

Mayor's Report to the Citizens

5-14-15

It's been a while since I last reported to you so won't try to fill in the blanks but will give an update of the last two months.

At the April Council Meeting the council unanimously approved a two year extension to the Town's Disaster Debris Collection and Disposal Contract and awarded a contract for Town Hall mowing and lawn care to a local contractor, 1 Man and A Tractor Landscaping.

Maintenance activity is taking place along the streets as grass and weeds are being cut for the first time this spring. Also repair work continues on the streets that were damaged due to the April, 2014 Flood so please take care as you move around town by car and on foot. I'm happy to report that Riggs Street is open for traffic and repair work is near completion.

Concerning the April 18th Town Hall Meeting thanks goes to Councilman Hickey for putting together and presenting the presentation. Also thanks to our webmaster, Mr. Steve Foster, the Town Clerk Lynn Thompson, the Town Attorney Marcus McDowell, the Perdido Beach VFD Team, Committee Members and Volunteers who worked diligently to make sure you were well informed and you were given the opportunity to be heard concerning the proposal for the Town to purchase property at Magnolia Street and Escambia Avenue with a boat house lot on Palmetto Creek. The meeting was well attended with registration of 117 residents, property owners and guests. There were approximately 20 individuals who made comments, including written comments from property owners living elsewhere. As a side note, the property sold on May 12th so no longer is available for the Council to consider.

Summer season is here so more adults, children and animals are out on community streets enjoying the pleasures of being outdoors. Please drive with caution and encourage everyone to observe speed limits. If you're walking or biking take note that County Road 97 may be less safe for walkers and bikers than the side streets. Even so, because there are several building projects underway, big trucks are common fare on all the streets so please be careful and stay safe.

The May Council Meeting was held Tuesday night. The Council unanimously awarded a contract to All Seasons Landscaping for the Town Rights-of-Way mowing and trimming. Also adopted unanimously was a resolution reappointing Mr. Andrew Stewart to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. New appointments were named to two committees; Glenna Smith to Ad Hoc and Greg Parker to Building and Grounds.

Sadly, several members of our community have lost loved ones in recent weeks. If we at Town Hall can offer support in any way please don't hesitate to let us know.

As always, my door is open and you're welcome to stop by to express concerns, suggestions or just to say hello. Be safe and let us know how we can serve you. Patsy