

CITY OF LABELLE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of LaBelle met in Regular Session on Thursday, July 14, 2011. Mayor Puletti called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Lyons led the opening prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance. A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present.

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

- 1.) June 2011 vouchers and paid bills
- 2.) Minutes from the June 9, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting.

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

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

1. Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance #2011-03 South LaBelle Village DRI, City Planner, Shellie Johnson, asked for a First Reading of the Ordinance and advised the Board that the applicant is requesting the L.P.A. and Final Public Hearing to be rescheduled for September 8th. With that, Mayor Puletti read by title proposed Ordinance No. 2011-03. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE ADOPTING A DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRI), KNOWN AS SOUTH LABELLE VILLAGE AND IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF LAND COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 1,018 ACRES IN SECTIONS 19 & 20, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST AND SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AS DESCRIBED IN "EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR A DEVELOPMENT ORDER; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Puletti asked for any public comment. As there was none, the L.P.A. and Final Public Hearing was rescheduled for September 8, 2011. This was a first reading and no further action was necessary.
2. A petition signed by residents of Sabal Palm Court, requesting speed bumps placed on that street to slow traffic. It was decided that a speed bump would be placed in the middle of that street.

Mayor Puletti addressed a request being made by Life Ministries Church for a yard sale. The request was approved.

Under Staff Reports:

Fire Chief, Ray Pittman- was not present

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

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

City Engineer – ATM Engineering – Tim Taylor reported that the installation of all of the post chemical feed system, at the water treatment plant, was finished and a certificate of completion had been submitted to D.E.P. A permit application for the acid feed system had also been submitted. He discussed it briefly. He discussed the consumptive use permit and the allocation of 1.05 million gallons per day, and advised that the current allocation would not be enough to run the new plant. However, the water for that plant would be drawn from another source. Superintendent Boyle discussed the matter further.

Mr. Taylor then turned his attention to discussion of the new water treatment plant. He reported on recent comments from R.U.S. concerning some features of the design and advised that some minor adjustments were being made. He further advised that once

approval has been received the project would be ready to go to the bid process.

Mr. Taylor discussed briefly the head works at the waste water treatment plant. Superintendent Boyle advised that a redesign and permitting process was underway. Mr. Taylor told the Board that he was going to do a preliminary engineering report on what it would take to operate the plant with a reclaimed water production system for possible golf course use.

City Attorney – Jimmy Luckey reported on the recent discussions concerning the access points and utility easements on Helms Road. Some issues on the drainage are yet to be resolved. He advised the Board an amendment to the original agreement had been drafted that eliminates the need for Hendry County’s participation. **Commissioner Bone made a motion to execute the amendment to the right-of-way agreement with the Paul Family concerning Helms Road.** Attorney Luckey advised that the only difference between the original document and the amended one was the slight moving of some access points and the removal of the requirement for Hendry County’s approval. **Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

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

City Planner – Shellie Johnson – advised that the ordinance adopting the E.A.R. would be coming for a first reading in August along with the Landscape/Tree Ordinance addressing the Tree City, U.S.A. requirements. Attorney Luckey advised the ordinance addressing the commercial waste franchise would also be heard. There was a brief discussion on the matter. Ms. Johnson advised that she had been officially accepted on the Board of the Economic Development Council and was available to hear suggestions or ideas from the Commission.

City Finance Director – Ron Zimmerly reminded the Board of the upcoming budget workshop next Thursday at 5:00 p.m. He advised that he was working with D.E.P on the scope of work concerning the storm water project for North LaBelle.

Mr. Zimmerly advised that there had been discussion with two design groups on the possible golf course. There was discussion on the matter.

Commissioner Lyons asked about the Wharf Project and Mr. Zimmerly gave the Board an update.

Mr. Zimmerly advised that health insurance costs would increase 5.5% for the next year. He further advised that he was working on several different scenarios including rolling it into the budget. He expected to have more information at the budget workshop.

Under *Business By Commissioners*

Mayor Puletti asked about the garbage pick up for the first week. Superintendent Boyle elaborated on some problems with the cart distribution process.

Mayor Puletti then asked about street resurfacing. There was a discussion with Superintendent Boyle, Finance Director, Zimmerly and Mayor Puletti on the use of funds in reserves.

There was a brief discussion on the resurfacing of Bridge Street by D.O.T. and the raising of intersections on that thoroughfare to help slow traffic.

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

APPROVED:

Paul K. Puletti, Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:

David A. Lyons, Clerk-Commissioner