

October 11, 2021

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, McClendon, Harden, and McKenzie.

Nathan Lewis made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021, minutes; amending reference to the DROP program as it relates to the declaratory statement and replace with state retirement program. A second was made by Harden, 5/0.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, recognized Tommy Barton and Mike Porter for their work on renovations of the city park pavilion.

Rachel Pienta along with Alexis and Brooklyn Green presented a Wakulla 4-H sponsorship request to the Council. A motion was made by Lewis to approve a \$500 Gold Clover sponsorship, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Captain Dale Evans was scheduled to present a sponsorship request from WCSO however he could not attend. Clerk Schilling presented the request for the WCSO Golf Tournament. A motion to sponsor a hole for \$200 was made by Lewis, second by Harden, 5/0.

Geoffrey Sharp requested permission from the Council to place his food trailer, Dixie's Diner, on the Mom's Restaurant property. If approved, Attorney Cox stated he would draft an agreement giving the City primary use and requiring liability insurance listing the City as an insured. A motion was made by Lewis to approve the request with provisions, second by Harden, 5/0.

In the September meeting, Mayor Edwards requested staff to obtain pricing from lawn companies to assist with mowing downtown and city owned properties. Clerk Schilling received and presented pricing from two companies. A motion to hire Derek Allen Lawn Service with 36 cuts, \$700.00/cut was made by Edwards, second by Harden, 5/0. Council requested the company begin immediately.

Attorney Cox reminded the Council the moratorium on site plan approvals expires in December. It is his recommendation it be extended 3 months. Attorney Cox will draft the ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> reading in November or December.

Clerk Schilling reminded the Council the next Design Overlay Workshop will be October 27, 6:30 p.m.

Attorney Cox stated the Declaratory Statement has been sent to the state and they have 60 days to respond.

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

The Clerk asked for volunteers to help with the City's booth at the Light the Night Festival being held in Depot Park, October 30, 6-8 p.m. Mayor Edwards stated she and her family would work the booth.

Clerk Schilling provided the Council a letter from resident Percy Wood, regarding his thoughts on our RFP for auditing and James Moore and Company.

Mr. Tartt stated work on the site of the new tower will begin October 12.

Mr. Tartt will check into rubber traffic calming devices for the downtown intersections instead of types previously discussed by the Council. Mayor Edwards suggested starting with the 4-way stop's and then possibly down Rose Street.

Resident, Martha Evans, asked the Council about the salary study conducted by request of the Council. The study was presented at the August Council meeting and no further action or discussion has taken place. Mayor Edwards suggested bringing the study back in November for discussion. Some Councilmembers feel current salaries are competitive, but classifications need to be addressed.

Mrs. Evans also requested the alley behind her property that runs between Municipal/Yellow Jacket and Byrd/Mill Street be closed. Attorney Cox will prepare the ordinance. Councilman Harden will recuse himself as he owns property that will be affected as well.

Mrs. Evans stated the wildflowers at Depot Park need to be trimmed. The plants are prohibiting traffic from being able to see inside the park as well as people inside the park being able to see traffic or people coming. Mayor Edwards stated there are upcoming workdays that will take care of the issues.

Councilman Harden asked if the new development on Nell Lane will have stormwater issues in the future. Clerk Schilling stated the contractor is aware of the potential stormwater project and has been given BDI's contact information to coordinate construction with Alan Hart. Mr. Tartt will have the double check with the County to make sure the ditches will drain sufficiently and correctly once the homes are built.

Mayor Edwards stated there is an upcoming meeting regarding a legislative funding request of \$2.1 million for the stormwater phase 3 project. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 14 at city hall. Mrs. Edwards will be meeting with Alan Hart, Rep. Jason Shoaf's staff, Andy Easton, and city and county staff.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by McKenzie.