

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Rick Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Bob Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson	Present
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
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer and Lieutenant Ken Hall.

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

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the City Commission Regular Meeting of October 8, 2013

Motion Manley, second Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion Elliott, second Nelson to approve the grant writing contract with Fred Fox Enterprises.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- D.** Amending the Land Development Code and the City's Code of Ordinances regarding fowl (chickens) in the city limits.

City Planner Brown introduced the City's new Code Enforcement Officer Melanie McVay.

Ms. McVay explained that she has had a vast amount of complaints for noxious odors from chickens and running at large chickens, prompting her to site everyone who has chickens in the city. As the Code reads now it does not permit fowl in the city limits

Mr. Michal Lunn, 701 S Walnut Ave, Ft. Meade, FL., requested to allow caged fowl stating that he currently has caged chickens and roosters. Mr. Lunn stated he would get rid of the roosters because they are noisy.

Ms. Dean Doyle, 629 N Cleveland Ave, was inquiring who would be responsible for removing at large chickens stating they are wreaking havoc on her property.

Motion Elliott, second Watts to draft an Ordinance outlining the rules and regulations for permitting fowl in the city limits.

- E.** Updating the City's Codes on Municode

Motion Manley, second Elliott to approve updating Municode and enrolling in OrdBank.

- F.** Amending rules and regulations for cemeteries.

Commissioners requested establishing a citizen's advisory board to discuss amending the rules and regulations for cemeteries.

Mayor Cochrane volunteered to sit on the advisory board.

- G.** City to offer power surge protection for utility customers.

Motion Watts, second Elliott to approve staff to offer power surge protection for utility customers.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

- A. Personnel changes
1. **Recreation Director Deena Ware has accepted the position of Assistant Town Manager/Clerk for the Town of Dundee with November 15, 2013 being her last day with the City of Fort Meade.**
 2. **Eric Malloy and Eddie Hernandez have joined the Electric Department as Lineman.**
- B. City Manager explained that he will be preparing a letter to be sent to Republic Services regarding rates.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Manley questioned the project proposed at Quikway Food Store (Old Orange Blossom).

Ms. Brown explained that the owners want to expand their canopy and gas pumps.

Commissioner Nelson questioned if employees have been given a raise.

City Manager stated it would be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving the employees will receive a 2% bonus.

Commissioner Elliott inquired about the canopy at the old China House.

Ms. Brown stated they have applied for a grant for the canopy.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Watts, second Nelson to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of November 12, 2013 at 8:12 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Rick Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

