

July 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 June 12, 2023, minutes was made by Rudd, second by McClendon, 5/0.

Kenzie Miller, Wakulla County Public Information Officer, and Elizabeth Hughes, Wakulla County TDC, presented a 4th of July video that was produced by Visit Wakulla for marketing purposes.

Mayor Edwards thanked staff for a successful event and Clerk Schilling extended an invitation to anyone that would like to volunteer for next year's event.

Jamie Martin, representing Debbie Van Horn and Sherry Kemp of the Wakulla County Senior Citizen's Thrift Store, requested approval to place a locking structure for donations outside at the City Hall Annex. If possible, they would like to receive donations to off-set costs associated with placing the structure and a concrete foundation to place it on. Mayor Edwards instructed them to get with PWD Seth Green to locate lines and mark off the spot to determine the size and then proceed with costs.

Ric Delp, BDI presented the 2023 Updated Hydraulic Model Report to the Council. The model includes growth and needs for 10 years; potential sites for infrastructure; and a recommendation to upgrade Well 7 to larger capacity, including possibly purchasing 2.5 acres adjacent to the site. The property meets DEP set-back requirements, and the City is working with the County to modify the County's requirements. BDI also identified two additional sites for wells; Rock Hole Rd, and Forbes Farm (Council Moore) as well as recommending improvements at Well 2; upgrade lines on Hwy 319 for more flow; and possibly a 2nd well in the Sopchoppy area.

Wakulla County Administrator David Edwards stated the expansion of Hwy 319 in our area is so far out, the City does not need to wait to upgrade the water lines that run along the hwy. Attorney Cox suggested including the line upgrade in funding requests.

PWD Green contacted one of the owners of the 2.5 acres adjacent to Well 7 and received an asking price of \$150,000. Attorney Cox asked Mr. Green to contact the owners and ask if they will talk to him. Mr. Cox will draw up an agreement or contract.

A **motion** was made by Vice Mayor Rudd to have Attorney Cox draw up a contract for the 2.5 acres adjacent to Well 7, to include a refundable \$5,000 deposit (or to go towards the purchase price), second by McClendon, 5/0.

PWD Green reported D.R. Horton is willing to set aside 2 acres for the City, for a well site, in the vicinity of Forbes Farm.

Brandon Barber, The Ark FT, LLC, asked permission to park his food truck at the Mom's Restaurant property on Monday's and Saturday's. The Council agreed to the request. Mr. Barber will need to sign a Use Agreement and provide the City with a copy of his liability insurance.

Attorney Cox stated he will hold a transmittal hearing August 14, to discuss proposed amendments to the Comp Plan and the EAR Report.

The financials and adjustments were approved by signature of the Council.

Councilman McClendon stated the boardwalk at the City Park could potentially be a hazard if the slats along the bottom are not kept up.

Vice-Mayor stated the land clearing on Yellow Jacket Avenue and Summer Street is tearing up the right-of-way and the contractor on Orange Avenue needs to remove the loads of dirt from the ditch.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Motion by McKenzie, second by Rudd.