

June 13, 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, McClendon, Rudd, and Harden.

Councilman McClendon made a motion to approve the May 9, 2022, minutes, second by Rudd, 4/0.

Mayor Edwards presented **Resolution 2022-07 – A Resolution of the Council of the City of Sopchoppy Expressing Gratitude to Trooper John Schilling for Life-Saving Measures** – The Resolution was read in its entirety by the Mayor and a **motion** to adopt was made by Rudd, second by Harden, 4/0. The certificate was presented to Trooper Schilling by the Oaks family.

David Roddenberry gave a synopsis of varying native plants located within Depot Park and stated the park has been awarded the Depot Park Landscape Award of Excellence by the Native Plant Society. Mr. Roddenberry requested approval to erect a sign on the park fence to display the award. The Council approved the request.

The Council entered the **2nd Public Hearing for the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Project** – the proposed \$600,000 project will construct drainage improvements in the vicinity of Municipal and Gulf Streets, and the intersection of Surf Road and Family Circle. The grant requires a \$25,000 match from the City. A copy of the minutes from the Public Hearing are attached.

City Clerk Ashley Schilling presented **Resolution 2022-05 – Resolution Of The City Commission Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Authorizing The Mayor To Make Application To The Florida Department Of Economic Opportunity For Approval Of A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sponsored By The City Of Sopchoppy; Providing An Effective Date; And For Other Purposes**

Clerk Schilling presented **Resolution 2022-06 - Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Authorizing City Funds To Be Used As Local Match For The Proposed FFY 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Application; Providing An Effective Date; And For Other Purposes** – A **motion** to adopt both Resolution 2022-05 and Resolution 2022-06 was made by Edwards, second by Rudd, 4/0.

Plant Operator Seth Green presented, for approval, an interlocal agreement between the City and Clay County Utility Authority. CCUA would like to purchase excess utility inventory in the amount of \$22,093.70. A **motion** to enter into the agreement with CCUA was made by Rudd, second by McClendon, 4/0.

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

Clerk Schilling inquired as to whether the City will be adding Juneteenth as a recognized holiday. In light of staff working July 4th, and in recognition of the new Federal holiday, Mayor Edwards recommended adding Juneteenth as an additional paid holiday for employees. Attorney Cox stated the holiday will need to be added to the calendar by Resolution. A **motion** to add Juneteenth to the holiday calendar was made by Rudd, second by Harden, 4/0.

The Council will hold a budget workshop Monday, August 1, 6:00 p.m.

Clerk Schilling has a request from someone wanting to buy a new bench for Depot Park and place a sponsorship plaque or put a plaque on an existing bench. Mrs. Schilling will research the cost of a new bench vs what City paid for the existing ones.

Clerk Schilling informed the Council she will be absent from the July meeting and Deputy Clerk Evans will take her place.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt stated the City started filling the new tower at Well 3 and encountered a couple of issues. The City will address the issues and hopefully have the tower operational no later than mid-July.

With the growth in the County, Mr. Tartt stated the City needs to possibly plan for another tower, line upgrades, and tank lines next budget year. Councilman McClendon asked if the hydraulic study conducted several years ago underestimated the system needs and County growth. Mr. Tartt will be meeting with BDI for purposes of a capacity analysis.

Councilman McClendon stated the large pavilion at the City Park looks good and he is impressed with the cleanliness of it. He also feels the speed calming devices on Rose Street are working.

Councilman Rudd would like two more speed calming devices budgeted into next fiscal year.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32p.m. Motion by Rudd, second by Edwards.