

November 10, 2014

The City Council met with Mayor Martha Evans, and Councilpersons; Lara Edwards, Eddie Evans, Nathan Lewis and Glenn Rudd in attendance. The meeting was opened in prayer and a salute to the flag.

The oath of office was administered to Martha Evans and Lara Edwards for the term of office effective until November 2018. Glenn Rudd made the motion to re-appoint Martha Evans as Mayor and Lara Edwards as Vice Mayor for 2014-15, the motion was seconded by Eddie Evans and passed on a majority vote of the Council.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved in written form on a motion by Lara Edwards, seconded by Glenn Rudd and passed by the Council.

The Council held the 2nd public hearing on Ordinance 2014-08, an Ordinance amending the Budgets of the City of Sopchoppy for the fye 9/30/2014. There were no comments or questions by the members of the public in attendance.

Lara Edwards made a motion that the City adopt **Ordinance 2014-08, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND WATER FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY FOR THE 2013-14 OPERATING YEAR**, Eddie Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed 5/0.

Lara Edwards made the motion that the City enter into a Participation and License Agreement for the Big Bend Scenic Byway Improvements between the City of Sopchoppy and Leon County. This agreement allows Leon County to act on behalf of the City of Sopchoppy to design, permit and construct the Byway Information Kiosk which will be built at the Depot. The motion was seconded by Glenn Rudd and passed 5/0 by the council.

Eddie Evans made a motion to begin the re-zoning process which includes a small scale land use amendment change on parcel 12-5S-03W-000-00665-000 as requested by owners Kennis and Barney Harrell. The parcel currently has a split zoning which includes commercial on the front and residential on the rear of the property. The request would zone the entire property commercial. Lara Edwards seconded the motion and the motion passed 5/0.

After a discussion of city project needs and related cost, the council made the decision that the storm-water drainage project within the city is the number one priority for funding request. Eddie Evans made the motion that the City prepares a legislative request through Senator Montford to complete the Storm-water project on Gulf and Orange Avenues. Lara Edwards seconded the motion which passed 5/0. The Clerk will work with Baskerville-Donovan to prepare the request.

The Council approved the following donations:

- Operation Santa - \$325 (based on a family of 6)
- Sr. Citizen County Wide Thanksgiving Meal - \$150
- Sr. Citizen Food Drive - \$50.00

The Council set Dec. 11th as the date for a City Christmas Dinner.

Eddie Evans made the motion to purchase the DOT Property located on McKenzie Place, from the State of Florida at the offered cost of \$18,000 and to approve the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Purchase Contract on behalf of the City, seconded by Glenn Rudd, the motion passed.

The Council members were presented Request for Qualification Proposals for the Sopchoppy Railroad Park from: Wood and Partners Inc., Tallahassee FL; Wilderness Graphics, Tallahassee, FL; and Genesis Group, Tallahassee, FL. Ranking Sheets were provided to be brought back to the December meeting.

Glenn Rudd made the motion to approve the Financial and Adjustment reports as presented by the Clerk, seconded by Lara Edwards and passed by the Council.

Eddie Evans informed the Council that the December meeting will be his last meeting on the Council as he will be moving from within the City Limits. Ordinance 2014-01 provides the method for appointing a council member to fill this position.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.