

City Council Meeting
February 9, 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

Rock comment on how nice it looked to have the trash, mobile home, outdoor shower and water heater removed from 5th St and Georgia. He also asked about the new sidewalks and how there are dips in it that will hold water. Mayor Cathey said they are working to get that fixed.

Department Reports

Ms. McLeod was present via the phone and said she has made it to April 2020. Hope is once Audits are done with 2018, they can get going right away for 2020. Hold up has been because of asset reporting not being kept up. Mario asked Council for go ahead to hire a replacement for QLM (Skylar) to help front desk and the City Clerk and a Certified Utilities position.

Fire Chief Walker applied for extension for the pole barn permit. Getting ready for hydrant testing for ISO requirements.

Lieutenant William's was not present.

Ms. Johnson updated that there have been 7 residential permits since the beginning of the year and 170 since the storm. The Driftwood Hotel picked up their permit last week and the permit for Mexico Beach Crossing's is ready.

Ms. Lyons said 4 or 5 RVs have been removed and she has sent 3 cases to the Special Master. She was asked about the house on Hwy 98 across from the Driftwood. Kathy said she had contact with the owner and they are working to find a builder and did come down over the weekend to fence the pool in.

Mr. Kennington reported on behalf of Utilities. The FEMA portion of the sidewalk project is done. They are now working with FDOT to get the remainder complete. The dredge is being repaired. They are still working on grinding stumps, stormwater repairs and maintenance and the Welcome Center. Mr. Key commented on the great job they have done with the sidewalk project.

Mr. Martin said repairs were made on the Hwy 98 water main break. They have had several other little leaks and continue to change out meters. He also said Duke Energy expects to have power back to the canal by the end of the month.

Dave with Dewberry updated the Landscaping Project saying the DOT permit is pending and the Corp and District permits have been submitted for the boat launch expansion. They are making headway on the Sunset Park project and he hope to have an update next meeting.

Ryan with Atkins said the are waiting on the wastewater project to be obligated. Substantial Damage Project has moved to the States que, which means it should be obligated soon. Demolition Project has gone to environmental review. This will not reimburse until all the structures are torn down. There are 2 left. One is part of a 4-townhome complex which other owners are in litigation. The other with Special Master. The Jetty Project is in the first stage of FEMA que. The Pier Project cost estimate has gone to FEMA to finalize design review. Might need to adjust where the pier starts to get into 9 ft of water or make it 300 feet longer. Dredge project waiting on audit of the 6 million already spent before we can ask for more. Still working on cubic feet allowed prior to obligation. Mayor Cathey wants Dewberry draw up plans so it can go out to bid. NCRS Project has reimbursement request submitted should only be a month or so. So far 88 million is obligated and we are on our way to the 100 million goal.

Replat – 2703 Hwy 98 A & B – Request to combine 2 lots was brought to the table.

(P&Z approved)

Public hearing was opened at 9:42 a.m.

Glen Scoggins with Acree Engineering was representing the property owner and was available for any questions.

Public hearing was closed at 9:43 a.m.

Mr. Key motioned, and Mr. Smith seconded to approve combine 2703 Hwy 98 A & B. Motion passed unanimously.

Replat – 220 Florida Ave – Request to combine 2 lots was brought to the table.

(P&Z approved contingent upon providing a survey showing the legal description of the replatted lot.)

Public hearing was opened at 9:44 a.m.

No public present

Public hearing was closed at 9:44 a.m.

Mr. Smith motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to approve combine 220 Florida Ave. Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Change – 107 35th St – High density residential to townhome district was brought to the table.

(P&Z approved)

This property should have been included in the original zoning change but was not included because it was listed as 1 larger lot and it did not fall into the criteria. It is 2 smaller lots. Because of the omission it requires a ordinance for the change. Mr. Gisbert wants to make sure Council has no objections to this request before going thru the ordinance process. No action (motion) is required to start the process. There were no objections to moving forward.

Resolution 21-07 – Fire station pole barn was brought to the table.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM TOOL TIME BUILDINGS FOR A FIRE STATION POLE BARN SET UP TO INCLUDE A CONCRETE SLAB, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,370.00.

Chief Walker explained this is being built with the last of the State funds that were provided to refit the fire station.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to read Resolution 21-07 (by title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to adopt Resolution 21-07. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 21-08 - Atkins agreement amendment was brought to the table.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO ATKINS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY RESULTING IN A DECREASE OF 10% IN ALL CONTRACT RATES INCLUDED IN ATTACHMENT B.

Decrease in rates since we have gone from 20 to 25 people working for us to 5 or 6 going forward. My Key does not understand why they can go back to the beginning of 2021 with decreased rates. He also wants to make sure bills are being audited for any mistakes that could be reimbursed at the end of the contract. He asked if we needed Atkins for the full 3-year contract or was that something that could transition to City staff. Mr. Gisbert reminded this is FEMA reimbursed.

Mr. Key motioned, and Mr. Smith seconded to read Resolution 21-08 (by title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Ms. Key seconded to adopt Resolution 21-08. Motion passed by a 4 to 1 vote.

Resolution 21-09 – Sidewalk repairs (Decrease in cost) was brought to the table.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH BONAVIC CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT RESULTING IN A DECREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$31,690.76).

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Resolution 21-09 (by title only)

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to adopt Resolution 21-09. Motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Beninate stated he nothing to report at this time.

City Administrator Report

Mr. Gisbert said Ms. Shoaf has Employee Appreciation Certificates for everyone at the Welcome Center. He also informed everyone that the drawings for the pier and jetty projects are in the conference room.


Council Comments


Mayor Cathey asked if there was any update on The St Joe Company construction start date. Mr. Gisbert said there was not but thought it should be soon. The Mayor also wanted to wish well the volunteers that are putting together the web show from/about Mexico Beach.

Mr. Key asked if anything else was said about Estuary Study that he volunteered for. He has tried to contact them and has not heard back from anyone. Mr. Gisbert will check into it.

Mr. Key motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Pollock seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

By: 
Mayor William A Cathey

Attest: 
Tammy Brunson, City Clerk