

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 1999**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Glenda Glover called the meeting to order at 12 noon at Cinco Bayou Town Hall.

PRESENT

Councilwoman Brenda Bush-Crestview
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko-Destin
Mayor Glenda Glover-Fort Walton Beach
Mayor Del Dunn-Mary Esther
Mayor Gary Combs-Shalimar
Commissioner Hayward Strong-Valparaiso
Commissioner Paula Riggs-Okaloosa County

ABSENT

Councilman Dutch Payne-Cinco Bayou
Councilwoman Fay Miller-Laurel Hill
Councilman Al Swihart-Niceville

GUESTS

City Manager Charles Turner-Cinco Bayou

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Gary Combs moved to approve the regular minutes of July 1, 1999. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Slivko and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Del Dunn, Secretary/Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,557.88 as of July 31, 1999. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fall Legislative Reception

Mayor Glover announced Representative Jerry Melvin, Representative Durell Peaden and Senator Charles Clarry have accepted to attend the Legislative Reception scheduled for September 23, 1999, from 6PM until 9PM, at Destin Community Center. Senator Childers and Representative Miller will send legislative aids to attend. The consensus was to invite the President, Director and staff of the FL League of Cities and the President and past Present of the Panhandle League of Cities. It was agreed to request funds from local firms of the Panhandle League of Cities associate members. Commissioner Riggs wanted to make sure this reception did not take the place of the Legislative Delegation meeting held annually. Councilwoman Sharon Slivko moved for the President to send a letter to everyone that is on the list, within our County, requesting sponsorship and participation. Motion was seconded by Mayor Gary Combs and carried unanimously. It was the consensus to also include out of town firms that do business in our County. It was also the consensus to invite the County Commissioners to the reception. The menu will be selected at the September meeting.

Update on Water Computer Model

Commissioner Riggs said she attended a Transportation meeting in Orlando last week and it was her understanding the WMD will pay 85% of the water model and the Cities/County will come up with 15%. Mayor Glover said she felt the WMD should pay the entire cost of the water model. Total cost would be between \$700,000 and \$800,000. Discussion continued on this topic. Mayor Glover said she read an article from the FLOC that this had been accomplished over the entire state and wanted to know if possible our area was included in the research that had already been done. It was the consensus that what was done was not what we needed here in our area. Discussion continued on how the 15% would be charged fairly in Okaloosa County. Further the WMD would be more inclined to fund the entire amount if their percentage in the state were increased. Mayor Glover further said we should contact our legislative delegation for assistance in getting the WMD to fund the entire cost of the water model project.

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Report on Strategies 2000

Councilwoman Brenda Bush reported the cities need to commit to getting more lobbyists in Tallahassee and to be knowledgeable about what is going on so that information could be reported to our legislators factually. Further it is just as effective to talk with the aids as they pass on the information to the legislator. Further there are a lot of issues that need to be discussed. CDBG is a big issue that could be taken away in the future. Further to be attentive and become involved with issues. E-mail is a good passage for lobbying. Mainly everyone needs to get involved. Discussed the resolution process for the FLOC conference. Mayor Glover reviewed the resolutions that will be brought up by the FLOC. It was the consensus that all of the resolution will affect our area and should be lobbied by our members providing they are approved at the annual conference. Mayor Glover said Fort Walton Beach sent several legislative issues for the 2000 legislative session to be considered. They were re-evaluating funding formula for distribution of the sales tax revenue; state mandated Police & Fire pension plans; traffic; public transportation; water and education costs to be considered. The Board discussed which meeting those attending the FLOC annual conference would attend, making sure all the working group committees were covered.

Proposed 1-cent sales tax

Mayor Glover said Fort Walton Beach voted to withdraw from the letter signed by the Mayors concerning the 1-cent sales tax. The vote was taken at the regular council meeting of 8-10-99. They felt if the County was going to pursue it they did not want to be working against the County. A follow-up to the County is forthcoming. Council further wanted it known that they are not in favor of any new tax. Further discussion continued concerning the inequity of the tax distribution for the cities.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Monthly Meeting

Discussion was held concerning changing the monthly meeting to another date besides Thursday. It was consensus to hold the meetings on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 1999.

Quarterly Social Dinner

Cinco Bayou will host the quarterly dinner social on September 16, 1999 at Fort Walton Yacht Club. The cocktail hour will begin at 6PM with dinner served at 7PM. Sheriff Charlie Morris will be the guest speaker for the evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20PM.

Glenda Glover, President

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