

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DESTIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 6, 2022
CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

The Council of the City of Destin met in regular session with the following members and staff present:

Destin City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Dewey Destin
Councilmember Jim Bagby
Councilmember Johnny King

Mayor Gary Jarvis (virtual)
Councilmember Kevin Schmidt

Destin City Staff

City Manager Lance Johnson
City Clerk Rey Bailey
Public Works Director Michael Burgess
Code Compliance Deputy Director Danny Sullivan
Principal Planner Steve O'Connor
Land Use Attorney Kimberly Kopp

Deputy City Manager Webb Warren
Public Info Manager Catherine Card
Grants/Project Manager Jeffrey Cozadd
Library Director Wen Livingston
City Attorney Kyle Bauman

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Dewey Destin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pastor David J. Butler of Faith Assembly Christian Church in Destin gave the invocation, which was then followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of the agenda; seconded by Councilmember Bagby. Motion passed 4-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Bagby, and Destin voted "yes"; Council members Hebert, Wagner, and Braden were absent from the meeting.

**1. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS / SPECIAL /PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Rotary Club of Destin, Inaugural "Service Above Self" Award

The mayor read the proclamation designating June 7, 2022 as Rotary Citizens "Service Above Self" Day, and then presented it to Mr. Cory Fosdyck, the inaugural recipient of the award.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Amendment #3 Atkins North America Contract
- B. John Deere 3033R Compact Utility Tractor, authorization to purchase
- C. Approval of minutes of May 16, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
- D. Approval of minutes of May 17, 2022 City Council Budget Workshop
- E. Minutes of Boards & Committees

Motion by Councilmember Destin, seconded by Councilmember Bagby, to approve Consent Agenda items 3A thru 3E, as printed above, passed 4-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Bagby, and Destin voted "yes"; Council members Hebert, Wagner, and Braden were absent from the meeting).

4. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- A. Workflow Process for Property Maintenance and Unsafe Building Abatement Code (update)

The City Manager briefly discussed staff's plan to bring to city council an updated abatement process, including matrix and timeline for demolition of derelict structures.

- B. Resolution 22-07 - Adopting Council Meeting Schedules for the Remainder of Calendar Year 2022

The City Attorney noted that proposed Resolution 22-07 specifies the dates the City Council will hold its regular meetings the remainder of the calendar year 2022, as recommended by city staff.

Councilmember Destin pointed out that the budget hearing scheduled for September 8, 2022 begins at 5:30 PM, followed by a regular city council meeting at 6:00 PM. He stated that the budget adoption process is the most important reflection of their policy, and that 30 minutes is not enough. He recommends changing the starting time for the budget hearing to 5:00 PM.

The City Attorney noted that the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice reflects September 8th at 5:30 PM, as previously approved by council, and that this notice is mailed to the owner on record for every property in the City of Destin. There is a lengthy arduous process to change it once the TRIM notice is mailed out, and that the Finance Director, who is not present tonight, can better explain the process at the next meeting. He added that since only the council meeting dates and not the starting times are specified in the resolution, the council can still adopt the resolution if they agree with the meeting dates as proposed by staff. They could then bring the budget hearing issue for discussion at the next meeting and discuss the process involved in changing the starting time from 5:30 PM to 5:00 PM, if necessary.

Councilmember Bagby noted that once the TRIM notice goes out, if they change the starting time for the budget hearing, they may need to send another notice out to every taxpaying citizen in the city.

Motion by Councilmember Destin, seconded by Councilmember King, to adopt Resolution 22-07 passed 4-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Bagby, and Destin voted “yes”; Council members Hebert, Wagner, and Braden were absent from the meeting).

C. Resolution 22-08 - Amending Rules and Procedures of Council Meeting

The City Manager explained that proposed Resolution 22-08 amends the council’s established rules and procedures for council meetings by requiring the council to adopt a resolution establishing the dates of its regular meeting schedule for the subsequent calendar year in December of each year.

Motion by Councilmember Destin, seconded by Councilmember Schmidt, to adopt Resolution 22-07 passed 4-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Bagby, and Destin voted “yes”; Council members Hebert, Wagner, and Braden were absent from the meeting).

