

February 11, 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.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented by the Clerk. Motion by Lewis, second by Roddenberry, 5/0.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, reported he and his staff attended the annual Focus on Change training required for various licenses held by each employee in the water maintenance department.

The City Council approved the Lease Agreement between the City and Manna Mission for the building located at 105 Municipal Avenue. The term of the lease is 10 years, \$1.00/year, and will auto renew for successive 10 years terms under the same conditions stated in the lease. City Clerk, Ashley Schilling, has sent the Lease to Shaun and Janet Culbertson, Directors of Manna Mission, for review and signature.

Attorney Dan Cox sent Mrs. Schilling a copy of the Capital Improvement Plan to coordinate with next year's budget. Mr. Cox will discuss it at the next meeting.

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

The Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival 5K Race submitted a sponsorship request. A motion to be a Premium Sponsor (\$300.00) was made by Lewis, second by Edwards, 5/0.

Clerk Schilling, along with Mr. Tartt and Baskerville-Donovan, submitted a Legislative Budget Request in the amount of \$975,000 for a 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank.

Before construction of the music pavilion at Depot Park, there are 5 trees/plants that need to be relocated to give room for contractor's to load/unload.

The Department of Economic Opportunity along with ARPC will hold a Community Asset Mapping Exercise downtown Friday, March 8, 9:00-12:30. Mrs. Schilling will advertise the workshop as a walking tour and post around town.

Leonard Tartt updated the Council on the City Park. So far, this fiscal year, the park has brought in over \$15,000. Visitors have complimented the park host and have posted favorable reviews on the web.

After a camper tore down a powerline, Duke Energy inspected the City owned poles and found 5 that need to be replaced. To replace the poles and install LED lights on them, the City received a price from Anytime Electric for \$6,897.00. Anytime Electric was instructed to proceed.

Mr. Tartt gave a synopsis of the Hydraulic Modeling. A 10" water main on Highway 319 will take care of any pressure issues in the future, DEP requires 25% storage of the system's maximum daily pumpage, and funding for the recommended storage tank has been submitted to the Legislature. The City owns 2 parcels of land, but neither one will support a well and a tank together. By 2022/23 the City needs to have properties identified that will hold both.

Currently, alcohol is not allowed on City owned properties. Councilman McClendon spoke of a local wedding planner with potential clients that would like to have alcohol at weddings/receptions held in the Sopchoppy Gym. The planner requires each client to purchase their own liability insurance. Attorney Cox will look at the ordinance and draft an addendum to present to the Council that will allow alcohol in the gym and other City properties (park campsites, lot next to Sopchoppy Pizza, Depot, etc.).

Councilman Roddenberry asked about staff evaluations. Clerk Schilling stated policy reads they are to be conducted in May.

Councilman McKenzie reported on the sewer billing contract meeting he attended at the County office along with Clerk Schilling and Deputy Clerk Evans. Each Councilmember was given a copy of a spreadsheet produced by the County, along with one prepared by Mrs. Schilling that provided actual numbers. The County says the City ultimately makes \$4.68 per sewer bill, however, the City shows \$2.97. Mr. McKenzie stated the County should not include disconnect fees, as it is not a fee the County charges. Eliminating this fee will reflect a per bill amount of \$2.36. Attorney Cox suggested contacting County Commissioner Chuck Hess to get his opinion. Mr. McKenzie and Clerk Schilling will schedule a meeting with Mr. Hess. Moving forward, the City Council approved negotiating for \$2.00 per sewer bill.

Mr. Cox will compose a letter to the County stating the City's desires and request the sewer billing contract be placed on a County Commission meeting agenda.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by Edwards.