

City Council Meeting
July 27, 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

Open public comments at 9:01 a.m.

No public comments

Closed public comments at 9:01 a.m.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Walker said they are training with the new water rescue line tool they received via a grant. They are working on getting a second one and the Sheriff's Department is looking in to one as well.

Lieutenant Williams updated Council on the drugs that washed up on the beach behind The Driftwood Inn. Similar incidents have happened on The Cape as well.

Ms. Johnson said things have slowed down a bit. There were 7 new residential permits issued and there are no items for The Planning and Zoning Board for the August meeting.

Ms. Lyons reported citations were issued for overgrown lots and RV camping in driveways. The daily boat ramp permits collected from the weekend totaled over \$700.00.

Mr. Davis stated the electrical service at the boat ramp is almost finished. They did the excavation work on 33rd street and it seems to be working. The first shipment of street signs is in, and the street name signs are on the way. They picked up to largest amount of trash so far this year.

Mr. Martin said they had a sewer line hit by a contractor which they will bill them for. Lightning took out the #2 pump panel. They are waiting on cost for repairs

David with Dewberry said they had the bid opening for Sunset Park. They are working with FWC on outside lighting and DEP should be good. Construction can start once everything is approved.

Resolution 21-30 – Approving Contract for Sunset Park was brought to the table.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Resolution 21-30 (By title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to approve Resolution 21-30. Motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote.

Resolution 21-31 – Approving Contract for Demolition was brought to the table.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Resolution 21-31 (By title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to approve Resolution 21-31. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 21-32 – Dewberry Task Order was brought to the table.

Mr. Smith motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to read Resolution 21-32 (By title only)

Mr. Smith motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to approve Resolution 21-32. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 21-33 – Approving Utility Service to Gulf County was brought to the table.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Resolution 21-33 (By title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to approve Resolution 21-33. Motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote.

City of Mexico Beach Project Worklist

Mr. Gisbert updated Council on the status of the outstanding projects in the city.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Beninate had nothing to report at this time.

City Administrator Report


Mr. Gisbert stated the appraisal for the 85 acres on the east end of town came in at \$60,000.00. With grant money to clean it up and use the void for possible a storm water pond. He would like to negotiate a possible purchase price if Council is interested. He also asked if Council would consider allowing Duke Energy to install a solar power farm for the new Police and Fire Complex. This would be at no cost to us, we just need to provide the land. It would be a great back up in case of a power outage or an emergency. Council agreed to pursue both options.


Council Comments

Mr. Smith wanted to recognize Hector Vasquez with Crazy Wave Runners for assisting with a lost jet ski that ended up on The Cape. He also found a wallet with \$400.00 in cash and turned it in to the Sheriff to get it back to the owner. These are examples of what makes our community great.

Mr. Pollock motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

By: 
Mayor William A Cathey

Attest: 
Tammy Brunson, City Clerk