

CITY OF LABELLE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Mayor Puletti called the Regular Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner 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.) March 2011 vouchers and paid bills
- 2.) Minutes from the March 10, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting.
- 3.) Florida League of Cities Civility Proclamation

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

Mayor Puletti introduced a student of his, Wesley Huffman, who came to observe and learn about local government.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND CITIZENS CONCERNS contained the following:

Mr. David Miller, Facility Manager in LaBelle, for Waste Services of Florida, Inc., spoke to the Board regarding recent pricing issues. He provided data on service increases dating back to February of 2006. He detailed and discussed each increase. It was noted that the increase was for commercial customers only. Attorney Luckey reviewed the recent changes made to the proposed contract submitted by Waste Services. There was discussion on the removal of *white goods*, furniture, appliances etc. After some additional discussion, **Commissioner Lyons made a motion to execute the contract with the wording stating that *white goods* in question to be removed regardless of Freon, at the expense of the City. Commissioner Bone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

New Business contained an issue of placing a moratorium on Zoning Approvals for Pain Management Clinics. Attorney Luckey explained that the Florida Legislature had recently enacted some very strict guide lines for the operation of Pain Management Clinics within the State of Florida. There was some discussion on the matter. Attorney Luckey advised that the City should not take any further action.

Under *Staff Reports*:

Fire Chief – Ray Pittman – was not present

H.S.C.O. – Lt. Bryant had no report.

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

City Engineer – ATM Engineering – Tim Taylor and Superintendent Boyle reported on the ongoing adjustments being made to the nano filtration system. Mr. Taylor also gave an update on the new R.O. plant permit application process. He and Superintendent Boyle discussed some issues being addressed at the wastewater plant.

City Attorney – Jimmy Luckey reported that the waiting period for the Bond Validation Hearing runs next week and can then be submitted for approval.

Superintendent of Public Works – Michael Boyle – had no additional report.

City Planner – Shellie Johnson – was not present.

City Finance Director – Ron Zimmerly – had no report.

Under *Correspondence Requesting Action*, was a letter from LaBelle High School requesting a donation from the City to help fund Project Graduation. Mayor Puletti additional asked the Board to consider once again paying for the mini diplomas at a cost of about \$800. **Commissioner Zimmerly made a motion to make a donation of up to \$500.00 for Project Graduation and to pay for the diplomas if the funds are available. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Puletti commented on how the Hendry County Value Adjustment Board's decisions have a direct effect on the City's tax roll, and the City has no representation on that Board. He continued by saying by statute the City was not allowed to have representation. He discussed it briefly.

Superintendent Boyle reminded everyone that Relay for Life would be held Saturday.

Commissioner Lyons asked about the Night on the Town event, and about the potential clean up at the R.K.O. facility.

Commissioner Zimmerly mentioned the parking of semi trucks in a residential neighborhood.

Commissioner Bone brought the issue of abandoned houses in the Sunset Park area. What could be done about it was discussed briefly. Mayor Puletti suggested that the City start the notice process on those properties.

Commissioner Akin suggested that the issuing of notices on abandoned property should be citywide. Mayor Puletti asked that Code Enforcement start issuing notices on all abandoned property in the City.

Commissioner Lyons mentioned some issues with signs that were not up to the code requirements.

Mayor Puletti announced that The Mayor's Prayer Luncheon was scheduled for May 5th. He also asked to remember Martha Singleton who has lost some family members recently.

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

APPROVED:

Paul K. Puletti, Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:

David A. Lyons, Clerk-Commissioner