

June 10, 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, Roddenberry, and McClendon.

Councilman McClendon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the Clerk. Vice Mayor Lewis requested time to review the minutes before approval, motion was withdrawn.

Wyatt Jones presented the Council with two sponsorship requests; Wakulla All Stars and 2019 Coastal Bandits 10U Travel Baseball. A motion was made by Roddenberry to approve a Silver sponsorship (\$250) for Coastal Bandits and Single sponsorship (\$125) for Wakulla All Stars, second by Lewis, 4/0.

Jordan Brown also presented the Council with a sponsorship request for the Wakulla County Youth Football/Cheerleading Association. A motion was made by Lewis to approve a Classic (\$125) sponsorship. Roddenberry requested to make a motion to approve a Silver (\$250) package. Vice-Mayor Lewis agreed to entertain Councilman Roddenberry's motion and amended his motion to approve the \$250 sponsorship, second by Edwards, 4/0.

Johnny Booth questioned the commission on their meeting procedures policy. He made a public records request and was informed that there was no formal policy. Discussion followed regarding the conduct of meetings and Mr. Booth was assured there is no formal meeting procedures policy.

Nelson Martin and Elizabeth Carter shared a plan for creating a canoe trail on the Sopchoppy River. They are interested in developing a canoe launch park at the bridge approach on the Rose Street bridge. The Commission agreed that the City would act as the sponsoring local government for any grants that they can find for development of the proposed park.

At this time, Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, second by Roddenberry, 4/0.

The Council held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for Ordinance 2019-01** (read by title) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AMENDING SECTION 14-1, CITY OF SOPCHOPPY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARGES FOR FACILITIES FOR MYRON B. HODGE PARK, TO INCLUDE AN ANNUAL PASS FOR USE OF THE BOAT RAMP, TO CODIFY EXISTING CHARGES FOR OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE – A motion was made by Roddenberry to adopt Ordinance 2019-01 as presented, second by McClendon, 4/0.

The Council held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for Ordinance 2019-02** (read by title) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT, CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Attorney Dan Cox requested to table adoption to allow time to add the Sopchoppy River Access Project and also speak with Public Works Director Leonard Tartt regarding water system projects. Attorney Cox will bring the updated Ordinance back to the July 8 meeting.

The Council held the **2nd Public Hearing for Ordinance 2019-03** (read by title) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA VACATING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN THOSE PORTIONS OF ORANGE AVENUE LYING NORTH OF ROSE STREET AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWN OF SOPCHOPPY AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 82 OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. A motion was made by Lewis to adopt Ordinance 2019-03 as presented, second by Roddenberry, 4/0.

The City contacted Florida Rural Water Association after the April meeting requesting assistance with a water rate study. Bob Mearns, FRWA, addressed the Council informing them he was notified Friday, June 8, of the request and Mr. Mearns will be requesting information from the Clerk and Public Works Director and will be prepared to attend the July or August meeting.

Caroline Smith, ARPC, made a final presentation of the Economic Development Strategy. Ms. Smith will be submitting the report to the Department of Economic Opportunity by the Friday, June 14 deadline. Ms. Smith also presented the Land Development Code update. Attorney Cox has been working with Ms. Smith on the LDC and stated parking space regulations and retention ponds need to be addressed. ARPC recommends the City pursue the Florida Mainstreets Program but would need to have measures in place before applying for grants.

Attorney Cox will be conducting ethics training September 29 at the Franklin County Commission Chambers.

Mr. Cox presented a draft alcohol consumption policy to the Council. The current policy only addresses beer and wine. Attorney Cox asked if the Council wants to include spirits as well, following state law guidelines related to percentage of food/alcohol sales. Vice Mayor Lewis stated the current ordinance passed by referendum following strong community opinion, he feels the Council should entertain another referendum before changing the policy. Councilman Roddenberry strongly favors allowing spirits without holding another referendum.

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

City Clerk Ashley Schilling reminded the Council Form 1's are due by July 1.

Clerk Schilling informed Council that office staff evaluations have been completed. Vice Mayor Lewis asked about procedures to conduct evaluations for the Clerk and Public Works Director. Attorney Cox reminded Council there are forms adopted that can be used. Each Councilmember can complete an evaluation for each position, forward them to him, and Mr. Cox will combine them and present the completed evaluations at the July meeting.

At the May 13 meeting, a motion was made and passed approving construction of the Depot Park pavilion using Design 2, changing to an angled roof and pole barn style, costing no more than \$47,844. Godfrey Builders was contacted with the approval, however, Mr. Godfrey attended tonight's meeting and stated the angled roof cannot be constructed on Design 2, however, with additional costs and modifications it can be achieved. Mr. Godfrey suggested taking out the roof joists and install 2 x 6 tongue and groove, giving a flat ceiling instead of exposed beams, for acoustical purposes. Mayor Edwards said the additional costs could be covered using the Capital Outlay line item and the remainder of the Capital Improvement/Development funds. Roddenberry stated if the design is approved, the City may go over line item, but should stay within total general fund budget. Councilman Roddenberry made a motion to erect the pavilion with upgrades presented for a contingent total of \$65,531.60, second by McClendon, motion passed 3/1, with Lewis opposing.

Council scheduled a budget workshop for August 6, 6:30 p.m.

David Fulgham and a group of citizen's would like an opportunity to meet with the Councilmembers and become more involved and supportive in the community and at Council meetings. Also Mr. Fulgham would like the Council to entertain microphones at meetings.

Richard Harden spoke in support of the parks and proposed the idea of a grant writer to pursue and administer the Mainstreets Program. Mr. Harden would also like to see the Council use microphones.

Councilman McClendon likes the draft alcohol policy, incorporating the gym. With insurance costs increasing so much, Mr. McClendon stated the City needs to consider a realistic water rate increase.

Councilman Roddenberry said he is planning to attend the FLC conference in August and would like the Clerk to get quotes on a microphone system.

Mayor Edwards would like to apply for a \$1,500.00 landscape grant at no cost to the City. It would pay for plant replacement at Depot Park. Ms. Edwards would also like to attend the FLC conference and encouraged Clerk Schilling to attend on occasion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Motion by Roddenberry, second by Lewis.