

City Council Meeting
August 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Public Works Building

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.

Meeting minutes approval by consent was brought to the table.

July 13, 2021, regular and budget workshop meetings.

July 27, 2021, regular and budget workshop Meetings.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Open public comments at 9:03 a.m.

Rock Kries said after 2 ½ years he was happy to see the contract signed to demo the trailers on Louisiana and Maryland. He also thanked Mr. Gisbert for all the work he has done for the city.

Closed public comments at 9:04 a.m.

Department Reports

Ms. Mcleod reported she has submitted the tentative millage rate to the Property Appraisers office. The next budget meeting is being moved to September 8, 2021 at 5:01 pm

Fire Chief Walker said they upgraded all of Bay County on a new digital radio system. He added there is a storm tentatively heading our way and reminded everyone to stay alert.

Lieutenant Williams updated Council on the July numbers.

Mr. Gisbert reported for Ms. Johnson and said there are now 1,120 new or rebuilt residential properties and 22 commercial properties since 2019.

Ms. Lyons reported there have been 6 lots cleared, and 3 homes sent to the Special Master. Mr. Key requested that the 4th St property be sent to Special Master as well.

Mr. Davis stated the electrical for the boat slips should be done tomorrow. They completed the stormwater cleanout on 15th from 386 to La Siesta. Street signs are being put together for installation. Sandbags and sand will be available to the public for the upcoming storm

Mr. Martin said they had an 8-inch line on St Francis hit by a contractor which they will bill them for. They are working on pump rehab at the lift stations.

David with Dewberry said they are waiting on DEP Permits for Sunset Park to start construction. He has looked at the Gulf County sewer line and suggests no additional taps be added other than what is already approved. With the combination of systems on the line, adding taps could cause major issues in the future. The revised bid for the street resurfacing project came back with changes allowing it to fit into the 1.5-million-dollar budget. All council members agreed to move forward with the project.

Ordinance 765 – Accessory Dwelling Units (Second reading) was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Ordinance 765 – Accessory Dwelling Units (By title only).

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to approve Ordinance 765. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 766 – 110 40th St (Second reading) was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Ordinance 766 – 110 40th St (By title only).

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to approve Ordinance 766. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 767 – Outside City water/sewer connections (First reading) was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Ordinance 766 – Outside City water/sewer connections (By title only).

Ordinance 768 – City provided sanitation services (First reading) was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Ordinance 766 – City provided sanitation services (By title only).

Resolution 21-34 – Approving proposal from ^{GAC} BSC Contractors for St Francis St sewer main repairs was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Resolution 21-34 (By title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to approve Resolution 21-34. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Sunsetting approvals of new utility application for Gulf County properties.

Since David with Dewberry recommended not to allow any more tap into the sewer line, it was agreed to send a letter to Gulf County asking them to take back the sewer line per the original agreement.

Discussion: Right of way roped areas – Darrell Key

Mr. Key brought to Council's attention that there are several property owners that are using the city easements for fences to keep people from parking on their lots. One property owner in particular was told by staff that they could install the fence, only to find out that was incorrect. After a lengthy discussion Council agreed, by a 3 to 2 vote, to remove the erroneous fencing put up and reimburse the cost of materials and installation to the property owner. For all other violations it was decided to send letters to the property owners stating they need to remove anything in the easement.

City of Mexico Beach Project Worklist

Mr. Gisbert updated Council on the status of the outstanding projects in the city. Council asked that streetlights be added to the list.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Beninate talked about the ongoing issues with JEA for outstanding funds from Hurricane Michael cleanup. He wants direction on if we should settle or go to arbitration. Mayor Cathey would like to see the contract first.

City Administrator Report

Mr. Gisbert had nothing to report at this time.

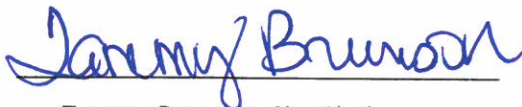
Council Comments

Mr. Smith wanted to thank everyone working to get the electricity up and running at the boat slips.

Mr. Pollock motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

By: 
Mayor William A Cathey

Attest: 
Tammy Brunson, City Clerk