

**CITY OF FORT MEADE  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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.

**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**

**8 B. 1. Ordinance 13-13 Sale of**

**Motion Elliott, second Nelson to amend the agenda to approve the addition of Ordinance 13-13**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of the City Commission Regular Meeting of August 20, 2013 and the Budget Workshop of August 20, 2013.

**Motion Nelson, second Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:**

None.

**7. PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

None.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A.** Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-07- Modifying the Wastewater rates- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion Watts, second Manley to approve Ordinance 13-07 Modifying the Wastewater rates on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.**

- B.** Sale of the Fort Meade Gas System.

Attorney Cloud read the title of Ordinance 13-13 Franchise for FPU

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE; PROVIDING FINDINGS AND INTENET; GRANTING TO FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR A PERIOD OF 30 YEARS TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, OWN AND TRANSPORT IN THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, WORKS FOR THE MANUFACTURE, TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND SALE OF GAS, INCULDING NATURAL, MANUFACTURED OR MIXED GAS; PROVIDING CONDITIONS TO THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR CITY REGULATION OF THE GAS SYSTEM; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Commissioner Elliott requested the verbiage in Section 13 of Ordinance 13-13 be changed to reflect the City Commission instead of the City Manager in the approval of transfer.

Commissioner Elliott also questioned how often the franchise fees could be reviewed.

Commissioner Manley asked who will gas customers contact if the deal goes through.

Commissioner Manley asked if there would be any immediate improvements to the Gas System.

Ms. Aleida Socarras, FPU Director of Sales and Marketing, 12020 NW 200<sup>th</sup> Street, Micanopy, FL., stated that FPU will do a full assessment to determine what improvements are needed.

**Motion Elliott, second Nelson to approve Ordinance 13-13 Franchise Agreement for FPU on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading to be on November 12, 2013.**

**Motion Watts, second Nelson to approve in concept the contract with FPU subject to final details and return to the Commission on October 8, 2013.**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Attorney Cloud read the title to Resolution R13-10 - FRDAP Community Center

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

**Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to approve Resolution R13-10 and to authorize the mayor to execute documents and appoint Fred Fox as the Grant Administrator.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- B. Attorney Cloud read the title to Resolution R13-11 FRDAP – Outdoor Recreation.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE FLORIDA RECREATION**

**DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.**

Mr. Fred Fox explained he would like to add some renovations to the kayak launch instead of renovations to the playground area.

**Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to approve Resolution R13-11 and to authorize the mayor to execute documents and appoint Fred Fox as the Grant Administrator.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**C. Pontem Cemetery Agreement.**

Mr. Parker requested a part-time data entry clerk to enter historic data into the Pontem Cemetery software.

**Motion Manley, seconded Watts to approve a part-time clerk with a report on the progress to the Commission.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**D. Republic Services request for CPI rate increase.**

Mr. Hilliard recommended the approval for the CPI rate increase and to allow council and staff to work on a cleaning up the contract with Republic Services.

Ms. Debbie Mullen, Representative of Republic Services, 3820 Main Ave, Lakeland, FL., stated she would work with staff to clean up the current contract.

Attorney Cloud read the title to Resolution R13-09 – Solid Waste Rate Increase.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AGREEING TO A REQUESTED INCREASE IN SOLID WASTE RATES PETITIONED FOR BY REPUBLIC SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion Manley, seconded Nelson to approve Resolution R13-09 and to authorize staff to work with Republic Services to clean up the contract.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**E.** Fort Meade Library Operations.

Ms. Kay Jackson requested permission to close the library to install new software and training for staff.

Ms. Jackson also requested to raise the out of county membership fees from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per year to be in line with Polk County.

**Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to approve the closing of the library and the increase in the membership fees.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**F.** Power Secure Proposal

**Commissioner Elliott requested that counsel prepare a recommendation to be brought back before the Commission on September 23, 2013.**

**10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None.

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

None.

**12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

None.

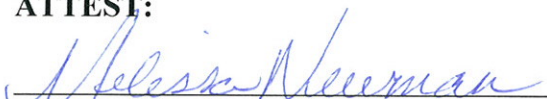
**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Watts, second Elliott to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of September 11, 2013 at 8:20 PM.

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

  
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Rick Cochrane, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

