

January 12, 2015

The City Council met for the regular January meeting. In attendance were: Mayor, Martha Evans, Councilpersons: Lara Edwards, Nathan Lewis and Glenn Rudd.

The meeting was opened with prayer and a salute to the flag.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved in written form on a motion by Glen Rudd, seconded by Nathan Lewis and passed by the Council 4/0.

Announcements:

Legislative Delegation meeting, Wakulla County Commission Board Room, January 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
Wakulla County Sheriff's Community Forum – City Hall meeting Room, January 22 @7:00 p.m.

The Council held the 2nd Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY ZONING MAP BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FOR THE AFFECTED PARCEL FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-3) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C-2); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Parcel identified by the Wakulla County Tax Collector as Parcel 12-5S-03W-000-00665-000 owned by Kennis and Barney Harrell. The public hearing closed with no comment from a member of the public.

Lara Edwards made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-01, seconded by Glen Rudd, passed 4/0 by the Council.

A request by Will Haynes was presented by the Clerk to begin the procedure for closing an un-opened portion of Faith Street lying between lots 324 and 325 on the West side and lots 322 and 323 on the east side which are located south of Gulf Street. Lara Edwards made the motion to begin the Road closing process, seconded by Nathan Lewis, passed 4/0.

Lara Edwards made the motion to approve Baskerville Donovan as the City's engineer to design the relocation of SR61 Utility Relocation project wherein DOT will be realigning the intersection, seconded by Nathan Lewis and passed 4/0 by the council.

Leonard Tartt informed the Council of repair work that is needed on the ceiling of the pavilion at the Myron B. Hodge Park. Several options were discussed and Mr. Tartt will report at a future meeting about his findings on these options.

At this point Council person Glenn Rudd was called away from the meeting.

Eco Gaines with Genesis Group was in attendance. Due to the holiday schedules, the clerk was unable to meet with Ms. Gaines in time for Genesis to prepare a proposal of services.

The Council approved the adjustment reports and the financial reports as presented by the clerk on a motion by Lara Edwards, seconded by Nathan Lewis

The Clerk reviewed with the Council the Legislative request forms for funding of the Stormwater II Project and the Sopchoppy Depot Park.

The Council opened for discussion the process of appointing a replacement to fill the position on the Council vacated by Eddie Evans. Leonard Tarrt spoke to the Council as a citizen of Sopchoppy and asked that the Council advertise the opening. Lara Edwards made the motion that the City advertise the week of January 22 and ask interested residents to submit in writing a statement of interest, motion seconded by Nathan Lewis and passed 3/0.

Nathan Lewis announced that the Jesus River Festival will take place in the Myron B. Hodge Park, March 14, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m