

March 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Lara Edwards with prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance: Edwards, Rudd, and Roddenberry.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented by the Clerk. Motion by Rudd, second by Roddenberry, passed 3/0.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, reported he along with Derek Allen, Dale Rushton, Mike Porter and Tom Barton attended Focus on Change in February, earning CEU's for their distribution licenses.

Nathan Lewis joins the meeting at this time.

City Clerk, Ashley Schilling, presented Councilmembers Nathan Lewis and Becton Roddenberry Certificates of Completion on behalf of the John Scott Daily Florida Institute of Government and the Florida League of Cities, for attending the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials.

RESOLUTION 2017-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA AMEND ORDINANCE 2016-05 CREATING THE WAKULLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY. The Council would like to do further research and tabled this item until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HB 17 AND SB 1158 WHICH WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOME RULE AUTHORITY AND THREATEN THE EXISTENCE OF NUMEROUS AND WIDE-RANGING REGULATIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT IN THE CITY UNLESS SUCH REGULATIONS ARE EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY GENERAL LAW; AND AUTHORIZING TRANSMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE WAKULLA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. After discussion, a motion was made by Roddenberry to adopt the Resolution, second by Lewis, passed 4/0.

ORDINANCE 2017-02

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC. d/b/a DUKE ENERGY, A NON-EXCLUSIVE ELECTRIC UTILITY RIGHTS OF WAY UTILIZATION FRANCHISE; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE OCCUPANCY OF MUNICIPAL STREETS AND RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This was the 1st public hearing and the Ordinance was read by title only.

ORDINANCE 2017-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) PURSUANT TO THE SMALLSCALE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ACT, CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This was the 1st public hearing and the Ordinance was read by title only.

ORDINANCE 2017-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This was the 1st public hearing and the Ordinance was read by title only.

Attorney Dan Cox informed the Council of two bills, HB843 and SB1004 that would amend the Sunshine Law. These bills will allow 2 councilmembers to meet outside of advertised meeting but not make financial decisions, however, as written it will open the City up to possible litigation in the future. Attorney Cox will send Clerk Schilling a sample letter for the Council's consideration to send to our Senator and Representative to oppose the bills.

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

Clerk Schilling presented the Council with a draft of the social media policy. Councilmembers and Attorney Cox will review it and bring changes/concerns to the next meeting.

Leonard Tartt reported on several projects in the public works department. Mr. Tartt asked for guidance with the calming devices for Rose Street, reminding the Council of the pricing from a previous company. Mayor Edwards feels we should acquire pricing from other additional contractors that will include stamping as well. All present were in agreement and companies will be contacted for pricing and input on placement.

Depot Park has been staked out (paths, pavilions), but a few trees need to be removed. Council gave approval to remove the trees so the contractor can proceed.

Councilmember Roddenberry reported the "Lighthouse" has proven to be a great location for the 4H Poultry Club.

Mayor Edwards requested the Council consider sponsoring the WHS Robotics Team as they will be entering a FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition. A motion was made by Councilmember Rudd to give \$500.00 to the team, second by Roddenberry, passed 4/0.

Councilmember Lewis brought to the Council's attention Park Avenue in the area of Sheldon Street. The condition of the roadway needs to be addressed and fixed in whatever manner necessary.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Roddenberry, second by Rudd.