

CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2007
6:00 P.M.

AMENDED
AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INVOCATION:** *City Manager William P. Shanahan, Jr.*
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES NO**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *November 26, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*
November 26, 2007 Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATION:

Proclamation: *USS Georgia (SSGN729) Day*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- VI. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** *NONE*
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **2008 ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWALS**.....TAB "A"
 - B. **2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**.....TAB "B"
 - C. **SATILLA PROBATION CONTRACT:** *St. Marys Municipal Court*.....TAB "C"
 - D. **NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE:**.....TAB "D"
Lucky Dawgs of St. Marys, LLC d/b/a Lucky Dawgs
 - E. **ALCOHOL LICENSE CHANGE FROM 2007 TO 2008:** *Kick Back Café*.TAB "E"
 - F. **CORRECTIVE RESOLUTION:** *City Property to DDA*.....TAB "F"
 - G. **JOINT RESOLUTION:** *Opposing HR 900*.....TAB "G"
 - H. **DECEMBER 24TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** *Discussion*
 - I. **WATER/SEWER MASTER PLAN UPDATE:** *JJ& G Task Order*.....TAB "H"
 - J. **WATER/SEWER BOND**.....TAB "I"

- K. **RESOLUTION:** *Transfer City Property and Easement to Chuck Trader....* TAB “J”
- L. **ALLTEL TOWER AGREEMENT.**..... TAB “K”
- M. **CONSTRUCTION FEES:** *Discussion (REMOVED)*
- N. **WATER ISSUE:** *Councilmember Blount (ADDED)*
- IX. **REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **AIRPORT AUTHORITY:** *Three Appointments.....* TAB “L”
 - B. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:** *Two Appointments.....* TAB “M”
 - C. **TREE BOARD:** *Two Appointments.....* TAB “N”
 - D. **ST. MARYS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:** *Seven Terms Expire in January*
 - E. **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - 1. Waterfront Theatre
- X. **REPORT OF MAYOR:**
- XI **REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:**
- XII. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**
- XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Legal & Personnel (REMOVED)*
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for its regular City Council session on Monday, December 10, 2007 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Rowland Eskridge
Councilmember Gary Blount
Councilmember William DeLoughy
Councilmember Larry Johnson
Councilmember Jerry Lockhart
Councilmember Gull Weaver

ABSENT WERE: Councilmember LJ Williams

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: William Shanahan, City Manager
Max Tinsley, Asst. City Manager
Amanda Blackledge, City Attorney
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Wiley King, Building Director
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director
Alyce Thornhill, Economic Development Director
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Marsha Hershberger, Asst. Finance Director
Kathe Loeffler, Municipal Court Judge
Lt. Roger Wooten, Sergeant-At-Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eskridge called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The City Manager gave the invocation. Mayor Eskridge led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Council roll call indicated a quorum of council members present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *November 26, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minute*
November 26, 2007 Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the November 26, 2007 Regular City Council meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the November 26, 2007 Water/Sewer Committee meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Blount seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the November 26, 2007 Finance Committee meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

PROCLAMATION: *USS Georgia (SSGN729) Day*

Mayor Eskridge read a proclamation designating March 28th 2008 as USS Georgia SSGN 729 Day to support and welcome the crew members, families, and friends.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to move the appointments of Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions after the approval of the agenda and remove Item "K" from the agenda. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY: *Three Appointments*

Mayor Eskridge stated that eight (8) prospective Candidates were interested in serving on the Airport Authority and each Councilmember will vote three times until the appointments were filled. Voting was recorded as follows:

Robert Becker: 0

Roger Rillo: 0

*James Starline: Councilmember's Lockhart, Blount and Johnson

Ronnie Smith: Councilmember DeLoughy

Stan Smith: Councilmember's Blount and Johnson

James Steele: Councilmember's DeLoughy and Weaver

*Steve Swanson: Councilmember's Lockhart, Blount, DeLoughy and Weaver

LJ Williams: Councilmember's Weaver and Johnson

The last seat was tied between Stan Smith, Jim Steele and LJ Williams. Voting was recorded as follows:

Stan Smith: Councilmember's Blount

*James Steele: Councilmember's Lockhart, Weaver and DeLoughy

LJ Williams: Councilmember Johnson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: *Two Appointments*

Mayor Eskridge stated that four (4) prospective candidates people were interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Commission and each Councilmember will vote two times until the appointments were filled.

