

April 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Edwards with prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance: Edwards, Rudd, McClendon, McKenzie, and Harden.

A motion to approve the March 13, 2023, minutes was made by Rudd, second by Harden, 5/0.

Delinda Harrell, representing Kennis and Barney Harrell, requested to rezone a parcel of land located on Sopchoppy Highway to C-2. It is currently zoned C-2 and R-3. City Clerk Schilling spoke to Attorney Dan Cox and since the Harrell's are requesting the entire parcel be zoned C-2, all that is required is two public hearings and adoption. Mayor Edwards made a motion to move forward with the hearings, second by Rudd, 5/0.

The City placed RFP ads for the upcoming CDBG Stormwater Grant and received one proposal from Baskerville Donovan for Engineering Services and two for Grant Administration; Andy Easton & Associates and Jordan & Associates. After reviewing and ranking the firms, Clerk Schilling recommended awarding the Engineering to BDI and Administration to Andy Easton & Assoc. A motion to award the services per the Clerk's recommendation was made by Edwards, second by Rudd, 5/0.

Alan Hart, BDI, reported all elements of the Hydraulic Model have been entered and they are now working with Public Works Director Seth Green and staff to calibrate it. Also, BDI is trying to locate an area to construct the Well 5 replacement. Mr. Hart stated the Rock Hold Road area is a possibility. Finally, BDI along with the City has submitted two budget requests; \$1.5m in state funding; and \$2.5m in federal.

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

PWD Green reported the two speed humps should be installed soon on Rose Street and the composite decking has been ordered for the Depot deck.

Mayor Edwards thanked Councilman McClendon for clearing the ditch in front of the Dollar General ahead of the Worm Gruntin' Festival. The Mayor also asked if the wooden picnic tables can be replaced at the City Park.

Vice Mayor Rudd asked how the usage fees work for Depot Park and downtown festivals. The Mayor stated Clerk Schilling can provide Mr. Rudd with a copy of the fee schedule that was adopted prior to him taking office. Rudd also asked about placing "No Overnight Parking" or other related signs at the Depot Park parking lot.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion by McKenzie, second by Rudd.