

March 9, 2015

The Sopchoppy City Council meeting was called order by Mayor, Martha Evans at 6:30 p.m. and led in a prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance were Mayor Martha Evans, Councilpersons; Lara Edwards, Nathan Lewis, Becton Roddenberry and Glenn Rudd.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved in written form on a motion by Lara Edwards, seconded by Becton Roddenberry, passed 5/0.

The Council was called into the 2nd Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-02. The public meeting closed and the meeting resumed. Lara Edwards made the motion to approve Ordinance 2015-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA VACATING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN THOSE PORTIONS OF FAITH AVENUE LOCATED SOUTH OF GULF STREET AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWN OF SOPCHPPY WEST SIDE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. The motion was seconded by Glenn Rudd and passed 5/0 by the Council.

Genesis Group – Echo Gates presented an agreement from Genesis to provide limited professional services to the City of Sopchoppy, providing (a) the pre-design analysis, (b) the plan formation, and (c) an opinion of probable development cost for the Sopchoppy Depot Park. Lara Edwards made the motion to approve the agreement at a cost of \$10,400.00. The motion was seconded by Becton Roddenberry and passed 5/0 by the council.

The Council instructed City Attorney, Dan Cox to pursue avenues for acquiring the additional parcel of land adjacent to the park from the Geiger family.

The Council was informed that DOT has not identified an area to cross 319 with the bike trail and currently plan to end the trail at Clermont and 319 and to mitigate the risk. The Council requested that Attorney Dan Cox draft a Resolution requesting that the trail end at the Depot Park.

City Clerk Jackie Lawhon presented the Council with the composite scores/rankings from the staff interview process on six applicants for the customer service representative position with the City. 29 applications were received and six applicants were interviewed for the position. The top three ranked applicants presented to the Council were: 1. Angela Barton (47), 2) Amanda Wright (45), 3) Sarah Henderson (45). Glenn Rudd made the motion that the City hire the applicant with the highest composite score, seconded by Nathan Lewis. The motion passed 5/0.

Mayor Evans requested that the Clerk begin to work with Page Evans and Ashley Schilling on learning the Clerk's position since Clerk Lawhon will be completing the drop in May of 2016.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council a code enforcement violation on Surf Road that had been brought to her attention. The Council discussed other properties within the City and will discuss a complete list of properties within the City with code violations at the next meeting.

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

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt told the Council that he is currently working on four DOT relocation projects: 1) Re-alignment of 319 into 98 at the High School, 2) A sidewalk from Crawfordville Elementary on Arran Road to the existing sidewalk at the old Crawfordville High School, 3) A sidewalk from the Wakulla County Senior Citizens in Crawfordville to McDonalds, 4) The bike trail from Surf Road to Sopchoppy on 319.

Council Items:

Becton Roddenberry – three projects he is interested in: 1) paving of un-paved streets in Sopchoppy, 2) City logo or seal, 3) social media site for Sopchoppy.

Nathan Lewis – reminded those in attendance of the Jesus River Festival at the City Park.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00.