

May 9, 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, Harden, and McKenzie.

Councilman Rudd made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022, minutes, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Corey Benedict, Municipal Avenue, is concerned by the direction the City is heading. Mr. Benedict spoke with Mayor Edwards regarding contractor's looking for land to buy. One contractor is hoping to build multiple houses on land currently owned by Wakulla County School Board, however the parcel would have to be rezoned. Mr. Benedict does not agree with subdivisions within the City.

Elizabeth Carter, Friends of the Sopchoppy River, along with Attorney Dan Cox presented **Resolution 2022-04**. – A Resolution Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Authorizing The Proposed Sopchoppy River Access Park To Be Planned, Funded, Constructed, Operated And Maintained By Wakulla County And Allowing Street Parking For The Park Visitors In Designated Areas; And Providing An Effective Date. A **motion** to approve Resolution 2022-04 was made by McKenzie, second by Harden, 5/0.

City Clerk, Ashley Schilling presented a letter of support for Wakulla County's proposed special use for Lawhon Mill Road and Floyd Gray Road wastewater system and road paving. A **motion** to approve the letter of support was made by Mayor Edwards, seconded by Rudd, 5/0.

Clerk Schilling reported the **1<sup>st</sup> public hearing and fair housing workshop** was held for the purpose of applying for a CDBG stormwater grant. The grant requires a \$25,000 match from the City. A **motion** to proceed with the application for the grant was made by Mayor Edwards, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

The Council will hold a workshop Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss the latest revisions submitted by Sand County for the Design Standards and Overlay Zones.

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

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt stated North Florida Paving should be installing the 2 traffic calming devices the week of May 16. The devices will be installed on Rose Street just past Depot Park and at Blossom Avenue.

Mr. Tartt also reported the City is having some hollow trees removed as well as trimming others at the City Park, staff along with Florida Rural Water is updating the City's Cross Connection Control Program, and electricians will be working on the new tower at Well 3.

Councilman McClendon stated the renovations at the City Park large pavilion look nice. The showers are still in the process of being renovated.

Mayor Edwards thanked Councilman McClendon and his children for trimming the tree line in front of Dollar General. Mayor Edwards also asked about security cameras for Depot Park. Several cemetery benches appeared at the park. The City learned owners had reported them as stolen. The only style camera that can be placed at Depot Park is a game camera as there is no place to store the DVD player associated with a regular camera system.

Councilman Rudd asked who oversees the plantings and upkeep at Depot Park. Mayor Edwards stated members of a wildflower grant volunteer committee handles the upkeep and will until November 2022. Councilman Rudd asked that the committee come to the Council ahead of planting anything so the City can have a say in what is done. Councilman McKenzie stated a concerned citizen said the plants, flowers, and trees are beginning to encroach the playground area.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion by McKenzie, second by Edwards.