

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1999**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

Councilman Dutch Payne-Cinco Bayou  
Mayor Glenda Glover-Fort Walton Beach  
Councilman Al Swihart-Niceville  
Commissioner Heyward Strong-Valparaiso  
Commissioner Paul Riggs-Okaloosa County

**ABSENT**

Councilwoman Brenda Bush-Crestview  
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko-Destin  
Mayor Del Dunn-Mary Esther  
Mayor Gary Combs-Shalimar

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Heyward Strong moved to approve the regular minutes of August 12, 1999. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dutch Payne and carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Reported an ending balance of \$2,657.88 as of August 31, 1999. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Fall Legislative Reception**

Mayor Glover said five sponsors have given \$100 each and three more are forthcoming which will be used to partially pay for the reception. Commissioner Strong said probably next year that Okaloosa Gas would sponsor the entire reception if we contact them earlier and suggested next year that this is done. Lucky Snapper of Destin will cater the food. Further that at least four cities will be holding their budget meetings on this date and cannot attend. Also asked that the cities who could attend to please RSVP as soon as possible. It was suggested to limit the attendees from 100 to 75.

**Update on Water Computer Model**

Commissioner Riggs said the RUA is picking up most of the remaining cost after the NFWFM pays the initial 85% of the cost.

**FLC Annual Meeting Report**

Mayor Glover said she learned a great deal from the 4 days convention and felt it was a success. Further she zeroed in on the Telecommunication portion of the conference dealing with the tax collection issues and the possible loss of revenue to the cities. Also met many officials of the Florida League of Cities during the conference. Commissioner Strong said he attended meetings of the taxation and finance committee during the conference. Discussed revenue sources for cities and the unfunded mandates from the State. Both were impressed with John Wayne Smith who is new with the League and assisted them in various ways during the conference and lobbying efforts in Tallahassee. Discussed the committee structures and strategy for the upcoming year.

**Proposed 1-cent Sales Tax**

Mayor Glover said she wrote another letter to the Commission Chairman requesting a workshop with the County and possibly to meet individually with each Commissioner. To date she has not received a response. Commissioner Riggs discussed the issue of parks and MSTU's within the County budget and asked for support from the Cities on this issue. She explained what took place at their last budget hearing in Crestview and feels this affects the cities. The consensus was for the cities to support the upcoming budget meetings at the County level if at all possible and that everyone should pay for parks. Discussion continued on various subjects of interest to both the Cities and County. Commissioner Riggs said while the parks issue is out there that we should not approach the 1-cent issue until after the County workshop in October or November. Mayor Glover and Commissioner Riggs agreed individual commissioner discussions would be appropriate before the County workshops.

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**Quarterly Dinner Social**

Mayor Glover said Cinco Bayou would be the sponsor of the dinner on September 16, 1999 at Fort Walton Yacht Club and invited everyone to attend.

**Space Coast League of Cities Resolution**

Mayor Glover asked the cities to approve Resolution 99-1, which supports the Florida space commerce partnership in working to ensure Florida remains the nation leader in space ventures. Motion was made by Councilman Al Swihart and seconded by Commissioner Paula Riggs to approve Resolution 99-1 and forward to the Space Coast League. Motion was approved unanimously. Also encouraged member cities to request their Council pass a similar resolution on this issue.

**League Name Change**

Mayor Glover said the Panhandle League of Cities changed their name to the Northwest Florida League of Cities at their breakfast meeting at the annual conference and the new logo would be available in December.

**Criminal Justice, Ethics, and Personnel**

Destin Councilman Jerry Negarian will chair this committee.

**Consideration of paying expenses for lobbying**

The subject of paying lobbying expenses was discussed. It was consensus that each individual city has been paying these expenses in the past and does not feel this should be changed at the present time. Further, if a City does not pay lobbying expenses possibly this should be reconsidered. Consensus was to put it back on the agenda for the October meeting.

**Announcements/Report from Cities**

**Niceville** – They are working on the trail and library as the two big things and they are going gung-ho.

**Cinco Bayou** – Have a project started next to City Hall, Rieker Industries and should be completed some time this fall. Thanked everyone for the phone calls and cards while he was in the hospital.

**Valparaiso** – Primary working on budget issues.

**Fort Walton Beach** - Reported traffic calming on Hwy 98 in the downtown district is moving along in an effort to slow traffic in this area; working on final budget issues; possibility of moving the traffic light to Brooks Street and Hwy 98; great Sunday in the Park at Fort Walton Landing; and lots of permitting in our downtown area thus noticeable improvements.

**Monthly Meeting Date**

Discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month as the official monthly meeting of OCLOC. Decided to continue for a period of time and then put it back on the agenda for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Glenda Glover, President

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