

May 20, 2024

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

A motion to approve the April 8, 2024, minutes was made by Edwards, second by McClendon, 4/0.

Wakulla Giving Hands will be holding a community event June 1, at the gym and asked if the City is interested in helping sponsor the event with either a monetary donation or waiving the gym usage fee. Councilmember Edwards stated it is her understanding WCSO is covering the fee, however Edwards made a motion to make an in-kind donation by waiving the gym rental fee, seconded by Harden, 4/0.

The Council held the **1st public hearing for Ordinance 2024-03** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Amending The City Of Sopchoppy Land Development Code Article IV-Zoning District Regulations; Providing For Severability; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict; And Providing An Effective Date. The ordinance was read by title only by City Clerk Ashley Schilling.

Attorney Dan Cox presented the Capital Improvement Plan for consideration along with the Property Rights Element. Attorney Cox will hold a transmittal hearing for the Property Rights Element in June or July.

Attorney Cox continues to work with BDI on the review process for developers to submit potential projects/connections to be added to the water system. Mr. Cox would like to distribute the policy to developers for review and bring it back to the Council for approval at the June meeting.

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

Public Works Director Seth Green reported the City is moving forward with the installation of the 12" pipe on MLK. The project should be completed by the end of the year.

Mark Price, Ponderosa Construction, asked the Council if they will work with him on paying the \$7,200 capacity fee for three houses, he built on L.M. Street prior to the adoption of the capacity fee in April. Mr. Price stated at this time he can pay for the meters, but not the capacity fees, unless the City can take a credit card. Currently, the water system billing software is not set up to take credit/debit cards for new connections or deposits, however, Clerk Schilling will speak with staff and if billing the capacity fee can be worked out with the software company, the Council agreed to a one-time deal to bill the fee on these three houses only.

Councilmember Edwards inquired about the 4th of July celebration and the progress being made. Committee member Justine Dempsey stated the City is still looking for sponsors and raffle items, food vendors spots are filled, very few spots left for arts/craft vendors and the entertainment schedule is nearly complete. The Council opted not to have a float in the parade this year.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Motion by Edwards, second by Rudd.