

CITY OF LABELLE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of LaBelle met in Regular Session at City Hall on January 13, 2011. Mayor Puletti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Lyons led the opening prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance. A roll call was taken. All Board members were present.

Commissioner Bone made a motion to approve the consent agenda containing:

- 1.) December 2010 vouchers and paid bills
- 2.) Minutes from the November 18, 2010 and December 9, 2010 Regular Commission Meetings.

Commissioner Lyons seconded the Motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Deputy City Clerk read by title proposed Ordinance No. 2011-01 Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report Process. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF LABELLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 2010-04, AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; CHANGING THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: FUTURE LAND USE, TRAFFIC CIRCULATION, HOUSING, CONSERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; REMOVING THE CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND ANNEXATION ELEMENTS; ADDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. As it was a first reading, no additional action was necessary.

Fire Chief – Ray Pittman was not present.

H.S.O. – Lt. Minnie Bryant was not present.

City Engineer – AIM Engineering – David Whidden was not present.

City Engineer – ATM Engineer – Tim Taylor reported on chemical adjustments being made to the current water system to achieve maximum quality. He advised that a new well had been installed and a request made to D.E.P for a permit to start using the well.

City Attorney – Jimmy Luckey was not present. Mayor Puletti explained that Attorney Owen Luckey had lost two family members, his father and his brother-in-law, in recent days and was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Attorney Jimmy Luckey had made prior arrangements to be out of state. Any legal matter that may come up will be forwarded to the Luckey Law Firm. He advised that the City Attorney's were trying to reach the attorney's from Waste Services Inc. to work out the necessary details to the updated contract. He also advised that a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th in West Palm Beach, with R.U.S to discuss bonding and financing that would allow moving forward with the new water treatment plant. He advised the Board that they were all welcome to come along if they chose to do so.

Superintendent of Public Works – Michael A. Boyle reported that the Martin Luther King, Jr. project was basically done and that work was continuing on sidewalk repairs around town. Mayor Puletti commented on the improvement the project had made to the community. He announced a ribbon cutting that would take place on Monday, at 10:00 a.m. just prior to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March and celebrations. He invited all Board members to attend.

City Planner – Shellie Johnson had no report.

Finance Director- Ron Zimmerly advised that he received a call from RKO Industries advising that the investors would be in town on Tuesday and would like to arrange a meeting with City officials.

Under *Business By Commissioners*, Commissioner Bone brought up the e-mail sent by a resident of N. Riverview St. asking for help to slow traffic on that street for the safety of small children living there. There was discussion on the matter. It was decided a stop sign would be installed at the corner of North Riverview and Oklahoma Ave.

Commissioner Akin recommended beginning a wish list for sidewalk repairs. He also asked about the co-ordination between the Hendry County Sheriff's Department and Animal Control. There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Puletti advised that he would like to fill the vacancy on the Rec. Board and give up his position with the Regional Planning Council. **Commissioner Zimmerly made a motion to approve Mayor Puletti as the Rec. Board member and Commissioner Akin as the member of the Regional Planning Council. Commissioner Bone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1.**

Mayor Puletti discussed the expansion of Edison State College and the possibility of them leasing some space in the Kenny Wallace building. There was discussion on whether the jobs brought with Edison would count towards the new jobs creation number needed to comply with the terms of the grant. He asked Superintendent Boyle to contact Mr. Bob Jones about a corner of the property that needs to be maintained, and discussed the gateway to the college at the corner of State Road 80 and Forrey Drive.

Mayor Puletti made mention of the recent citywide yard sale and the success of the event that has prompted the Chamber to request another one be held in March. He announced that two more Farmer's Markets would be held this season and that they too had been successful. He discussed the possibility of putting together something that would attract people to come to LaBelle for a day trip. It was decided the Hendry County Tourist Development Council may be able to help.

Mayor Puletti brought up the issue of losing salary at his job with the Hendry County School Board while conducting necessary business, as the Mayor, for the City of LaBelle. He advised that the City Charter provides for a method to increase the additional compensation by ordinance. He asked the Board to consider that if a City Commissioner can show that they have lost job earning while conducting business for the City, that the City would compensate them for that loss. There was discussion on the matter. It was decided that additional thought and discussion on the matter would be necessary.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Paul K. Puletti, Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:

David A. Lyons, Clerk-Commissioner