

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday August 20, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Rick Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Bob Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson	Absent
Commissioner	Jim Watts	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Present

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
City Planner/ Assistant Deputy Clerk	April Brown	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Ms. April Brown led the invocation. Mayor Cochrane led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

6. B. Fort Meade Chamber Director Report

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the City Commission Regular Meeting of July 9, 2013, Budget Workshops of July 16, 2013 and July 23, 2013.

Motion Watts, second Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Ms. Shawna Butler – Director of Kids Pack

Ms. Butler was approached by Recreation Director Deena Ware to bring Kids Pack into the City of Fort Meade. Kids Pack is a new program designed to provide needy children a backpack with two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners for the weekend, which would otherwise not have any food over the weekend. Ms. Butler stated the cost of feeding one child 52 meals a year would be \$300.00. Ms. Butler also stated the funds raised in Fort Meade will stay in Fort Meade.

Motion Watts, second Elliott to fund 5 children for one year at \$1,500.00.

Motion carried with all yeas.

B. Pricella Perry – Director of the Fort Meade Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Perry presented the Commission with the Chamber monthly newsletter and talked about the Vision Committee and improving the downtown area.

Ms. Perry asked the Commission if they could extend water lines on the South side of Broadway and plant trees.

City Manager Hilliard stated the sidewalks on Broadway were owned by Polk County and we would send a request to the County asking for permission to do work in and around the sidewalks.

Ms. Perry welcomed everyone to the Vision Committee meeting at the Community Center on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 7:00.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

Citizen comments for items not on the agenda (3-minute maximum length).

- A.** Mr. EJ King, 108 SW 3rd St., Ft. Meade, FL., second appearance regarding the City of Fort Meade Mobile Home Park Green Acres Golf Course being available to all City residents.

Mayor Cochrane instructed staff to remove the sign saying the Golf Course is for CMHP residents only and post notice that the Course is for all City residents.

- B. Ms. Aisha Wright, Director of the HELP of Fort Meade along with Ms. Lisa Weems requested a \$3,600.00 additional contribution by the City to assist in paying utilities at their current and new HELP locations.

Commissioner Watts suggested HELP come back before the Commission in October when the new budget is in effect.

Mayor Cochrane closed the public forum.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. DEO Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant

Ms. Colleen Burton, CFRPC spoke about doing a Vision Plan for Downtown and also invited everyone to the community Vision Meeting on Thursday night at the Community Center.

Motion Watts, seconded Elliott to approve the agreements with DEO and the CFRPC

Motion carried with all yeas.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Code Enforcement Assessment Concerns.

The Commission was presented with letters from Diamond Holdings and Ms. Carolyn Gadson contesting the amount of assessment for lot cleanup of their property.

Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to stay the course of the assessment as it is.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. Resolution R13-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING RULES AND POLICIES GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENT; ADOPTING SAID RULES AND POLICIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 286.0114, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS; PROVIDING RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CONDUCT; REQUIRING THE OBSERVANCE OF DECORUM; PROVIDING FOR WAIVERS; PROVIDING

FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Elliott, seconded Manley to approve Resolution R13-07

Motion carried with all yeas.

C. Resolution R13-08 – Public Hearing

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS; APPROVING AND ADOPTING A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR DEMOLITION AND LOT CLEAN-UP COSTS AND FEES; SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane Closed the Public Hearing.

Motion Manley, seconded Watts to approve Resolution R13-08

Motion carried with all yeas.

D. Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing

Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-07- Public Hearing -1st Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING CITY OF FORT MEADE ORDINANCE NUMBERS 07-06, 08-19, 09-12, AND 13-03 RELATED TO WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES; MODIFYING THE WASTEWATER RATES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FINDINGS; MODIFYING THE WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; SPECIFYING THE EFFECT OF THIS ORDINANCE ON ORDINANCE NO. 13-03 AND CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF FORT MEADE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cochrane Closed the Public Hearing.

Motion Manley, seconded Elliott to approve Ordinance 13-07 on 1st Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- E.** Approve Agreement to Extend Contract with Polk County Fleet Management for vehicle maintenance.

Motion Watts, seconded Elliott to approve the agreement to extend the contract with Polk County Fleet Management for vehicle maintenance.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- F.** Consider County Ordinance 13-029

Motion Watts, seconded Manley to opt out of County Ordinance 13-029

Motion carried with all yeas.

- G.** Approve Polk County BOCC Agreement for Fire Protection Service Area.

Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to approve the BOCC Agreement for Fire Protection Service Area.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- H.** Power Secure Proposal/NESHAP

Motion Watts, seconded Elliott to approve the Power Secure proposal.

- I.** Consider request for old floating docks

Motion Manley, seconded Elliott to give the floating docks to the American Legion.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

City Attorney Thomas Cloud informed the Commission of a letter that was received from Republic Services for a CPI rate increase.

Mr. Cloud explained that in the contract with Republic Services called for them to petition the City for an increase or decrease of rates.

Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to allow the City Attorney to respond to Republic Services stating the City does not agree with their request.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Hilliard informed the Commission he hoped to have a sales agreement with FPU at the September Commission meeting and it would be 90 days after that before we can close on it.

City Manager Hilliard spoke about the upgrading of meters stating that some citizens did not want their meters changed and may need to be charged at a higher rate.

City Manager Hilliard stated the utilities department had completed two fire hydrants projects and a water line project.

City Planner April Brown requested a CRA meeting before one of the regular Commission Meetings.

Mayor Cochrane requested to see the agenda before setting the date.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

None.

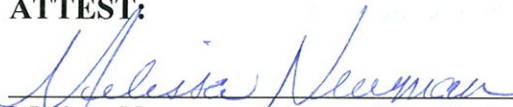
13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Watts, second Manley to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of August 20, 2013 at 8:33 PM.
Motion carried with all yeas.



Rick Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk