

February 15, 2022

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.

Vice Mayor Nathan Lewis made a motion to approve the January 10, 2022, minutes, second by Harden, 5/0.

Former City Clerk and FACC President Jackie Lawhon presented City Clerk Ashley Schilling with her MMC Certification and pin.

Kim Hurst and Angie Frappo, Wakulla Girls Softball Association, reported on last year's donation and how it was spent, and asked if the City would be willing to sponsor the spring softball season this year. A motion to sponsor WGSA for \$500 was made by Harden, second by Lewis, 5/0.

The Council held the 2nd **Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-02** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Amending The City Of Sopchoppy Code Of Ordinances Sections 4.4 And 4.5 Related To Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages And Consumption Of Alcoholic Beverages Including To Allow The Consumption Of Wine In Taprooms And Revised Hours During Which The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages For Consumption On Premises Is Allowed.; Providing For Severability; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict; And Providing An Effective Date. Clerk Schilling read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Lewis to approve the Ordinance, second by Edwards, 4/1 with Councilman McClendon opposed.

The City will need to appoint 5 citizens to a Citizen's Advisory Task Force for purposes of the upcoming CDBG grant application. CDBG application cycle should open the 3rd quarter of the year.

Attorney Dan Cox reported if current Councilmembers continue to serve on the City Council upon exiting the Florida Retirement System, their benefits will be frozen. Considering this, Councilman Harden has submitted a resignation effective March 18. Vice Mayor Lewis will submit a resignation effective February 28.

The Council instructed Clerk Schilling to post advertisement throughout the City for citizens interested in serving on the Council to submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk prior to the April meeting. Interested citizens will also need to attend the April City Council meeting. Persons appointed to fill the 2 vacancies will serve the remainder of the term ending November 2024.

Attorney Cox recommended when the Council considers the salary study and pay ranges presented in August 2021, present day inflation numbers should be considered. The Council will discuss the study at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Lewis recommended Council look closely at the Sand County Studio Downtown Overlay Guidelines and Design Standards. Mr. Lewis stated there is potential to affect businesses and residents that the Council did not intend to affect. The Council will hold a workshop February 28 to discuss the documents.

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

Public Works Director Leonard Tartt and Plant Operator Seth Green have narrowed down the Distribution Tech applicants to 2 and would like permission to hire one of them effective March 1. Council approved the request. Staff is looking at adding an additional position next fiscal year.

Leonard Tartt spoke with an architect and a contractor regarding the Depot roof. The architect recommended replacing the roof, possibly with a different style. Mr. Tartt will get prices to submit to the Council.

Seth Green received 3 bids to replace the roof on the building at the DOT yard.

McKeithen Roofing - \$15,337

Blackfoot Roofing - \$16,695

Logan Roofing - \$18,480

A motion was made by McKenzie to award the bid to McKeithen Roofing, second by Harden, 5/0.

Mr. Tartt received a price of \$6,000 each for traffic calming devices to include the speed humps, signage, and striping. A motion was made by Edwards to approve \$12,000 for 2 traffic calming devices for Rose Street, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Public Works needs 2 new trucks (4wd, work bodies). Staff received a quote of \$50,334.50 each. A motion was made by Harden to purchase the trucks, second by Lewis, 5/0.

Vice Mayor Lewis questioned why only half of highway 319 towards McKenzie Place and half of Park Avenue is within the City limits. Clerk Schilling stated at the time, residents were not interested in being annexed.

Due to the FRS ruling, Vice Mayor Lewis read and submitted his resignation from the Council effective February 28, 2022.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by McKenzie.