

April 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Lara Edwards with prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance: Edwards, Nichols, Lewis, and Roddenberry.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented by the Clerk. Motion by Roddenberry, second by Lewis, passed 4/0.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, reported the Worm Gruntin' Festival was very successful and thanked everyone for their assistance.

John Taylor and Jenny Beck, Wakulla County Fisherman's Association, were present asking to hold an event at the City Park, including vendors and music. Mr. Taylor would like to close the Park the day of the event, in turn, making a donation to the City. Attorney Cox informed them the City will require liability insurance naming the City as a Rider. The Council was supportive of the event and told Mr. Taylor and Ms. Beck to get with the office and check availability of dates.

Martha Evans asked the Council to consider a yearly launch fee at Myron B. Hodge City Park. Attorney Cox will draft a policy and present it at the May meeting.

Ms. Evans also inquired as to whether or not law enforcement should be required at downtown festivals. Council agreed they should be, keeping a low profile.

The One Cent Sales Tax Interlocal Agreement with the County was presented by Clerk Ashley Schilling. With no changes to the agreement along with the fact voters approved it at the last election, the agreement was executed on a motion made by Nichols, second by Roddenberry, passed 4/0.

RESOLUTION 2017-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AMEND ORDINANCE 2016-05 CREATING THE WAKULLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY. Dan Cox does not recall any industrial land zoning currently in Sopchoppy. With this resolution, the County cannot make decisions in the future in regards to land located inside the City limits without the City's knowledge. A motion was made by Roddenberry to adopt the resolution, second by Nichols, passed 4/0.

ORDINANCE 2017-02

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC. d/b/a DUKE ENERGY, A NON-EXCLUSIVE ELECTRIC UTILITY RIGHTS OF WAY UTILIZATION FRANCHISE; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE OCCUPANCY OF MUNICIPAL STREETS AND RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This was the 2nd public hearing. The Ordinance was read by title only and with no discussion, a motion was made by Lewis to adopt the Ordinance, second by Roddenberry, passed 4/0.

ORDINANCE 2017-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This was the 2nd public hearing. The Ordinance was read by title only and with no discussion, a motion was made by Roddenberry to adopt the Ordinance, second by Nichols, passed 4/0.

ORDINANCE 2017-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) PURSUANT TO THE SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ACT, CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This was the 2nd public hearing. The Ordinance was read by title only and with no discussion, a motion was made by Lewis to adopt the Ordinance, second by Nichols, passed 4/0.

Attorney Dan Cox was asked in the March meeting to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature in regards to HB843 and SB1004 that would amend the Sunshine Law. He presented the letter for approval. These bills will allow 2 councilmembers to meet outside of advertised meetings but not make any formal decisions, however, as written it will open the City up to possible litigation in the future. Attorney Cox indicated the burden should be on the complainant and not the City to prove the councilmembers who met did nothing wrong and the complainant should be required to pay all legal fees. The Council approved the letter and it will be sent to Sen. Montford and Rep. Beshears.

The financial and adjustment reports were approved by signature of the Council.

Clerk Schilling informed the Council the SCOP grant application has been submitted again this year for the paving of Clermont and Winter Streets.

The Clerk was contacted by Andrew Waber, Florida Department of State, inquiring if the City would be interested in recognizing properties (depot, gym, etc.) with an honorary historical designation. The Council asked Ms. Schilling to find out what the requirements are for the designation.

CenturyLink would like to add a resource link on our web site. The Council is not interested at this time.

A draft of the Social Media Policy was presented to the Council for adoption. Councilmember Roddenberry requested to go on record as disagreeing with page 4, item 8. Other Councilmembers present did not disagree with the statement, however, the Policy was tabled until the May meeting so all Members can be present for discussion.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, reported the walking path at Depot Park has been completed and construction of the pavilions should begin soon. Also, Taco Bell has contacted him regarding water connection and El Jalisco will begin construction soon on their new building.

Councilman Lewis would like to ensure the back entrance to Depot Park will have room for vehicles to turnaround and exit forward and not back out onto Municipal Avenue.

Councilman Roddenberry requested a sponsorship of \$500.00 for the Wakulla County 4H Poultry Club. A motion was made by Nichols to give the requested amount, second by Lewis, passed 4/0.

Councilman Nichols brought to the Council's attention in the future if a Commissioner posts on a social media site, they need to not give the appearance of speaking for the Council as a whole and to exercise all professionalism and tact.

Mayor Edwards informed the Council, she and Ashley Schilling have been meeting with playground representatives for equipment to be installed at Depot Park, and plans with associated costs will be forthcoming. Also, there will be a fence installed on the perimeter of the Park property, giving adjacent landowners their privacy.

Councilmember Lewis thanked staff for contacting Duke Energy and having the additional street lights installed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion by Roddenberry, second by Nichols.