## MAYOR'S WEEKLY UPDATE - July 12, 2014

On Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> we were honored to have Congressman Byrne at a Town Hall Meeting to talk with the Town's citizens and guests. Among the issues discussed were the health care laws, immigration, Red Snapper fishing season, the three mile state limit in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, education, and health care of veterans. The Congressman was well received by close to 50 residents and guests.

The Town Council met on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> in regular session. A number of residents attended and addressed the council. Among matters of concern expressed by the citizens were the public water accesses, invocation at the beginning of council meetings and grant status for a storm water management plan.

Water Accesses: The issues concerning public water accesses had to do with the uncertain demarcation separating public property from private property. A possible solution discussed was for the Town to clearly mark those lines to prevent accidental trespass on private properties.

Invocation: During the years of the first town administration an invocation was given at the beginning of each council meeting. After the election of 2012, the council opted out of that practice. Since then the council has been asked a number of times to reinstate the invocation. This is the first time it has appeared on the agenda for discussion since it was removed. Feel free to join in the conversation.

Storm Water Management: At this time no grant addressing storm water management is being pursued by the council.

Recovery: Plans for repair of storm damage continue and progress is being made day by day. As the situation changes I'll keep you informed.

Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers next week as I travel to D.C. to attend the last meeting of the Presidential Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience.

Your input is always welcome – feel free to contact me with questions and/or comments.

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