

Monday, May 13, 2013

The City Council met in regular business meeting. In attendance were Mayor Colleen Skipper, Councilmembers Lara Edwards and Martha Evans. Also in attendance: City Clerk, Jackie Lawhon, Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, Deputy Clerk, Linda Langston and Attorney, Dan Cox.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented. Motion by Lara Edwards/Martha Evans, passed 3/0.

Announcements:

DOT Community Outreach mobile unit will be in Sopchoppy from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. on May 20 to renew tags, driver's license, Florida i.d's, parking permits, etc.

Land Development Code Workshop to gain public input on a downtown overlay district will be held Thursday, May 30, 2013.

Committee Reports:

4th of July Committee, presented a 3 day schedule of events to the council.

General Business:

Elections: Deputy Clerk, Linda Langston advised the Council that the City is currently qualifying candidates for the 2013 election. The last day to qualify will be Monday, May 20 @ noon.

The Council was presented a quote from ABC Fence Company for repairs to the chain link fence at the City Park. All broken line post will be replaced along with a new section of fence on the North end of the park, a drive thru gate replacement and top rail replacement. The cost is 2,995.00 and is a budgeted item. Lara Edwards made the motion to complete the repairs as quoted, seconded by Martha Evans, passed 3/0.

The Council was informed that the City Clerk, Deputy Clerk and City Attorney met with County Attorney Heather Encinosa and County Manager David Edwards regarding payment for sewer billing. The County is offering both the City of Sopchoppy and Panacea Area Water System \$2.00 per bill for billing county customers. This was a discussion item only and no action was taken however it was the consensus of staff and the council that the city will retain the right to turn-off all city accounts for non-payment and keep the administration fees for doing so.

The Clerk informed the Council that she has begun the process for bidding a new roof for the gym and has contacted Greg Kelly to write the specs for this job.

Mike Standley reported that there are two items left of the close-out list that need to be completed and that the final payment can be processed on the storm water project.

Dan Cox reported that the Creek Enterprise suit was non-deliverable to the addresses and that it will now be served to another address. He stated that he will need another executive session with the council and set July 8th as the date for that meeting unless something develops that requires a sooner date.

Public Works Director Leonard Tarrt reported that he will be taking the Nitrite and Nitrate test this month and that he is currently working on the consumptive use application.

Lara Edwards inquired about the status of the City Park Camping Sign.
She requested that the flags be put up along the streets in honor of Memorial Day
Council member Edwards also requested that the City have a traffic study done on the section of 319 between the Express Lane and the Family Coastal Restaurant.

The council reviewed the budget with the Clerk and approved the financial and adjustment reports as presented. Motion by Lara Edwards, seconded by Martha Evans, passed 3/0.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.