

November 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Mayor Lewis with prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance: Lewis, Roddenberry, and McClendon.

Councilman Roddenberry made a motion to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes as presented by the Clerk, second by McClendon 3/0.

The **1st public hearing** was held for **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA VACATING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN THOSE PORTIONS OF THE ALLEY LYING BETWEEN ROSE STREET AND DICKSON STREET IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY BLOSSOM AVENUE AND YELLOW JACKET AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWN OF SOPCHOPPY WEST SIDE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.** Read by title only, no discussion.

The **1st public hearing** was held for **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTIONS 4.5 AND 4.6 RELATED TO SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON CITY PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Read by title only, discussion followed. Vice-Mayor Lewis is overall supportive of the ordinance, however, hesitant to replace beer/wine with all alcoholic beverages. The 1st ordinance was passed by referendum and Mr. Lewis is reluctant to pass a new ordinance without more discussion/input from the community. Councilman Roddenberry feels the community was notified of the hearing and would have been at the meeting if they had concerns with new ordinance. Roddenberry asked if alcohol will be allowed by park pavilion renters, and Attorney Cox stated private campsites only as opposed to open/public areas within the park. City Clerk Schilling has been asked if the ordinance would allow a liquor store to open and Mr. Cox stated it will only allow on-site consumption. Citizens who attended asked about a cash bar at receptions. Attorney Cox stated drinks may not be sold for carry out.

The Councilmembers who were present asked the Clerk to advertise the 2nd public hearing in the paper prior to the December 9 council meeting.

Attorney Cox presented a draft of the Water Fee Ordinance. The effective dates of increase were changed to coincide with the City's fiscal year instead of calendar year. (Jan. 1 – Sept 30, 2020 - \$2.00; Oct 1 – Sept 30, 2021 - \$1.00; Oct 1 – Sept 30, 2022 - \$1.00). Attorney Cox also suggested including a CPI increase however Council would like to evaluate the rates in the 3rd year (2022) to see if adjustments need to be made going forward. Mr. Cox also questioned the recommendation to not include incremental costs for additional usage. Leonard Tartt stated FRWA wanted to make the adjustment as easy as possible on citizen's, given the sewer rate increases annually.

Following discussion; Attorney Dan Cox held the **1st public hearing** for **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 18-50, CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR WATER SYSTEM USE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Read by title.

Per Council request, Mr. Cox will send Clerk Schilling an advertisement for the 2nd public hearing of Ordinance 2019-07, to run in the Wakulla News prior to the December 9 meeting.

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

Operation Santa contacted Mrs. Schilling asking if the City is willing to adopt a family again this year. Councilman Roddenberry made a motion to adopt a family, spending up to \$500.00, second by McClendon, 3/0.

The Clerk asked Council for input on the City's Christmas dinner. Council requested Angelo's, December 12 or 19 at 6:30 p.m.

With the CDBG stormwater grant bids coming in close to \$1 million and the grant awarded is \$600,000, Baskerville-Donovan is verifying optional pipe sizes and materials to reduce the costs. BDI will finalize the analysis and forward to staff for review.

Councilman McClendon presented a fundraiser to support the Wakulla Community Center's back to school bash (backpack program) and requested the City consider donating to the benefit. A motion was made by McClendon to donate \$100.00 to Be a Hero to Our Hero's, Inc., second by Roddenberry, 3/0.

Councilman McClendon also asked if the City would ever consider entering into a bottled water business. Clerk Schilling stated a class she recently attended shows a majority of bottled water comes from municipality water systems. Councilman Roddenberry likes the idea but doesn't want Sopchoppy to become industrial. Vice-Mayor Lewis would be open to parties making presentations, but not the City selling bottled water.

Councilman Roddenberry asked for a progress report on the Depot Park pavilion. Clerk Schilling stated permits are pulled and construction should begin soon.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by Roddenberry.