



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2004 AT 8:05 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA

Pursuant to proper notice a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held June 21, 2004, at 8:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Richard A. Brown
Vice Mayor James Gilbert
Councilor Harriet Pruette
Councilor John Weldon
City Manager James Jarboe
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

ABSENT:

Councilor Larry Shealy
City Attorney Christopher White

STAFF:

Director of Public Safety William Brandt
Director of Community Development Jason Cleghorn
Director of Finance Steve Ramsey
Director of Public Services Leon Smith
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait, CMC

Order Call

Mayor Brown called the special meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and announced the purpose of the meeting was for the second reading and public hearing of Ordinance No. 2004-08, regulation of fireworks.

Ord. No. 2004-08

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-08, REGULATION OF FIREWORKS, SECOND READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING THE EXISTING CHAPTER 14 OFFENSES; BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 14-9, "REGULATION OF FIREWORKS;" SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS FOR THE POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance No. 2004-08 by title only and opened the public hearing.

Wade Westbrook, 1918 Strand Street, stated there were a lot of fireworks near his house from May through September leaving litter all over the beach. He favored Ordinance No. 2004-08.

There being no further comments from the public the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Pruette, seconded by Weldon.

Motion: **TO ADD THE WORD "SALE" IN PARAGRAPH 2(A) AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2004-08 AS AMENDED.**

Inconvenience

Vice Mayor Gilbert felt the ordinance was imposed on Neptune Beach due to Jacksonville Beach and Atlantic Beach passing a similar ordinance. He stated citizens had enjoyed fireworks on the beach for the past 20 years. He was also concerned there was not sufficient time to notify the citizens before the 4th of July celebration.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4 – Gilbert, Pruette, Weldon, Brown

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 – Shealy

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Richard Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____