

August 11, 2014

The City Council met in regular session. In attendance were Mayor Martha Evans, Councilpersons; Glenn Rudd, Lara Edwards, Nathan Lewis and Eddie Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened with prayer and a salute to the flag.

The **minutes** from the previous meeting were approved in written form on a motion by Lara Edwards, seconded by Glenn Rudd and passed 5/0 by the council.

Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2014-06**: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AND THE WATER FUND FOR THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY. TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2014-2015 OPERATING YEAR.

General Business:

Panacea Area Water System: Bert Conley, Civil Engineer, Jim Stidhim and Associates, representing the Panacea Area Water System (PAWS) spoke to the Council regarding the grant that PAWS received from the Northwest Florida Water Management District for a interconnect with the City of Sopchoppy. There are times that PAWS experiences poor water quality due to high chloride levels which usually occurs during storms and/or droughts. Mr. Conley asked the Council to approve the concept of the inter-connect in order to move forward with the grant. Bulk rates, expansion limitations, etc. will be worked out in the agreement. A discussion ensued regarding the possible impacts to the pumping quantities allowed to the City and/or PAWS in the Consumptive Use Permit. The Council agreed to the concept of the Inter-connect and for PAWS to proceed with the grant.

Municipal Water Works, Billy Carter: Leonard Tartt, Public Works Director asked the Council to consider the purchase of an **Automatic Meter Reading System from Municipal Water Works**. The purchase will include change out of all residential and commercial meters within the Sopchoppy Water System. The proposal is based on a bid from Lee County Florida. Quote #3497 includes (3,392) 5/8" Master Meters, reading system, laptop and case, web base, gps receiver and support totaling \$615,003.52. Quote #3651 includes the purchase of (42) 1" meters, (24) 1 1/2" meters, (41) 2" meters, (1) 3" meter at a cost of \$83,382.86 and quote #3498 includes the installation of 3,506 meters at a cost of \$113,945.00 for a total of \$812,331.38. Glenn Rudd made the motion to purchase the Automatic Reading System from Municipal Water Works approving Quote #3497; Quote #3651 and Quote #3498 based on a previous bid from Lee County, seconded by Nathan Lewis and passed 5/0 by the council.

Dan Cox reported that he had researched **Code Enforcement** options and the City's options are to train an employee in code enforcement or use the county code enforcement process. The City can also write letters to identified code violators and request voluntary clean-up.

Clerk Items:

The Clerk reported that Wakulla County accepted ownership of the **Sewer System** from the City at the August 4, 2014 meeting of the Wakulla County Commission.

Lara Edwards made the motion to approve the **financial and adjustment reports** as presented, seconded by Glenn Rudd, passed 5/0 by the Council

The Clerk reported to the Council that work has begun on repairs to the well houses and to the bathrooms at the Myron B. Hodge Park.

The clerk informed the council that the office staff will be bringing a proposal for some banking changes and suggestions to the next council meeting. They are in the process of getting proposals from a couple of banks.

Water:

Leonard Tartt informed the Council that the grant cycle for funding from the Northwest Florida Water Management District for the **Water Supply Development Community Assistance Initiative** is currently open and applications are due by October 1. He reported to the Council that He and the Clerk are working with Lee Smith, Baskerville-Donovan Engineer, to identify projects within our system that qualify for the grant. A report to the Council will be given at the September meeting.

Council Items:

Lara Edwards reported that the cycle for **FRDAP** grants is open and that she is working with the Clerk and Andy Easton to prepare a grant for presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Glenn Rudd requested that Leonard Tartt speak to the sheriff's department about increased night patrol in Sopchoppy to deter some of the thefts that are occurring.

Eddie Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Glenn Rudd, the meeting adjourned.