

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY
LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Brenda Bush called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT:

Cinco Bayou	Mayor Sara Carroll
Crestview	Councilwoman Brenda Bush
Destin	Mayor Craig Barker
Fort Walton Beach	Mayor Glenda Glover
Laurel Hill	Councilwoman Faye Miller
Mary Esther	Mayor John Thomas
Niceville	None
Shalimar	Commissioner Elaine Tucker
Valparaiso	Councilman Heyward Strong
Oakloosa County	Commissioner Shirley Ramsom
Eglin Air Force Base	None

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Manager/Clerk Nell Webb – Cinco Bayou

ABSENT:

Mayor Randall Wise – Niceville
Representative Eglin Air Force Base

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Councilman Strong to approve the August minutes and seconded by Mayor Glover and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

President read the Treasurers Report for Mayor Carroll as follows: Balance as of July 31, 2002 - \$3,688.45. Motion to approve the August report was made by Councilman Strong and was seconded by Mayor Thomas and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Bush noted that Mayor Carroll, Mayor Thomas, and Mayor Barker were selected to serve on the nominating committee. Mayor Carroll stated that the committee will meet after the OCLOC luncheon meeting. President Bush stated she had a list of items to be discussed for the By-Laws Committee and had passed them out to the committee members to be discussed at the October meeting.

President Bush noted that several cities and town officials had attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference and as Councilman Strong to give a brief report

on the conference. Councilman Strong stated that the conference was a great success. That there had been a lot of controversy but that overall the conference was benefit to all that attended. President Bush read a letter of appreciation from Clay Ford who was elected as the second vice president. It was the consensus of the Executive Board for President Bush to send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Ford.

Mayor Thomas asked if the Board was going to elect an outstanding statesman of the year. It was decided that the results would be tallied at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Ransom stated that because of the disagreement with Laurel Hill and the County and the PAWS contract that all the cities should send a representative to the next county board meeting in support of Laurel Hill. It was in reference to the county manager disallowing the Laurel Hill attorney to be on the agenda.

There was much discussion about different ways the League could use money to help cities send representatives to the conference.

Councilman Strong said he would check into getting Okaloosa County on the list for hosting the FLOC annual conference. That they book five years out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS FROM CITIES:

Cinco Bayou – Mayor Carroll invited each to the dedication of the Liberty Elm trees which will be dedicated to the victims of the September 11, 2001 events. She also requested that each city representative share their Town Manager evaluation process with Cinco Bayou.

Crestview - Councilwoman Bush stated they are growing continually. They are getting ready for the flag uprising.

Destin - Mayor Craig Barker stated they have changed the heights of buildings. They are working on a new Comp Plan for the Harbor.

Fort Walton Beach – Mayor Glover stated everything is going well. The police station is making progress, looking forward to hosting the quarterly dinner. They have been monitoring the improvements to the golf course.

Laurel Hill – Councilwoman Miller stated the city of Laurel Hill will host the December quarterly dinner at the Shoal River Country Club.

Mary Esther - Mayor Thomas reported that the city cannot restrict any entrance or exit to Oak Street Park by opening Anderson Drive. They had meeting concerning their water problem. They have come up with several solutions but they are very expensive. They are raising their advalorem taxes.

Niceville – No Representative present.

Shalimar – Commissioner Elaine Tucker stated that BFI had lowered their rates for the business customers. They will go out for bids again next year. She thanked all present for their support in her election.

Valparaiso – Councilman Strong stated they raised the millage rate for various reasons.

Okaloosa County – Commissioner Ramson stated they were having their final budget hearing on September 12th and September 24th.

Eglin Air Force Base – No one was present from Eglin.

NEXT MEETING: Will be October 3, 2002

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Brenda D.E. Bush

Councilwoman Brenda Bush

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Date Approved

