

July 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, Rudd, Lewis, Nichols, and Roddenberry.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented by the Clerk. Motion by Rudd, second by Lewis, passed 5/0.

Clerk Ashley Schilling presented certificates of completion to Councilmembers Lara Edwards and Becton Roddenberry for attending the Advanced IEMO class in April, 2017.

Martha Evans thanked City staff and the 4th of July committee for their hard work and the success of this year's festival.

Ordinance 2017-05 (2nd Public Hearing) was read by title only. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AMENDING SECTION 14-1, CITY OF SOPCHOPPY CODE OF ORDINANCES, **CHARGES FOR FACILITIES FOR MYRON B. HODGE PARK**, TO INCLUDE AN ANNUAL PASS FOR USE OF THE BOAT RAMP, TO CODIFY EXISTING CHARGES FOR OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. A motion was made by Nichols, second by Rudd to prorate this year's annual boat ramp fee (July 1 – Dec 31) and charge \$15.00, passed 5/0. A motion was also made by Rudd, second by Nichols to adopt the ordinance as written, passed 5/0.

Resolution 2017-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**. A motion as made by Roddenberry to adopt the Policy, second by Lewis, passed 5/0.

Attorney Dan Cox presented the Council an updated Equipment Use Policy and an updated Standards for Disciplinary Action Policy. No action was taken, however, the Council needs to look at all policies in the Administrative Manual and address changes as needed.

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

Clerk Ashley Schilling received a \$100.00 sponsorship request from the Wakulla Middle School Cheerleaders. They will be selling seat cushions and will place an ad from the City on them. A motion was made by Lewis to approve the request, second by Rudd, passed 5/0.

The budget workshop scheduled for July 15 has been rescheduled for Monday, August 21, 6:00 p.m.

Clerk Schilling also reported on the 4th of July. There are still a couple of small expenses and fees left outstanding, but as of now it shows a \$7,400.00 profit.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, informed the Council there are a few intersections within the City that need repairs; Park Avenue/Sheldon Street, 319/Express Lane; Argyle/Post Office. He will get prices to repair these sections.

He also reported the concrete picnic tables have been ordered for the pavilions at Depot Park. Also, the playground equipment is scheduled to ship July 13.

Mr. Tartt and Maintenance Technician, Tom Barton, met with the Resident Park Manager to reiterate his duties and responsibilities.

Councilmember Nichols would like the Council to have an official City shirt to wear to meetings and conferences.

Mayor Edwards presented the Council with renewing a three year contract with auditor Chris Cayer; Brooks, Harrison, and Cayer. A motion was made by Nichols to sign the contract, second by Rudd, passed 5/0.

Councilmember Lewis inquired again about traffic calming devices. He would like to readdress the issue for downtown and especially considering Dollar General is interested in establishing a business on the 319 curve at Clermont and Bernard. If Dollar General moves forward DOT needs to minimize ahead of time the chances of accidents at this location.

Councilmember Rudd would like to see the maintenance staff's phones upgraded from flip phones to smart phones. The phones they have currently do not support texts and the quality has deteriorated. The Council instructed Clerk Schilling to investigate the costs involved in upgrading the phones and bring it back to the August meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m. Motion by Rudd, second by Nichols.