

August 8, 2016

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, Lewis, Rudd, and Roddenberry.

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

Kristen Ebersol, Park Manager, Ochlocknee River State Park, presented a ceremonial check to the Council in the amount of \$50,000 for the Depot Park FRDAP Grant. The funds will go towards the pavilion, walking path, and playground.

Commissioner Nichols joined the meeting at this time.

Rick Ott addressed the Council on the future of the 4th of July. He, Nelle McCall, and Juanita Cantrell will be stepping down from the committee, but would like to see the festival continue. He offered to meet with Commissioner Lewis, Clerk Ashley Schilling, and Attorney Dan Cox to share his experience/ideas of what has worked/not worked in the past. If, for some reason, the festival is ever discontinued, Mr. Ott would like to see the existing funds used for a community project. The City Council would like to see the 4th of July continue, however the City needs to formulate a plan for the future.

In a previous meeting the Council expressed interest in an audio system for the meeting room. From the Heart submitted a quote for \$5,269.61, and DSR submitted one for \$5,357.28. The Council made the decision not to proceed with purchasing a system at this time.

Clerk Schilling obtained three quotes for painting the interior gym walls and for the exterior of city hall.

City hall:	Roddenberry Painting - \$6,250 A New Look Painting - \$5,750 J & K Services - \$6,900 + materials
Gym:	Roddenberry Painting - \$6,000 + 1,716/lift A New Look Painting - \$5,475 J & K Services - \$3,950 + 1,000/lift + materials

Glenn Rudd made a motion to award the bid for both the gym and city hall to Roddenberry Painting, seconded by Nichols, passed 5/0.

The 1st public hearing was held for Ordinance 2016-04 – 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 2016-17 OPERATING YEAR.

The Council approved pay increases of \$1,500 to 8 employees and \$600 to the employee hired May, 2016. Also, change General Fund Park Cap Imp/Dev line item to \$100,000, bringing forward the \$50,000 unused funds from 2015/16.

Attorney Cox reported DEP does not have a written policy on grinder pump issues such as ours. They are researching to see if there is protocol, in the meantime, City staff is to instruct customers with grinder issues to call a plumber.

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

Clerk Schilling and Deputy Clerk, Page Evans, will be attending the FACC Fall Academy the second week in October and as such the October Council meeting is rescheduled to Wednesday, October 5.

McKeithen and Sons submitted a price of \$4,330 to Leonard Tartt to re-roof well houses 4 & 5. A motion was made by Nichols to proceed with the projects, seconded by Lewis, passed 5/0.

Mike Turner presented a cost of \$4,200 to repair/replace 52 squares of sidewalk on Municipal Avenue. A motion was made by Rudd to proceed, seconded by Nichols, passed 5/0.

The Depot Advisory Committee requested approval to appoint Kristen McMillian to the committee. A motion was made by Roddenberry, seconded by Rudd, passed 5/0.

In 2010, when the zoning map was updated, a portion of the city, located on 319 SW of town, was erroneously changed from C-2 to R-1. Land/Homeowners in the affected area want to see the zoning corrected and have been asked to provide letters in support of the zoning change.

Clerk Schilling will be meeting with a representative from Acousti Engineering for ideas and cost for installing acoustics at the gym.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Roddenberry, seconded by Nichols. The meeting adjourned at 8:05.