

October 13, 2014

The City Council met for the regular meeting. In attendance were Mayor Martha Evans, Councilmembers Nathan Lewis, Lara Edwards, Glenn Rudd and Eddie Evans.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag and prayer.

The minutes from the September meeting were read by City Clerk Jackie Lawhon and approved 5/0 on a motion by Nathan Lewis, seconded by Glenn Rudd.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on Ordinance 2014-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHPPY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ACT, CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
No public comment, hearing closed.

Eddie Evans made a motion that the City adopt Ordinance 2014-07 (Capital Improvement Plan Update), seconded by Nathan Lewis, passed 5/0.

**1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing of 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 made the motion to name the downtown park the "Sopchoppy Depot Park" the motion was seconded by Lara Edwards and passed 5/0 by the Council.

City Clerk Jackie Lawhon discussed with the Council several needs for a legislative funding request. Council members will bring their ideas and request to the November Council meeting when a determination of need will be decided.

City Attorney, Dan Cox shared with the Council that he has been contacted by the State of Florida, Department of Transportation informing him that they will be offering the DOT Maintenance Yard, currently leased by the City, a purchase agreement.

City Clerk, Jackie Lawhon brought to the attention of the Council on-going issues with Public Works Director Leonard Tartt's annual and comp time accumulations. Due to the requirements that the water wells must be "visited" 6 days per week, Mr. Tartt earns 3-4 hours of compensatory time each week. Work load demands prevent Mr. Tartt from taking compensatory time or annual leave time resulting in carrying more time than administrative policies allow. Nathan Lewis made the motion to pay Leonard Tartt for 245 hours annual leave, transfer the compensatory time to sick leave and to begin paying Mr. Tartt a monthly week-end shift bonus based on 3-4 hours base pay, and to amend the respective year end budgets. The motion was seconded by Glenn Rudd and passed 5/0 by the council. Further discussion included week-end coverage for Mr. Tartt when he is unavailable. Mr. Tartt requested that the Council allow him the opportunity to work this out with city personnel and report back.

The financial and adjustment reports were approved by the Council, as presented in written form.

Leonard Tartt reported that he had been approached by Henry Jones, Pastor, River of Life Church in regards to the City accepting ownership of two vacant lots currently owned by the Church. After a discussion by the Council, it was decided that Mr. Tartt report back to the pastor that the City has no need for the lots and that it would be best served to offer these lots to the State of Florida as land conservation.

Eddie Evans expressed interest and concern in the location that the bike trail will cross Highway 319 to Rose Street.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.