George Beaver requested to address Council before voting on the Historic Preservation appointments.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to grant audience to Mr. Beaver. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Beaver spoke in support of reappointing Tom Cyphers and Ann Stacy to the Commission.

Voting was recorded as follows:

*Thomas Cyphers: Councilmember's Blount, Weaver and Johnson

Kyle Lewis: Councilmember's Lockhart and DeLoughy

*Ann Stacy: Councilmember's Blount, DeLoughy, Johnson, Lockhart and Weaver

Rob West: 0

TREE BOARD: *Two Appointments*

Mayor Eskridge stated that only one of the incumbents, Jim Greer was interested in serving another term on the Tree Board. Councilmember Blount made a motion to reappoint Jim Greer to the Tree Board. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Sandy Feller, resident thanked the administration for being very forthcoming with his request for information regarding the bond issue. Mr. Feller quoted the approximate figures for the water/sewer bond as \$43,000,000 bond and debt service \$2,700,000 for expenditures. On the revenue side, payments will be funded through Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and capital recovery fees. He also questioned whether the tap fee increase was implemented to \$9,900 per house.

Councilmember DeLoughy stated that tap fees were on a fee schedule to increase in the beginning of each fiscal year. Councilmember Blount stated that the incremental scale was based on the previous bond issue, which could be readdressed after the new bond is completed. The City Manager stated that the \$9,900 also includes a construction fee.

OLD BUSINESS: *NONE*

There was no "Old Business" for Council consideration at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2008 ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWALS

The City Manager and City Clerk recommended approval of the 2008 Alcohol License renewals. This year, 38 businesses renewed their alcohol licenses, totaling \$62,370 in revenues.

Businesses conducting Sunday sales of alcohol provided annual sales records for prepared meals or food which derives at least 50% of their total annual gross income.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the 2008 Alcohol License renewals. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. 2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The City Manager stated that the City Clerk requested approval of the City of St. Marys 2008 Holiday Schedule. The City's Personnel Policy provides the terms for the holiday schedule each year. Twelve paid holidays are observed for full-time employees in accordance with this policy. Holidays that fall on Sundays will be observed the following Monday. While holidays that fall on Saturdays are observed the preceding Friday. Each year a new holiday schedule is approved on or before the first City Council meeting in January. The City Manager recommended approval because it is a continuation of the current Policy.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the 2008 Holiday Schedule as presented. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. SATILLA PROBATION CONTRACT: St. Marys Municipal Court

The City Manager recommended approval of the contract to provide probation supervision and rehabilitation services for St. Marys Municipal Court. Satilla Probation Management Corporation provides general probation supervision, fine collection services, counseling and other probation services for persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses in the Municipal Court of the City of St. Marys. This contract is renewed annually beginning on January 1, 2008 and expires December 31, 2008.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Satilla Probation Contract for St. Marys Municipal Court. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Councilmember Weaver recommended approving the contract for six months so the City could go out for bid, see what else is available and resolve some issues. The City Manager stated that the contract is set up so it could be terminated with 30-days notice and the City is researching whether probation could be done in-house. Councilmember Blount stated that serious consideration should be given to an in-house program because he is dissatisfied with the escalating fees associated with the service, especially for those who cannot afford to pay the fines.

Judge Loeffler stated that the Court has a good working relationship with Satilla. There was an in-house program in another city but that program failed and they are back with a private probation service. She further stated the court is interested in the "Victim Impact Panel" (VIP) that Satilla has implemented recently. The program is an added requirement for those on probation for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) convictions. Anyone who has been sentenced with VIP must come to listen to people whose lives have been negatively impacted by DUI's. Judge Loeffler urged Council to sign the contract with Satilla. The City Attorney read the clause in the contract regarding termination. Following much discussion, voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE: *Lucky Dawgs of St. Marys, LLC d/b/a Lucky Dawgs*

The City Manager and City Clerk recommended approval to advertise Lucky Dawgs of St. Marys, LLC 2008 Alcohol License for sale of beer and wine. Wesley Rose has made application for an alcohol license for Lucky Dawgs located at 1550 Point Peter Road for the sale of beer and wine for consumption on premises with food. Mr. Rose has leased the building from Mom & Pop Stores, Inc. to conduct business as a restaurant. The public hearing will be held on January 14, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve advertising for a public hearing for Lucky Dawgs new alcohol license. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. ALCOHOL LICENSE CHANGE FROM 2007 TO 2008: *Kick Back Café*

