

October 7, 2019

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, McKenzie, Roddenberry, and McClendon.

Councilman Roddenberry made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes as presented by the Clerk, second by Lewis, 5/0.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, recognized Mayor Edwards for her presentation on the City to the Rotary Club.

Jamie Martin, Depot Committee, invited the Council to a Depot Open House, October 26, 10-2, which will include recognition of the pigs, placed below the Depot porch.

City Clerk, Ashley Schilling, presented **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY ESTABLISHING A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM. Mr. Tartt explained a backflow program was adopted by the City in 1984 and DEP requested the program be updated in 2017. Mr. Tartt met with Jason Southerland, FRWA, in 2017, however, October 2017, there was no quorum at the Council meeting and the meeting was cancelled and the adoption was overlooked, until the City was contacted by DEP earlier this month. Roddenberry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-04, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Clerk Schilling presented **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05** (Phase 1) - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR STATE OF FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. (Resubmittal of last year's plan, changing dates.) Roddenberry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-05, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Clerk Schilling presented **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06** (Phase 2) - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR STATE OF FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. (Resubmittal of last year's plan, using Fred Fox.) Roddenberry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-06, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

A discussion was held regarding the alley lying between Rose and Dickson Street's, bounded by Blossom and Yellow Jacket Avenue's. Adjacent property owner's deeds state the alley is closed, however, supporting documentation can not be located. Attorney Cox suggested advertising closing the alley again by ordinance. Mr. Cox will forward the advertisement to Clerk Schilling and 2 public hearings will be held in November and December.

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

Clerk Schilling informed the Council the City is a Business Excellence nominee again this year. Applications are due by October 12. The ceremony and dinner are scheduled for November 14 and the Council stated they would like to have a table.

The Depot Committee submitted a request to appoint Chris Brown to the Committee. The Council approved the request.

Clerk Schilling reminded the Council the next meeting will be November 4.

Leonard Tardt reported the City is still waiting on DOT permits to install 2 water meters on Highway 319. Each meter requires a road bore. Mr. Tardt also reported the Council Moore Road project was completed on time.

The CDBG stormwater grant bids were opened September 23, however, they were close to \$1 million and the grant is only \$600,000 with \$30,000 going to the city park. Staff will be meeting with engineers to discuss options to reduce costs.

Councilman McClendon received a quote of \$4,000 from Kelly Brothers for the Depot Park pavilion handrails. The original quote from Godfrey Builders was \$5,500 and Clerk Schilling had given Mr. Godfrey contact information for Kelly Brothers. The project will move forward, while the cost of the handrails is determined. Councilman Roddenberry asked if a budget amendment is needed now, and the Clerk recommended waiting closer to the end of the fiscal year, as an amendment might not be necessary. Councilman Roddenberry asked if projects come up using the Capital Outlay funds, where will the funds come from for the railing at the pavilion. Councilman McKenzie asked Councilman McClendon to contact Kelly Brothers to see if the \$4,000 includes installation of the rails.

Mayor Edwards registered the City for a booth at the Trick-or-Treat Story Walk in the Park, October 26, 5:30-8:30.

Vice Mayor Lewis asked Attorney Dan Cox about the alcohol ordinance. Attorney Cox is still working on it. Mr. Lewis stated maybe the ordinance will allow for rental of Depot facilities and generate funds to help offset some of the expenses. The County charges \$250 to rent an entire park, plus \$10 per vendor.

The Clerk will work with the Attorney on advertising the water rate increase as well as the alcohol ordinance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by Roddenberry.