

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2022
5:30 pm

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Invocation given by Pastor Fondren

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Ms. Barrow X

Mr. Chaple X

Ms. Galbreath X

Ms. Gibson - absent

Mayor Kelly - absent

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion of Council Member Galbreath and second of Council Member Chaple, the Council approved/disapproved the minutes for the Council meetings on August 16, 17, 18 and 25 2022.

Mr. Chaple - aye

Ms. Galbreath - aye

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow - aye

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

1. Gary Brannon wanted to discuss a land swap with the city, Mayor Pro Tem Barrow asked if he would like to wait until we got to the "task list" as he was listed there. Mr. Brannon agreed to wait.
2. Delvie Robinson – 937 Pitts Ave – Would like speed bumps in front of her home due to the cars coming off Bus 98 and driving too fast down Pitts Ave. She will speak with Chief Hutto about her concerns.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request for POD extension for Hiland Park Baptist – Pastor Fondren

On a motion Ms. Galbreath and a second of Mr. Chaple the council approved the POD extension for 30 days.

Mr. Chaple – aye

Ms. Galbreath - aye

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow – aye

2. Request for POD extension for 710 West St – Brandi Kemppainen

On a motion Ms. Galbreath and a second of Mr. Chaple the council approved the POD extension for 60 days.

Mr. Chaple – aye

Ms. Galbreath - aye

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow – aye

3. Request for POD extension for 4926 Lake Dr – Not in attendance

On a motion Ms. Galbreath and a second of Mr. Chaple the council approved the POD extension for 30 days.

Mr. Chaple – aye
Ms. Galbreath - aye
Mayor Pro Tem Barrow – aye

4. Second RV request to be lived in on property at 141 Blackshear Drive – Ms. Waters

Came before council previously to request allowance of second RV until the end of the year. Council requested that the property be cleaned up as code complaints have been made about the condition of the property and the storage of many boats prior to issuing another RV permit. Property photos taken by code enforcement today show several boats and grass not maintained. Owner states she has been working on property, but the rain has caused a delay. Shed on property contains furniture from Hurricane Michael and movable trailer contains appliances. Council has concerns that the shed permit was issued without a primary structure due to being told house plans were in the works, no home plans have been submitted to the city yet. Motion made by Mr. Chaple to allow second RV on property until December 28, 2022, when other RV permit expires, no second, motion failed. Ms. Galbreath requested that the property be cleaned up at the last meeting and that did not happen. Clerk will add item to next council agenda to readdress. Ms. Waters will call the Mayor on Monday as she feels she is being harassed and pays her taxes.

5. Request for POD extension for 339 Shadecrest – Mr. Freeman representing mother

On a motion Ms. Galbreath and a second of Mr. Chaple the council approved the POD extension for 6 months as home repairs have begun as of last week. Engineer report from MK Weber was submitted previously.

Mr. Chaple – aye
Ms. Galbreath - aye
Mayor Pro Tem Barrow – aye

6. Parcel split 1402 Parkway Drive – Ms. Geiger in attendance

The parcel 26212-000-000 meets the LDR guidelines if split in 2 for minimum square footage. She has a builder that will be able to build 2 homes on the split parcel while meeting setbacks. On a motion Ms. Galbreath and a second of Mr. Chaple the council approved the splitting of the parcel.

Mr. Chaple – aye
Ms. Galbreath - aye
Mayor Pro Tem Barrow – aye

7. 6029 E Hwy 98, tree removal request for parking lot clearing. The Bell's have just purchased the property and had the trees inspected by Gulf Coast Arborist Earl Mirus (name provided after meeting). Several trees in poor shape since Hurricane Michael. They will try to keep any

salvageable trees on property but do not want issues with damage from trees in bad shape. On a motion Ms. Galbreath and a second of Mr. Chaple the council approved the tree removal.

Mr. Chaple – aye

Ms. Galbreath - aye

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow – aye

8. Motion to keep William Libby as the Magistrate to renewal date of July 1st as the Planning Committee members also renew in July by Ms. Galbreath and seconded by Mr. Chaple.

Mr. Chaple – aye

Ms. Galbreath - aye

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow – aye

9. Discussion about PEEP Park being rented by the same church every Saturday. This is making it difficult for anyone else to use the facility. Clerk will reach out to church to see if they are seeking a new venue as they have been using the park since Hurricane Michael and it has been almost 4 years' time.

Remaining agenda items are tabled due to Mayor Kelly and Ms. Gibson not in attendance, this will allow for more discussion by council at next meeting.

Task List Review:

Road behind Coram's – Title searcher should have work done any day, then need ½ day to prepare the deed.

Land swap of Mr. Brannon – Mr. Brannon states the city storm water comes off 98 through his private property. Has a 20' sewer easement, would allow city to dig a 550' ditch along his property for storm water collection. DEP was notified about silt fencing at new lumber yard. Concern over the bayou filling with mud. He has 9 acres of land that he would like to develop in the future. Lift station has a gate on entering to his property that he will give to the city in the land swap. Mr. Brannon state no piping issue if an easement is done for piping on his property. Mr. Brannon wants to give the city 5' more access to a drainage ditch on property to allow tractors to come in for cleaning of ditch. Mr. Sloan said he is waiting on a survey. Mr. Brannon thought there was a pip issue, has concern over red vent pipe on his land. Mr. Sloan will talk to Mr. Summerlin to get answers.

Parking at Earl Gilbert Park Charge – usage fee is allowed, Mr. Summerlin is checking on ways to collect.

Employee Manual – will set date to begin

Fire Chief – On next agenda

Unfit/Unsafe Ordinance – Mr. Sloan is working on it, no changes submitted from council.

Phones/IT – RFP completed.

5-10-year Strategic Plan- council would like to form a committee to make a plan for future

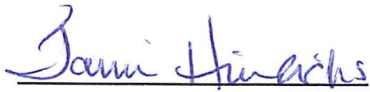
Grant Writer – add to 5-10year plan

Fire Assessment – Mr. Sloan has reached out to Mr. Lawson of Tallahassee and will set a date for him

Closing Remarks:

Mr. Chaple – BBQ cookoff on October 15th. Will have rules and prizes. Halloween trunk-r-treat on October 31 at the Parker VFW.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:01.



Jami Hinrichs, City Clerk