The City Manager recommended approval of Kick Back Café request to change the 2007 Alcohol License for sale of beer/wine/spirituous liquor, on-premise consumption with food to a 2008 license. On October 8, 2007, Council approved a 60-day extension alcohol license for Kick Back Café, contingent upon final inspection by the Fire Marshal. Mr. Atrash has submitted a letter, which is attached, requesting an extension into 2008 and to change the license to 2008 instead of 2007. The change will not affect the contingency, only the date on top of the application.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve Kick Back Cafés extension from a 2007 license to 2008. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR
Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lockhart
Councilmember Weaver

ABSTAINED
Councilmember Blount

F. CORRECTIVE RESOLUTION: *City Property to DDA*

The City Manager recommended approval to correct the resolution authorizing the conveyance of real property belonging to the City of St. Marys to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). On January 8, 2007, Council approved the deeding of three (3) parcels of land lying generally in the following sections: Southeast corner of Block 4 on Tax Map S41, an unopened portion of Dillingham Street located between Block 4 and 5 on Tax Map S36 and an unopened portion of Comeau Street shown as Tax Map Parcel S35-03-007 in the City of St. Marys to the DDA. A title search by Attorney Charlie Smith found that the resolution had the code listed incorrectly. Mr. Smith is submitting a new resolution to reflect the correction. Attorney Charlie Smith has submitted a new resolution with the correction.

Councilmember Lockhart made a motion to approve the corrective resolution for City property to the DDA. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. The City Manager stated that the

current resolution cited a non-existing code, surveyed areas were not attached nor identified and the City did not own all the land in the original resolution. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

G. JOINT RESOLUTION: Opposing HR900

The City Manager recommended approving a joint resolution with Camden County, cities of Kingsland, St. Marys and Woodbine and the Camden County Board of Education in opposition to House Resolution (HR) 900 as currently proposed. Many governments throughout the state are following suit by opposing the resolution. HR900 shifts revenues from local property taxes to a new state sales tax which could be more costly to those who can least afford to pay more taxes. This would also remove any decision making abilities/home rule by local officials and citizens by requiring all decision making to be made at a state level. The county and cities are concerned that such a tax reform would limit the local county and city officials' ability to meet the needs and services of its communities. To the Camden County School System, a shift in taxes would be detrimental to federal funding.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the joint resolution as presented.

Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge stated that according to Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), HR900 is off the table and another version will be presented but not as HR900. Councilmember DeLoughy stated that it would be renamed and it zeros in on school boards and Camden County would lose \$5,000,000 of federal impact fees.

Councilmember Johnson agrees that there are many problems with HR 900 and opposes it.

However, since it is a work in progress, he will abstain at this point because we are premature in voting on a joint resolution and it may hurt our position. It is less than a work in progress, only that a sales tax will be charged. Councilmember DeLoughy further stated that he believes in tax reform but wants details and information before the House of Representatives vote on something they know nothing about on January 4th, only three days after the Legislature is back in session.

Voting for the joint resolution was recorded as follows:

FOR

Councilmember Blount
Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Lockhart
Councilmember Weaver

ABSTAINED

Councilmember Johnson

H. DECEMBER 24TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Discussion

Mayor Eskridge questioned whether Council would like to postpone the meeting or cancel it due to the Christmas holidays.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to cancel the December 24th City Council Meeting.

Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I. WATER/SEWER MASTER PLAN UPDATE: JJ&G Task Order

The City Manager recommended approval to authorize Jordan, Jones and Goulding (JJ&G) to update the Water and Sewer Master Plan for the City. In 2004, the City hired JJ&G to update the water and sewer master plan. However, shortly after the adoption of the master plan, the City

experienced an influx of large developments. With the associated population growth rate and subsequent interest in St. Marys, the master plan projections were greatly underestimated. As a result, the City's wastewater treatment facilities capacities were exceeded. This resulted in a Consent Order imposed by EPD in which one of the conditions is to update the water and sewer master plan to incorporate the growth. This update must be completed prior to December 2008. The task order is in the amount of \$65,133.00, which is in the water and sewer budget.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the Water Sewer Master Plan Update by JJ&G's Task Order. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Councilmembers and JJ&G Engineer Eric Nease discussed the costs of the original master plan, additional costs, building permits submitted, and updates every 5-years for the next 20-years. Following much discussion, voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