D. Announcements

The City Manager made the following announcement:

- June 20th @ 5:30 PM – CRA Board meeting
- June 23rd @ 5:30 PM – Budget Workshop #2
- Sports tournaments at Morgan Sports Center will resume this week and run through end of July (with the exception of July 4th Holiday)
- Demolition of the building at 1 Calhoun Avenue is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th
- The city’s Grants/Project Manager’s request from the legislature for \$270,000 for the Linear Trail has been approved by Governor DeSantis
- Clarification to the article in the paper stating that the city was short 40 employees: The city has been short over 40 employees over the course of the year, but, that number is currently at 21 staff positions
- The boat that was beached near Norriego Point and towards Jetty East has been removed

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, LAND USE ATTORNEY AND CITY ATTORNEY

A. Councilmember Braden

1. Signage from Airport Road to the Marler Bridge

B. Councilmember Wagner

C. Councilmember Destin

Councilmember Destin stated that he has been receiving complaints about boaters exceeding the Destin no wake zones. He asked that the Land Use Attorney come up with some ways to get this issue under control in the Destin waterways; and to possibly include enabling the harbor compliance officer to issue citations.

D. Councilmember Bagby

1. Procurement Policy

Councilmember Bagby announced he will present the proposed procurement policy at the next council meeting. He asked staff to look into increasing the capital purchase limit from \$1,000 to \$10,000; and that staff should be able to purchase an item that is approved in the budget without having to bring it back before the council for approval.

2. Issue related to the Friends of the Library

Councilmember Bagby announced that staff and the Friends of the Library Guild have discussed and resolved this issue, and that no further discussion is necessary.

E. Councilmember Hebert

F. Councilmember King

G. Councilmember Schmidt

Councilmember Schmidt noted that Mr. Cory Fosdyck, the inaugural recipient of the Rotary Citizens "Service Above Self" award, is also a coach of a little league baseball team. He also announced that their 8 years and under machine pitch baseball team won the district all-star tournament; their 9 years and under kid pitch baseball team won the district all-star tournament; and the girls 8 years and under machine pitch baseball team won one and lost two games in the tournament.

H. Mayor Gary Jarvis

Mayor Gary Jarvis noted that in May 2019, the council approved a letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Tom Frazer to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. Dr. Frazer reapplied to remain a member of the Gulf Council. He asked for council's approval to send a letter of support once again for Dr. Frazer's membership to the Gulf Council.

Motion by Councilmember Destin to approve a letter of support for the renomination of Dr. Tom Frazer to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council was seconded by Councilmember Bagby and passed 4-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Bagby, and Destin voted "yes"; Council members Hebert, Wagner, and Braden were absent from the meeting).

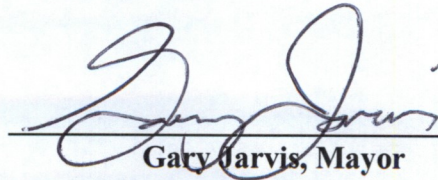
I. Land Use Attorney

J. City Attorney

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

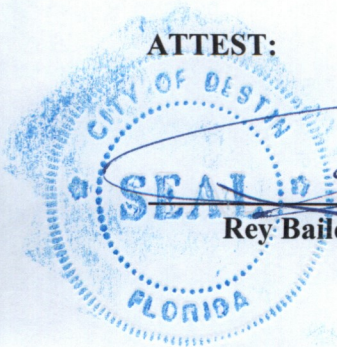
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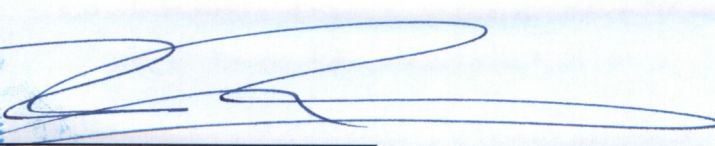
Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.



Gary Jarvis, Mayor

ATTEST:





Rey Bailey, City Clerk