

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

The Harbor Board met at 9:00 a.m.,
City Hall, Conference Room, 161 North Section Street,
Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on Friday, 2 February 2014.

Present were Chairman Tom Yeager, Members: John Henry, Jr., Bob Riggs, Pete Bremer, Floyd Bishop, Hank Miner, James Gillespie, and Mayor Timothy M. Kant (arrived at 9:26 a.m.). Tony Chavers and Kevin Boone were absent.

Tom Yeager called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and mentioned the need for a temporary permit to go forward with the possibility of dredging the Fly Creek marina.

Hank Miner moved to apply for a Maintenance Permit. Seconded by Pete Bremer, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Bob Riggs mentioned the derelict vessels and the three that are on City property. There are two at the Yardarm Marina. James Gillespie explained the removal of the vessels; and said one owner has slips and a boat on shore. We have hired an attorney, letters have been sent; and Mr. Pope will handle the two sunken vessels when it warm up.

The Fish House lease was also mentioned and whether or not to tear down or leave. Public restrooms and a possible gazebo was one of the ideas. Mr. Yeager said maybe we could get a grant for upgrading the property. Mr. Gillespie said he would check with Stacey McKean who is helping with grants.

Mayor Kant stated the lighting will be fixed when the weather gets better. There is approximately \$24 billion funding being put back for dredging. He also said the Henrys were still interested in leasing the Fish House. Mayor Kant also said that Charlie Guy passed away; and the relatives want to negotiate the lease. However, they need access to their property via our property. He said a privacy fence to separate our property and private property would help this area.

Mayor Kant said a couple of the board members should meet with Ed Walls along with himself to discuss the issues with his property and what he thinks the City should be doing. It is great for the City to protect their asset and good for the Committee to be back in full swing.

Bob Riggs moved to make a recommendation to the City Council to dedicate the revenues from the City Marinas and boat slips for improvements to these facilities. Seconded by Pete Bremer, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

James Gillespie said the Ice House is historical. Mayor Kant mentioned historical buildings and renovations do not have the same strict requirements for rebuilding.

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John Henry brought up the issue with sub leasing the boat slips. James Gillespie said let the City know and we will handle this problem.

Mr. Riggs also mentioned two boats sunk at the pier. James Gillespie replied that this is considered open water and there are Federal regulations; said he was told the Probate Judge may can help. Mr. Gillespie said that the legal fees are more than it is worth to remove the boats.

Mayor Kant suggested the Harbor Board to possibly meet quarterly.

Hank Miner moved for the Harbor Board to have quarterly meetings; and the next meeting would be March 20, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by John Henry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Hank Miner moved to appoint John Henry, Bob Riggs, and Tom Yeager as a sub-committee to prioritize the main items needed for improving the marinas and boat slips for the City of Fairhope. Seconded by Floyd Bishop, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Tom Yeager, Chairman



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk