

June 12, 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 Lewis, second by Roddenberry, passed 5/0.

Members of the Wakulla County 4-H Chicken Champs Club were in attendance to present a plaque to the Council in appreciation for the City's sponsorship of the program.

Karen Henry, Case Manager at Eden Springs, reported to the Council that out of 67 counties, Wakulla County is currently ranked 20. Ms. Henry informed the Council that the facility is deficiency free and stressed the importance of utilizing the great network of doctor's we have in the County.

Steve Cushman, homeowner, spoke regarding the Social Media Policy inquiring why the City hasn't written/adopted a policy before now.

Greg Marr, water customer, addressed the Council, stating any decision the City makes can potentially affect all utility customers, and also spoke regarding the City policy regarding employees using City equipment for personal reasons.

Tim Caldwell, Panacea resident, stated no one on the Council has a right to tell another member what/how they can speak.

Martha Evans, City resident, also addressed the Council regarding the Social Media Policy. She stated the publicity surrounding the policy has become an embarrassment to the City.

Robbie Miller, contractor, spoke to the Council regarding issues he has had with a City employee. He would like to settle the issues.

Anginita Rosier, NAACP Branch President, also addressed the Council regarding the issue's Mr. Miller spoke of. They will be looking into the matter as well.

Andy Easton presented proposed Resolution's 2017-06 and 2017-07, to Adopt CDBG Required Policies. A motion was made by Roddenberry to adopt the Resolution as presented, second by Rudd, motion passed 4/1 (Lewis).

The Casora Estates Project bids were presented to the Council. Peavy & Son was the low bidder. Leonard Tarrt, Public Works Director, asked the Council to accept their bid of \$225,615.60. The total grant monies the City was awarded was \$291,000.00. A motion to award the bid to Peavy & Son was made by Nichols, second by Rudd, passed 5/0.

Ordinance 2017-05 (1st 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.

The Social Media Policy was adopted with the clarification of application to all officers, agents, staff, volunteers, and contractors except where only applicable to staff. The motion to adopt the Policy was made by Roddenberry, second by Lewis, passed 5/0.

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

Clerk Ashley Schilling received a request from the Wakulla County Parks & Rec Department regarding sponsorship opportunities for summer football and cheerleading (WCYFCA). A motion was made by Lewis to approve a sponsorship at the \$125.00 level, second by Roddenberry, passed 5/0.

Clerk Schilling reported attending the tax deed sale for the property adjacent to Depot Park. The City purchased the deed at a cost of \$82.46.

Playground equipment was presented to the Council for the Depot Park. A motion was made by Roddenberry to purchase a set from GameTime at a cost of \$24,070.00, second by Lewis, passed 5/0.

A budget workshop is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 9:00 a.m.

Ashley Schilling informed the Council of the upcoming Florida League of Cities conference, August 17-19. Councilmember Nichols expressed his desire to attend. Mayor Edwards and Councilman Roddenberry will also be attending.

Councilmember Roddenberry thanked everyone in attendance for their support of City issues.

Mayor, Lara Edwards, also thanked the citizens for their support.

Councilmember Lewis would like Clerk Schilling and Attorney Cox to update the use of equipment policy in the administrative manual. He also addressed the recent media/fb articles regarding the Social Media Policy and a post Councilman Roddenberry made. Mr. Lewis stated, "After the May meeting you published statements on your Facebook page and attributed them to me. I never made those statements. In fact, those statements were diametrically opposed to what I actually said. You lied about me on your Facebook page. You tried to steal from me one of the only important things a man can leave his children, his name and his reputation.
You should be ashamed of yourself."

Councilman Rudd also takes issue with recent facebook postings, stating Mr. Roddenberry went too far. The employee issues that were spoken of at tonight's meeting are personal in nature, and as such should have never been brought to a City meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by Roddenberry.