

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 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
Councilwoman Brenda Bush-Crestview
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko-Destin
Mayor Glenda Glover-Fort Walton Beach
Councilwoman Fay Miller-Laurel Hill
Mayor Del Dunn-Mary Esther
Commissioner Heyward Strong-Valparaiso

ABSENT

Councilman Al Swihart-Niceville
Mayor Gary Combs-Shalimar
Commissioner Paula Riggs-Okaloosa County

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Dutch Payne moved to approve the regular minutes of October 11, 1999. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Heyward Strong and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reported an ending balance of \$2,037.83 as of October 31, 1999. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Water Computer Model

Fort Walton Beach and Mary Esther reported they would wait until the water model is completed before signing any interlocal agreements with the County for the present pipeline. The NWFWM said it would take approximately 18 months to complete. Further the Cities are looking at other options for future water needs, with one being Reverse Osmosis, which is an avenue that should strongly be looked at in the future. Discussion continued concerning the water issue in Okaloosa County. Recommended member cities schedule a workshop/meeting to see how Reverse Osmosis works as the technology increases each year.

Update on proposed 1-cent Sales Tax

Mayor Glover said she has not heard from the County on this issue. Commissioner Strong said he had a good meeting with County Manager Chris Holley concerning the 1-cent sales tax. Several options were discussed for possible implementation and discussion in January 2000. It was the consensus of opinion to keep talking with the County in the future.

County Park System

Commissioner Strong asked member cities to review Leisure Services document, provided by County Manager Chris Holley, and prepare for 2000/2001 County budget meetings with a consensus from the League to support Commissioners Nicholson and Riggs on the MSTU park issue. It was agreed a resolution would be appropriate to submit during the County budget hearings. The document will be placed on the next agenda for further review and discussion. Discussion continued on the County parks issue and Commissioner Heyward Strong reported conclusions/findings from the report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Resolution 99-2-Endorsing Veterans Nursing Home in Crestview.

Mayor Glover stated most of the Cities passed a resolution endorsing Crestview's efforts to obtain a Veterans Nursing Home in their area. Further Crestview would like the League to support this action.

RESOLUTION 99-2

A RESOLUTION BY THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES ENDORSING THE CITY OF CRESTVIEW'S EFFORT TO LOCATE THE THIRD VETERANS NURSING HOME SITE IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR ENDORSEMENT FROM THE LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR AUTHENTICATION OF THE RESOLUTION BY THE PRESIDENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Del Dunn moved to approve Resolution 99-2. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Heyward Strong and unanimously approved.

Proposed Resolution 99-3-Opposition to drilling within 100 miles of shoreline

Mayor Glover stated she received a letter from Mayor Ken Beard from the City of Destin requesting the League opposes drilling near Florida's panhandle shores.

RESOLUTION 99-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL AND NATURAL GAS DRILLING WITHIN 100 MILES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S PANHANDLE SHORELINE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Dutch Payne moved to approve Resolution 99-3. Motion was seconded by Mayor Del Dunn and carried unanimously.

Further discussion continued concerning the pro and con relating to the issue.

Election of officers for calendar year 2000, to be sworn in at December Dinner Meeting

Mayor Glover said last year the election was accomplished at the December 1998 dinner meeting. Normally there is a Nominating Committee appointed in September. The Board agreed they would be the Nominating Committee and select a slate of officers to present at the December 1999 dinner meeting for a vote and installation of officers. Discussion was held and agreed that each City should have a chance to serve on the Board. Commissioner Strong recommended the Bylaws be modified to allow the officers to serve for two-year terms and member cities agreed. The Board agreed to review the Bylaws next summer for possible changes at that time. The Board discussed the difference between FLOC, NWFLC and OCLOC and the way each league handles business.

Mayor Del Dunn moved to nominate Fort Walton Beach Mayor Glenda Glover as President, Valparaiso Commissioner Heyward Strong as Vice-President and Laurel Hill Councilwoman Fay Miller as Secretary/Treasurer and present slate of officers at the December 16th Dinner meeting in Crestview. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dutch Payne and carried unanimously.

Encourage Governor to appoint Mayor Tommy McDonald to newly created Water Advisory Board

Mayor Glover requested the League support Mayor Tommy McDonald of Chipley to be appointed by the Governor to the newly created Water Advisory Board. Further this panel directly affects one of the two top legislative priorities for the NWFLC this coming year and encouraged all Cities and League to support the appointment. Councilwoman Brenda Bush moved to support Mayor Tommy McDonald of Chipley for appointment, by the Governor, to the Water Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dutch Payne NE and carried unanimously.

NWFLC Priorities

Commissioner Heyward Strong submitted priorities for the NWFLC for the 2000 legislative session. This will be presented for the coming session in 2000. OCLOC will begin in May organizing our priorities and present in June. Further we should consider moving the Legislative reception up in possibly July or August of 2000 so these priorities can be presented to our Legislators at that time. It was determined the Legislative Reception would be

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held at the end of August in 2000. Commissioner Heyward Strong will approach Okaloosa Gas to host the reception. Everyone commented about the budget hearings scheduled during this same time and will have to work around the Legislative Reception and other meeting relating to the issues to be presented to the Legislatures. Conversation continued on the different deadlines for FLC, NWFLC and OCLOC.

Meeting Date

Discussion was held concerning the best date to hold future meeting. **Motion was made by Councilman Dutch Payne to change the monthly board meetings back to the first Thursday of the month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Heyward Strong and carried unanimously.** The Board agreed it was not necessary to hold a December 1999 meeting due to the Quarterly Dinner Meeting being held on December 16th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS FROM MEMBER CITIES

Cinco Bayou: Reported Waste Management picked up 50% of the League dinner last month thus reducing the cost to Cities to approximately \$9 each. Further our Okaloosa County Deputy is on full time now with an office at City Hall and receiving great comments from citizens on the visibility of the Deputy within Town limits. Ended cleanup of the Town today and feel the Town is cleaned up pretty well now.

Crestview: Reminded Cities of the December 16th Quarterly Dinner meeting in Crestview stating each City should have their invitation letter from the Mayor. Working on the Celebration 2000 festivities and selecting an architect for the Library, which will soon be underway, and looking towards a possible Community Center. Mentioned the new float being constructed by the City for the Celebration 2000 parade on December 31st and used also for the Christmas Parade.

Destin: Discussed the library status and construction of the new Recreation Complex to be located behind City Hall which should be underway shortly to include 3 soccer fields, 4 baseball fields; 2 practice fields and a very small children's park area. Looking at acquiring additional land for expanding the Destin cemetery and putting in some parking garages in the same area that could serve some private business interest as well as the community needs. Also reminded everyone about the Christmas Parade on December 11th.

Fort Walton Beach: Reported we are in the midst of our traffic calming construction on Hwy 98 downtown to slow traffic; plans are continuing on our First Night festival on December 31st for families and anyone interested in attending for a non-alcohol event complete with closing Hwy 98 in the downtown area from 3PM until after midnight with fireworks at 12 o'clock; Publix's super market purchased the downtown Russell Outlet Mall and is planning to open soon; completed construction of a new driving range and reconstructed 4 new holes and construction soon of the clubhouse to serve both the Pines and Oaks course; and also looking for property to build a new library.

Laurel Hill: Recently completed zoning for the City which was started in 1990 and abandoned due to many issues left unresolved and has been transmitted to Tallahassee for approval. Discussed the Hobo Festival and difficulties arising from all the other festivals in the area at the same time. The festival is held in October annually. The history of the festival is when the town was chartered it comprised of hobo's or people who just dropped off the train and made their home in Laurel Hill also their school mascot is the hobo.

Mary Esther: Holding their first parade ever which will be the Veterans Day parade beginning at 2PM. It will begin on Page Bacon Road and proceed south down Mary Esther Boulevard, turn onto Hwy 98 and disburse in the Target parking lot. Invited everyone to participate if possible.

Niceville: Absent, no report.

Shalimar: Absent, no report.

Valparaiso: Working hard on the 2000 millennium including building a float that can be used for the Christmas Parade and the Celebration 2000 in Crestview. The present Chamber of Commerce would like a new building and they are in the process of putting together a committee for expansion of their present facilities. The City of Valparaiso owns the waterfront property and the City is looking at acquiring property next to the present site that will enhance the expansion from the Spence family. Valparaiso will hear a presentation tonight on the status of the expansion. This will also assist the City of Niceville because the Chambers are together at the present site.

Okaloosa County: Absent, no report.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15PM.

Glenda Glover, President

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