

February 13, 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 January 9, 2023, minutes was made by Rudd, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Abbigail Lawhon, Wakulla High School Softball, submitted a sponsorship request to the Council. A **motion** to award a \$500 sponsorship was made by Edwards, second by Rudd, 5/0.

The Council held the **2nd public hearing for Ordinance 2023-01** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida Creating Supplemental Standards Within The Planned Unit Development Land Use District For The Development Of RV Parks With The City, Providing For Severability And Providing An Effective Date. Attorney Dan Cox read the Ordinance by title and provided a brief overview. A **motion** was made by Edwards to adopt the Ordinance as presented, second by Rudd, 5/0.

The Council held the **2nd public hearing for Ordinance 2023-02** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Amending The City Of Sopchoppy Land Development Code Article IV – Zoning District Regulations; Providing For Severability; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict; And Providing An Effective Date. City Clerk Ashley Schilling read the Ordinance by title and Attorney Cox gave an overview stating historic structures along Rose Street will be allowed to rebuild, if destroyed, using the existing setbacks. A **motion** to adopt the Ordinance as presented was made by Edwards, second by Harden, 5/0.

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

Prior to the Council meeting, City Clerk Ashley Schilling sent Councilmembers a copy of the Sopchoppy School inspection reports for review. Staff and Council are concerned with the number of repairs needed and potential costs. Mayor Edwards requested Clerk Schilling set up a joint meeting between City Councilmembers and staff and School Superintendent Bobby Pearce, staff, and School Board Members, to discuss the findings and formulate a plan going forward.

Clerk Schilling received three bids from contractors to replace the Depot deck.

\$8,500.00 – Richard Brantley Construction

\$5,000.00 – Corathers Construction

\$125.00/hr – Uncle Ralph's Construction

The City received a quote of \$5,164.00 for pressure treated wood and is waiting for a quote for composite material. A **motion** to approve staff hiring a vendor to replace the deck with a cost not to exceed \$30,000 was made by Edwards, second by Rudd, 5/0.

The Wakulla News asked if the City would like to advertise in the 2023 Discover Wakulla Visitor's Guide and the Council indicated they would not be participating this year.

Deputy Clerk Page Evans presented a water bill adjustment request from Genevieve Oaks. Ms. Oaks had a pipe burst during the freeze in December but was not discovered until January, affecting two billing cycles. The Council approved an overall adjustment of \$100.00 between the two months.

Public Works Director Seth Green reported the motor at Well 3 quit, but should be back working within the week. While down, Mr. Green had it scoped to evaluate future repairs and everything looks good.

Rick Delp, Jeff Jones, and Alan Hart, BDI, were present to address the ongoing issues with the new tank at Well 3. They found a section of pipe between Casora and Evalinda on Hwy 98 that was reported as a 1 ½" pipe, that is actually 6", causing inaccuracies when building and testing the tank model.

BDI is meeting with Mr. Green and field staff tomorrow (2/14) to ensure all pipes in the system are identified and reported correctly.

Vice Mayor Rudd asked why the new tank wasn't switched to run off of Well 4 instead of 3 while identifying the problem. PWD Green stated there are other issues in place; i.e., demand of system, tower not able to equalize, etc. Booster pumps could be placed at the wells to help with these issues.

BDI is currently working with staff on an updated hydraulic model of the system. They will be working on water line size accuracy, then input flows depending on meter reading routes that will give an idea of flow calibration needs. The next step will be to plug in projections of usage and then adjust if needed.

Once the hydraulic model is complete, Councilman McKenzie requested it be emailed to the Council.

Vice Mayor Rudd asked about installing the additional two traffic calming devices on Rose Street that are included in this year's budget. Mr. Rudd suggested placing the devices in front of the grocery store and just past Blossom Avenue. The Council also discussed the need to make the devices more aggressive.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion by McKenzie, second by Rudd.