

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY  
LEAGUE OF CITIES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2000**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Glenda Glover called the meeting to order at 12:10pm at Cinco Bayou Town Hall.

**PRESENT**

Councilman Dutch Payne-Cinco Bayou  
Mayor Ken Beard-Destin  
Mayor Glenda Glover-Fort Walton Beach  
Councilwoman Fay Miller-Laurel Hill  
Councilman Al Swihart-Niceville

**ABSENT**

Councilwoman Brenda Bush-Crestview  
Mayor John Thomas-Mary Esther  
Mayor Gary Combs-Shalimar  
Commissioner Heyward Strong-Valparaiso  
Commissioner Ray Sansom-Okaloosa County

**ALSO PRESENT**

Councilwoman Elaine Tucker-Shalimar

**MINUTES**

Mayor Ken Beard moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 7-10-2000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Al Swihart and carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Councilwoman Fay Miller reported a beginning balance of \$2,898.99, with one check written in the amount of \$146.28, leaving an ending balance of \$2,752.71. Councilman Al Swihart moved to approved the treasurer's report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dutch Payne and carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Update on Proposed 1-cent Sales Tax**

Mayor Glover reported the Mayors, all but one, signed a letter to the County Commissioners regarding the proposed 1-cent sales tax, and was told by the County Manager that if a letter were received they probably would not answer it at this time. They are real unhappy with the way the Cities have handled the request. Would like to know how each representative feels about going one on one with each Commissioner individually to see what kind of response we could get from them. I feel it would be worth trying and would be part of our trying to build a relationship with the County. Discussed the election going on at this time and don't know if each of the commissioners would even meet with our representatives. If this does not work then we could wait until after the election and go from there as we could have a majority of new people or we may not. We probably won't be able to do anything until after the conference next week.

**Discussion on FLC 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on August 10-12, 2000**

Mayor Glover wanted to know if each representative received the letter supporting Dottie K. Reeder for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the FLC by NWFLC. All agreed they had received the information. Discussed resolutions for FLC explaining what each of the resolutions dealt with. One of the serious ones dealt with urging congress not to adopt legislation in reference to local remedy to land use disputes.

Also not to adopt religious liberties protection act which allows religious organization not to follow local laws. FLC urges Congress to adopt legislation that compels out of state vendors to collect and remit state and local sales tax, which is called E-commerce. Lastly, asking to appoint additional MPO's as the census is bringing about additional people to Florida and the need for more MPO

organizations. Mayor Glover said she does not favor MPO's as she does not believe our local organization has done anything for our area. Councilman Swihart said the same thing and does not believe the MPO is doing our area any good. Discussed local MPO, which serves our area, and the changes that have occurred over the years. Mayor Glover wanted each city to be aware of the resolutions the FLC is supporting. Each representative felt the annual conference is very educational and worth while for City representatives to attend.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Quarterly Dinner Meeting hosted by Laurel Hill

Councilwoman Fay Miller said they are working on the quarterly dinner and possibly it would be held at their local park as a catered picnic although the weather could play a part in hosting a successful meeting. Laurel Hill looks forward to everyone coming to their City.

### NWFLC Quarterly – Destin – Last week in October

At the Board meeting they are setting up their dinner quarterly somewhere in Destin in late October and wanted each representative to make a note of this. Mayor Beard offered to assist in finding a place for them to host the dinner.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS FROM CITIES

Cinco Bayou Said they are working on the budget process and it is completed with a mileage rate of 3.2. Further celebrated the Town's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hosted citizens for the event. Also working on a grant application for parks improvement.

Crestview Absent, no report.

Destin Council is considering a budget with a mileage rate of 1.6 and thinks that will be the final figure but Manager is basing his budget on 1.9 mileage rate. Passed a resolution in support of the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax to be put to referendum based on a 50/50-distribution formula. Discussed bulkhead request for end of Holiday Isle and upcoming meetings and past efforts to build on Noriego Point.

Fort Walton Beach Beginning the process for the budget on August 14<sup>th</sup> and moving along on the Clubhouse for the Golf Club. Also working on a grant to purchase property across the street from City Hall, known as the Sound Restaurant. The property will be used as a park should the City be successful in its attempt to obtain the property. A member of the Beautification Committee initiated this. Also partial demolition of the downtown Russell Mills Outlet is in the works to make way for the new Public grocery store.

Laurel Hill We have completed our annexation process on the land that was adjacent to the City and water tower and now the water tower is once again in our city limits. We are also beginning our budget process.

Mary Esther Absent, no report

Niceville Announced their new library would be opened next Saturday morning at 10am. Said he has been working on the library since 1982/83 trying to get the County co-op going. Really proud to see it finally opened but will be out of town during the opening. Also opened up 1500 feet of the Turkey Creek walkway and have another 1000 feet to end up at College Blvd where a park will be situated at the end of the walkway. Working on the budget hopefully to include a lot of street paving on streets that need to be redone. Also discussed the traffic situation, which is increasingly getting worse.

Shalimar Have completed the budget process and lowered mileage from 3.2 to 3.0. Awarded a grant to put a roof on our Town Hall and a slight expansion to our building. Would like to put a community center of some kind and tie into one of our parks. Also working on our streets and sidewalks.

Valparaiso Absent, no report. Al Swihart said Valparaiso was working on a bypass going around the north side of the ball fields, which will help the traffic situation in their area. Discussed the work going on with this project.

Okaloosa County Absent, no report.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 5, 2000 and the Quarterly dinner will be in September hosted by Laurel Hill.

## ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05pm

President Glenda Glover

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