J. WATER/SEWER BOND

The City Manager recommended approval of a resolution to approve the Interest Rate Management Plan and the Underwriting Agreement for the issuance of the 2007 bonds for the water and sewer system and granting the Mayor the authority to sign any related documents, including but not limited to the swap plan and intergovernmental contracts, and to ratify all actions taken up to this point with regards to issuance of these bonds. This resolution allows the City to continue with a process that has already been approved by Council in order to obtain financing necessary to acquire, construct, and equip extensions and improvements to the water and sewerage system.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Bond. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Councilmember Blount requested clarification of the debt service from Bill Johnson, Bank of America Sureties. Mr. Johnson discussed the schedule, bond insurance commitments, interest rate management plan and the final steps of the bond. A copy of the brief is available for review in the City Clerk's office. Mayor Eskridge stated that the funds will be advanced and available to the City. Bank of America will work with the city to invest the funds not used for a rate equivalent to the rate the city is paying on the loan. The interest will be a wash. If more interest is required, any money owed above the rate will need to be paid down within a two year construction fund or an adjustment will need to be made with the federal government. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

K. RESOLUTION: Transfer City Property and Easement to Chuck Trader (REMOVED)

L. ALLTEL TOWER AGREEMENT

The City Manager stated that Alltel requests entering into an Agreement with Alltel Communications, Inc., and to allow Alltel to change out equipment at the City site already utilized pursuant to a 1995 agreement for a 10 year term. A Reciprocal Antenna Tower Lease Agreement was entered into in 1995 between the City and Georgia RSA #12 Partnerships, which has been succeeded in interest by Alltel. The Agreement shall be an amendment to the original Lease Agreement. The City Manager recommended approval as long as Alltel could provide a letter from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) stating that the FAA does not have a problem with the antenna being 15 feet higher than the water tower on Dandy Street.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the Alltel Tower amended agreement. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

M. CONSTRUCTION FEES: *Discussion (REMOVED)*

N. WATER ISSUE: *Councilmember Blount (ADDED)*

Councilmember Blount stated that a water issue by Frank Smith at 209A Dillingham Street was brought before the Water/Sewer Committee several months ago and three years prior regarding reconnection costs for water services at the property. The last date of service for Georgia Power was presented to the Committee several years ago as April 2, 2003. There is a two year limit for reconnection costs. The point is that the original request to reconnect was within the two year time frame of 2003. The City did not show water services for the property since 2001 but someone was living there in 2003 if they had electric service. The landlord would not know if there was water service or not because they are not responsible for turning it off and on. The Assistant City Manager stated that the reconnection (capital Recovery) fee is 10% of \$6,400.00, which is equivalent to \$640.00 plus a \$100.00 deposit and \$175.00 for a new meter, if required. The City Manager stated that the costs were close to \$1,000.00. Councilmember Blount questioned what the costs would be if reconnection was within the 2 year limit. The Assistant City Manager stated that costs would be a deposit of \$100.00, if there were no equipment fees. Councilmember Weaver stated that the City has not had revenue from this property since 2001.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to allow Mr. Smith to have the water service back without the fees/deposit only, unless there are equipment charges that need to be enhanced and done. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Councilmember DeLoughy questioned whether we know or do not know if this man showed good faith and did everything that was necessary on his part. Councilmember Blount stated that we would not know either way. When property is rented one must assume that the renter turns on all the utilities. The City Attorney gave a legal opinion that the City should follow what is in the current ordinance. She also suggested if an ordinance needs to be changed the motion should be made to review the ordinance, instead of case by case problems because the concern is that many other citizens may come before Council with the same request.

Councilmember Blount amended the motion stating upon review of the water departments records to see if a request was made within the 24-month period of the last time a tenant was at the address. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

A. AIRPORT AUTHORITY: *Three Appointments (MOVED)*

B. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: *Two Appointments (MOVED)*

C. TREE BOARD: *Two Appointments (MOVED)*

D. ST. MARYS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: *Seven Terms Expire in January*

Mayor Eskridge announced the upcoming expirations and anyone that is interested in an appointment should provide a letter of intent to the City Clerk before the January 14th Council meeting. Councilmember DeLoughy suggested a rotation in voting so the same Council Members do not vote first or last, every year.

E. PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Waterfront Theatre

Councilmember Lockhart stated that the Property Committee met to discuss planning and architectural drawings for the waterfront theatre. Over the last eight years, there were many changes to the design, change orders and costs incurred that have gotten totally out of control. Originally, the plan for the building was less than \$1,000,000 but with the present scenario the cost is over \$4,000,000. The Committee recommended meeting with the two architects to set them on a true, hard and fast position of what this theatre needs to be and what the City could afford. The basic goal was to build a theatre based on the second set of drawings submitted approximately 4-years ago. There would be a theater style seating arrangement, stage and necessary lighting associated with a theater. Since it is called multi-cultural, many groups wanted to do different things. It was determined that it could be called a multi-cultural building but basically it should be good for the performing arts program in Camden County, for theatre groups, piano recitals, and groups of 200 people could have seminars with speakers. The Committee gave the architect a clear picture of what the City wanted and could afford. It was requested that the Committee look at the numbers for the basic building, on the new site with the building placed if a deck was built on the rear and the parking lot. The idea is for the basic building as envisioned over 6-years ago. Council has already approved the items discussed in the committee meeting so there is no need for a vote tonight.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

- November 22-24, 2007 – Meeting with the Environmental Protection Division and JJ&G in Atlanta with the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director regarding water and sewer.
- November 29, 2007 – Attended a Public Service Authority (PSA) Board meeting, presented a Proclamation at Orange Hall and met with a newly elected councilmember.
- December 5, 2007 – Visited the St. Marys Railroad building to look at it for a potential city hall. Mayor Eskridge thanked the Planning Director for working on a design.
- December 6, 2007 – Attended a Property Committee meeting to discuss the theatre.
- December 7, 2007 – Attended a ribbon cutting at Saturday Park for a new medical facility.
- December 8, 2007 – Judged the Chili Contest in Kingsland.
- December 10, 2007 – Meeting with the PSA, bank and bond people.

The Assistant City Manager briefed Council on the Geographic Information System (GIS) Training. Training will be provided by Valdosta State University on December 13-14 for 13 City staff members at half the cost. Employees from Planning, Public Works, Police, Clerk, Building, Fire and IT Departments will participate in Level I and Level II training. The Subase is sponsoring the program by making available the facility and computers. It is a way for the

City to receive training at a fraction of the costs. The City Manager provided an example of the value of the GIS program used in Savannah. While performing a study for the park system, someone drilled through the roadbed into a gas line. The road was repaved but the lines were not marked where the pipes or valves were located. After checking the GIS maps, the cut off valves were located within a couple minutes and a potential catastrophe was averted.

Mayor Eskridge read the calendar of events, activities and meetings.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

- Point Peter Waste Water Treatment Plant Renovation – On schedule and will be running by June 2008.
- St. Marys Road and Kings Bay Road Traffic Signals – Received the notice to proceed from the State. Metro Power has set all the strain poles and began installation with traffic signal assemblies scheduled to be delivered by mid-January and projected to be completed by January 2008.
- Meeting Street Boat Ramp Parking Lot – Striping will be completed by the end of the year after meeting with the Saltwater Fishing Club for input on the layout. Light poles were installed.
- Spur 40 Sewer Extension – Public Works Department is currently in the process of developing a Request For Proposals (RFP) from engineering firms to design sewer extensions for the annexed areas adjacent to Spur 40.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Kay Sullivan, thanked the Public Works Department for decorating the City and Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Williams and Mr. Blount for their service to the City for the past years. Mrs. Sullivan invited everyone to visit Devon Drive during the holidays to see the light displays and luminaries.

Mark McCabe, resident stated that about four months ago there was a great upgrade to the water and sewer system. However, they are still experiencing a serious downgrade in pavement throughout the entire Bishop Street and Bishop Circle area.

The Public Works Director stated that the contract came in today and will be forwarded to City Hall for signatures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Legal (Personnel Removed)

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Mayor and Council adjourned to executive session at 8:01 p.m., returning at 8:12 p.m. with Mayor Eskridge calling the Council meeting back to order.

LEGAL

Councilmember Blount made a motion for the adoption of a resolution to authorize the settlement for Harbor Pines Apartments. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Eskridge stated that it was a pleasure working with Councilmember's Blount, Lockhart and Williams and thanked them for their service.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Blount made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk