

December 9, 2019

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

Councilman McClendon made a motion to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes as presented by the Clerk, second by Roddenberry, 5/0.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing** was held for **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA VACATING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN THOSE PORTIONS OF THE ALLEY LYING BETWEEN ROSE STREET AND DICKSON STREET IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY BLOSSOM AVENUE AND YELLOW JACKET AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWN OF SOPCHOPPY WEST SIDE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.** No discussion. A motion was made by Roddenberry to adopt Ordinance 2019-05, as presented, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing** was held for **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTIONS 4.5 AND 4.6 RELATED TO SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON CITY PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Attorney Dan Cox reiterated the ordinance, as written, will not allow bars, liquor stores, etc., alcohol sale is secondary to food sales, and is for on-site consumption only. Following discussion, Council removed the statement "drinks may not be sold" (on city property); section 4-6, (2), ©, (2). A motion was made by Roddenberry to adopt the ordinance as presented with the stated change, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing** for **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 18-50, CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR WATER SYSTEM USE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Read by title. The effective dates of increase were changed to coincide with the City's fiscal year instead of calendar year. (Jan. 1 – Sept 30, 2020 - \$2.00; Oct 1 – Sept 30, 2021 - \$1.00; Oct 1 – Sept 30, 2022 - \$1.00). Also, the City will look at the rates in 2022 to see if adjustments need to be made going forward. A motion was made by McClendon to adopt the ordinance as presented, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Attorney Cox stated every 7 years the City is required to evaluate the comprehensive plan. Mr. Cox suggested holding a workshop in February to work on the future land use element. The City can pursue a technical assistance grant to help fund the project.

Anthony Stephens would like to establish an annual BBQ competition to benefit the Florida Wild Mammal Association. In addition to the BBQ, there would be vendors and music and the organization would carry the insurance. Mr. Stephens would like to hold the competition at Depot Park in April. The Council supported the idea, however, with the Worm Gruntin' Festival in April, and other festivals staged throughout the year, the Council suggested looking at dates in October. Mr. Stephens will look for alternate dates.

Alan Hart, Baskerville-Donovan, stated with the North Florida Contractors bid coming in high, he requested and received an extension from DEO for the CDBG Stormwater Grant. The contractor returned with a lower bid of \$515,698.00 (including \$30,000 for city park element). This amount will cover the base bid and 144' on Gulf @ Blossom. The City is now awaiting DEO's approval, however, Mr. Hart said the City can award the bid contingent on the approval by DEO. All Councilmembers were in agreement to move forward.

Cliff Brown owns lots at Faith/Dickson/Winter. The lots currently face north/south and Mr. Brown would like to change the direction to east/west, facing Faith Avenue, making it easier to access the water/sewer lines. Council approved changing the direction of the lots.

The financial and adjustments were approved by signature of the Council.

Clerk Schilling informed the Council construction has begun on the Depot Park pavilion.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, stated the Lawhon Mill Road bridge project will begin soon and the City will valve off each side and move the water main. Mr. Tartt also received notice that DOT approved permits for the three underground road bores and can proceed with installation of the meter connections that have been on hold.

Mr. Tartt also stated Representative Shoaf's office requested key information related to the City's two legislative funding requests (water line replacement and new tower) so he could speak to the Committee on our need for funding.

Councilman Roddenberry enjoyed the FLC conference where he gained more insight on upcoming legislative concerns.

Councilman Roddenberry was asked by the River Access Project Committee to be the Council liaison. The question was asked who will take ownership of the land (stay with County, transfer to City, etc.). Mr. Tartt urged the City to consider the impact to adjacent landowners. Mayor Edwards stated it's a big project, that will require a lot of consideration and planning.

Leonard Tartt has been in contact with CW Roberts and when the Rose Street paving project begins, he will meet with the contractor and get a price to repave Park Avenue.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by McKenzie.