

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY
LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER

President 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
Mayor Glenda Glover-Fort Walton Beach
Councilwoman Fay Miller-Laurel Hill
Mayor John Thomas-Mary Esther
Mayor Gary Combs-Shalimar
Commissioner Heyward Strong-Valparaiso

ABSENT

Mayor Ken Baird-Destin
Councilman Al Swihart-Niceville
Okaloosa County Commissioner

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mayor Gary Combs to approve the regular minutes of Thursday, October 5, 2000. Motion was seconded by Mayor John Thomas and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fay Miller, Treasurer, reported no official checks were written for month of October 2000, leaving a balance of \$2,600.82, which was the same as last month.

NEW BUSINESS--YELLOW RIVER RESERVOIR

Don Griffith, of Baker, Florida, discussed the potential shortage of drinking water from the Florida Aquifer and presented an overview of using the Yellow Reservoir as an available and renewable supply of water, and asked for a resolution from the League in support of the Yellow River Reservoir Project. Jerry Mitchem, Crestview, Florida, who is also a member of the Okaloosa Concerned Citizens for Water, along with Mr. Griffith, advised the reservoir would be a permanent solution to the water problem. He further advised discussions have taken place with the County Commissioners, who advised they would fund part of a feasibility study. Discussion included the benefits of the reservoir, including flood control, economic development, and recreations, and the fact that all of Okaloosa County would benefit.

After considerable discussion and thought, Councilwoman Brenda Bush moved that OCLOC prepare a resolution supporting the efforts of the Okaloosa County Water Conservation Committee on the Yellow River Reservoir Water Conservation Project, or any other water conservation projects or plans, as a solution to the increasing water shortage in Okaloosa County. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dutch Payne and carried unanimously.

Directed staff to prepare a resolution in support of the above.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2001 PRESIDENT

Brenda Bush nominated Mayor John Thomas of Mary Esther to serve as President of the OCLOC for year 2001. Motion was seconded by Dutch Payne. Discussion considered Mayor Gary Combs and Commissioner Heyward Strong as possible nominations for President. Since Mayor Combs had left the meeting, most felt he would decline the nomination due to work commitment and Commissioner Strong declined due to his involvement in the PLOC, which required extensive traveling. After discussion motion carried unanimously.

VICE -PRESIDENT

Mayor Glover nominated Councilwoman Fay Miller of Laurel Hill to serve as Vice-President of the OCLOC for year 2001. Motion was seconded by Brenda Bush and carried unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Heyward Strong nominated Councilman Dutch Payne of Cinco Bayou to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the OCLOC for year 2001. Motion was seconded by Mayor Glover and carried unanimously.

The following slate of officer will be presented at the December Dinner meeting, to be sworn in as officials of the Okaloosa County League of Cities for 2001 year:

Mayor John Thomas – President – Mary Esther
Councilwoman Fay Miller – Vice-President – Laurel Hill
Councilman Dutch Payne – Secretary/Treasurer – Cinco Bayou

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the December Dinner meeting. Suggested asking Mayor Bruce Arnold, Valparaiso, to install the new officers. The December meeting is hosted by Mary Esther and will be held on 12-14-00 at Soundside.

Commissioner Heyward Strong recommended the Bylaws be amended for officers of the OCLOC to serve a 2-year term and would discuss the proposed change at the Annual Dinner meeting on 12-14-00.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO

Heyward Strong encouraged members to attend the Legislative Conference in Orlando if possible as it is a very informative conference.

REQUEST FROM CITIES SUBMITTED TO REP. MELVIN

Mayor Glover reminded member cities to submit their project list as soon as possible. Further the Cities need to track issues affecting them and work closely with Rep. Jerry Melvin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS FROM CITIES

- Cinco Bayou Councilman Payne mentioned the Veterans Day Memorial Service at Beal Cemetery on November 11.
- Crestview Discussed history regarding projects on-going in the City including downtown development.
- Fort Walton Beach Mayor Glover announced that plans are moving ahead for the new library and police and fire facilities.
- Laurel Hill No report.
- Mary Esther Mayor Thomas announced the Veterans Day Parade on November 11.
- Shalimar No Report
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- Valparaiso No report.
- Okaloosa County No report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

