possible new rates for boat slips. The proposed is to go to a rate structure based on boat length. All members were good with the daily, weekly, and monthly rate at \$2.00 per foot, but were concerned with the annual cost. All agreed a flat annual rate of \$4000.00 was acceptable.

Council Comments

Mr. Key said he was concerned with the pilings for the new pavilion construction at the boat ramp starting in June given that is the height of snapper season. Mr. Gisbert has a meeting with Mr. Taunton and they can figure out how much room he will actually need and let's see if it will work before delaying the project.

Mr. Pollock stated that we need to be aware of beach issues like no pets on the beach and Leave No Trace. Fire and Police will continue with patrols. Staff will update social media with information.

Mr. Beninate reminded Council that there is 4-hours of ethics training for elected city officials that needs to be completed by the end of the year.

Mayor Cathey asked about annexing the church. Mr. Beninate explained the only way to annex is voluntarily. The County has in the past done involuntarily annexation if it is an enclave like this is, but they have not done any recently.

Mr. Key asked if anyone had heard from back from the gas station developers. Mr. Gisbert said he and Mr. Beninate had a meeting with them yesterday and that they were going to contact Bay County to see if they could get service through them instead. Mr. Beninate said he was expecting to hear from their attorney. Council agrees that they will need to annex in order to receive our services.

Mr. Pollock motioned to adjourn the meeting.

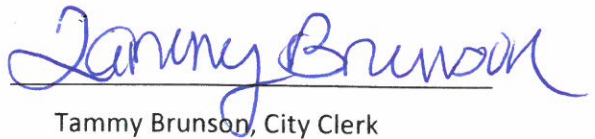
Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

By:



Mayor William A Cathey

Attest:



Tammy Brunson, City Clerk