

November 8, 2021

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

Richard Harden made a motion to approve the October 11, 2021, minutes, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt informed the Council Luke Steinle attended the Distribution System 3 class and will sit for the test in December.

Nelson & Jamie Martin would like to place a 14' x 5' train mural on the side of the Depot bathroom building. Lost Treasure Graphics in Carrabelle provided a \$1,200.00 quote with the Depot Committee mounting the mural upon completion. Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve the cost of the mural, second by Harden, 5/0. Council made the decision to pay for the mural out of the sponsorship line item in the water fund.

Citizen, Kathy Arbogast stated locks need to be installed on the bathroom stalls at the City Park. City Clerk Ashley Schilling said renovations are currently being made on the pavilion, including the bathrooms, and the locks are in the process of being replaced.

Mrs. Schilling received a request from David Earle asking to have a stop sign installed on Yellow Jacket Avenue at the intersection of Summer Street. A motion to request the County install the sign was made by Harden, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Attorney Cox presented the Council a Consent to Use City Property allowing Dixie's Diner to operate their food truck on the property located at 2164 Sopchoppy Highway. After reviewing the agreement, a motion to approve was made by Harden, second by McClendon, 5/0.

Mayor Edwards presented a proposed fee schedule for Depot Park. Mrs. Edwards proposed \$200.00 per event with 75 or more persons, \$200.00 refundable clean-up/damage deposit, \$10.00 per vendor, and the event responsible for insurance. Based on Council discussion, Attorney Cox was asked to present a draft for consideration at the December meeting.

The Council held the **1st Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-07** -An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Extending A Moratorium On Commercial Site Plan Approval Providing For Severability; And Providing An Effective Date.

The Council held the **1st Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-08** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida Vacating The City's Interest In Those Portions Of The Alley Lying Between Byrd Street And Mill Street In The Block Bounded By Municipal 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. The Ordinance was read by title only by Clerk Schilling. Council asked staff to contact the adjacent property owners prior to the 2nd public hearing in December. Councilman Harden owns land adjacent to the alley and filed a form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which is incorporated in these minutes.

Mayor Edwards asked Leonard Tartt and Ashley Schilling to work with Attorney Cox to update the classification schedule incorporating the results of the salary study submitted by Evergreen Solutions.

Attorney Cox informed the Council of a proposed bill by the Legislature that would require a fiscal impact study on business done for anytime an ordinance is adopted. Attorney Cox will draft a Resolution for Council to send to the delegates.

Attorney Cox stated the state asked for additional information related to the Declaratory Statement.

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

Sand County Studios would like to hold the next Design Guidelines Workshop on December 15th. The Council asked about holding it at the next Council meeting on December 13th.

Clerk Schilling has the annual Christmas dinner scheduled at Angelo's on December 16, 6:30 p.m.

Leonard Tartt is waiting on an updated cost for the downtown calming devices. Council authorized staff to proceed if the cost is within the \$15,000 budget.

Mr. Tartt met with engineers regarding Wesley Park, an upcoming 325 home subdivision located off Highway 61. Mr. Tartt also reported the foundation is complete for the new tower.

Clerk Schilling and Leonard Tartt met with Duke Energy at Mom's Restaurant to see if existing poles can be relocated on the property.

Mayor Edwards stated lights need to be installed on the pavilion at Depot Park and additional outlets are needed throughout the park. Discover Sopchoppy previously donated \$1,000 to help with the cost of the outlets.

Mrs. Edwards contacted WCSO and reported they will be closing the streets downtown and monitoring traffic for the Mullet Festival.

Clerk Schilling contacted someone to install an electric gate at the City Park and is waiting on an estimate.

Councilman McKenzie asked about the bike path cross-over now that the City owns the Mom's Restaurant property. Mayor Edwards stated the issue needs to be addressed again with the Department of Transportation.

Vice Mayor Lewis asked if drainage has been addressed at the new construction on Municipal Avenue. County staff advised Leonard Tartt the pipe size is sufficient and if the City upgrades the size in the future, the owners will be responsible to increase the size of the pipe also.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by Edwards.