

September 12, 2022

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

Councilman McClendon made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022, minutes, second by McKenzie, 4/0.

Rachel Pienta, Wakulla 4-H, along with Josie and Brooklyn spoke to the Council regarding what 4-H has to offer and accomplishments various programs have achieved, including the cooking club winning a place in the upcoming National Food Challenge Competition in Texas. Wakulla 4-H submitted a sponsorship request to the Council to be awarded next fiscal year. Vice-Mayor Rudd made a **motion** to approve the \$1,000 Platinum Clover Sponsorship, second by McKenzie, 4/0.

The Council held the **2nd public hearing and adoption for Ordinance 2022-03** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida Vacating The City's Interest In Those Portions Of The Alley Lying Between Argyle Street And Sheldon Street In The Block Bounded By Faith Avenue And Orange 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. A **motion** to adopt Ordinance 2022-03 was made by McKenzie, second by McClendon, 4/0.

The Council held the **2nd public hearing for Ordinance 2022-04** - An Ordinance To Adopt The Operating Budgets For The General Fund Of The City Of Sopchoppy And The Water Fund Of The City Of Sopchoppy. To Provide A Reasonable Anticipated Revenue And Expenditure Schedule For The 2022-2023 Operating Year. Clerk Schilling stated the General Fund was revised, removing the ARPA revenue as it was received in the current year. The Water Fund was revised, increasing the new Distribution Tech starting salary to \$42,000 (increase of \$2,100). A **motion** to adopt Ordinance 2022-04 was made by McKenzie, second by Harden, 4/0.

The Council held the **1st public hearing for Ordinance 2022-05** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy Annexing Property Located In Section 7, Township 5s, Range 2w Into The City At The Request Of The Owner Of The Property Pursuant To The Voluntary Annexation Provisions Of Chapter 171.044, Florida Statutes, Providing For An Effective Date. Attorney Cox stated part of the property is currently inside the City limits and sees no reason not to grant the annexation. The owners of the property have been speaking to the County about potentially having an RV park on the site. The City does not currently have zoning in the current comp plan for an RV park and will need to address the issue in the comp plan amendment. The City will send a letter to the County prior to the notice of voluntary annexation being advertised in the paper. The ad will run in the September 29 and October 6 Wakulla News.

Staff has been working on revising the Cross Connection Control Program. Attorney Cox does not think the Council needs to be involved and staff can take care of any changes needed to comply with DEP policies.

Debi Revell contacted Dan Cox regarding a scrivener's error in Ordinance 2018-04. Attorney Cox stated since the alley closing was adopted by ordinance, an ordinance will need to be adopted to correct the error.

Attorney Cox would like to hold a workshop on the design standards and overlay district. Council scheduled the workshop for September 19, 6:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Rudd stated he has received several complaints regarding debris outside of the house at the end of Dickson Street. Attorney Cox said staff can contact code enforcement.

Vice Mayor Rudd made a motion to approve the financial and adjustment reports, second by McKenzie, 4/0.

Clerk Schilling reported the showers at the City Park have been renovated. Renovations were scheduled for next fiscal year, however the contractor had an opening in schedule and camping is very minimal this time of year. Council agreed with the decision.

Clerk Schilling presented a draft Adopt A Bench Program to the Council. After much discussion, a **motion** was made by McKenzie to adopt a bench for \$3,000 for the lifetime of the bench, second by Harden, 4/0.

Plant Operator Seth Green reported receiving four applications for the new Distribution Tech position. Mr. Green is interviewing three of the applicants and hopes to make a decision by the end of the week.

The new tank at Well 3 passed DEP inspection and the well should be online this week.

Mr. Green also reported no lapse in productivity or complaints from staff regarding the 4-10 work schedule. Council approved the continuation of the schedule.

Councilman McKenzie met with WCSB Superintendent Bobby Pearce regarding the City taking ownership of the Sopchoppy High School. WCSO is also interested in the property for training, however Mr. Pearce stated the City will have first right of refusal. If the City takes over the property WCSB has mandated there cannot be a charter school or another public school held there.

Nathan Lewis stated WCSB wants to deed the property to the City and will tear down any outbuildings that cannot be renovated. The school board will check the rooms for asbestos.

Corey Benedict stated a developer is very interested in the vacant property located on the backside of the property.

Councilman McKenzie will schedule a meeting with WCSO and find out their intentions.

Brent Thurman reported the old Whaley house located at the City Park should be removed from the park by the end of October.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Motion by McKenzie, second by McClendon.

September 19, 2022

Downtown Overlay Workshop

In attendance: McClendon, Harden

The workshop was canceled at 6:20 p.m. for lack of a quorum.

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