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CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Invocation by Pastor Dale Elzie, Trenton United Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Byran Williams – Present
Vice Mayor Gloria James – Present
Commissioner Jason Evans – Present
Commissioner Scott Jamison – Present
Commissioner Sue Weller – Present

Staff Present: Ed Booth, City Manager
Jenny L. Parham, City Clerk
Angela Stone, Assistant City Clerk
Scott Walker, City Attorney
Courtney Johnson, Assistant City Attorney
David Benton, Public Works Director
Joel Decoursey, Police Chief
Antoine Sheppard, Police Lieutenant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Commissioner Evans to approve the agenda as presented.

Second Commissioner Weller.

Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Commissioner Weller to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016 Workshops (2), and January 14, 2016 Commission Meeting.

Second Vice Mayor James.

Motion Carried 5 -0.

PRESENTATION OF LIFESAVING AWARD TO HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF WILLIAM MCMAHON, SHERRY SAKAI AND JOHNELLY GREEN BY POLICE CHIEF JOEL DECOURSEY.

Officer Downing introduced Principal Lynn McNeil of High Springs Community School.

Chief Decoursey gave an overview of an incident at the Community School with a choking student and the staff of the school that stepped in to save the life of this student.

Mayor Williams thanked them for their service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REVIEW AND APPROVE FINAL WILD PLACES PUBLIC SPACES PROJECT LIST.

Mr. Booth gave an overview. He explained that these are a projected cost.

Commissioner Evans asked if the projects are prioritized. Mr. Booth advised that he did put in a priority order, but the county did not need a priority list at this time.

Motion Commissioner Evans to approve the Wild Places Public Spaces Project List as presented with the disclaimer that it is a non-prioritized list and send to the County.

Second Commissioner Weller.

Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA (PLEASE STATE NAME FOR THE RECORD – LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)

Norm Swarthout spoke of not having regularly scheduled pick up of yard waste and regular trash on 244th Street in Southside Terrace. They have missed it 12 times since WCA took over.

Mr. Booth stated that we will locate the street and make sure they are aware of the street location.

Commissioner Jamison asked if it could be a substitute driver. Mr. Benton stated it could be a reason, but he will make sure his address is on the list to be double checked.

Mr. Swarthout stated that the city staff is very helpful and are doing what they can, it is just WCA is not doing their job.

Robert Stripple spoke of his issue with trash pick-up and there being two 244th Streets. Spoke of an issue with a response from law enforcement, as well, when the city dispatched its own calls for police assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2016 – A, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGH

SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO THE ALACHUA COUNTY PROPOSED STORMWATER REGULATIONS; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Johnson read Resolution 2016-A by title only.

**Motion Commissioner Weller to approve Resolution 2016-A and forward to the county.
Second Commissioner Evans.**

Mr. Booth gave an overview of the purpose of this resolution. He states that the county would like to permit storm water, which the city has reservations about.

Commissioner Weller stated that this resolution is to ask the county to slow down the process.

Roll Call:

**Mayor Williams-yes
Vice Mayor James-yes
Commissioner Evans-yes
Commissioner Jamison-
Commissioner Weller-yes**

Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSS CHANGING NW 231ST STREET BACK TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mayor Williams stated that there have been citizens asking that 231st Street be named back to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Booth stated that there is an issue with having two streets named Martin Luther King, Jr; as US HWY 441 already has this designation. He stated that we can put a brown sign with the name under the current street name.

Mayor Williams stated he thought US Hwy 441 is Martin Luther King but only an honorary road.

Consensus to have staff do research on using Martin Luther King and if US Hwy 441.

Yvonne Andrews stated her church has an address of Martin Luther King Blvd.

**Motion Commissioner Weller to table this item to the next meeting for additional information.
Second Commissioner Jamison
Motion carried 5-0.**

REVIEW CITY OWNED PROPERTIED AND CONSIDER DECLARING SURPLUS FOR DISPOSAL.

Mr. Booth stated this is our first effort to start cleaning up our town. He stated that

#5 needs to be removed from the list.

Commissioner Weller stated that #3 backs up to the community school and she would like to remove that one from the list with the idea that we could use it to help the community school expand, if they were interested.

Mr. Booth stated that we will advertise and accept sealed bids.

Commissioner Weller asked if we could send a letter to the property owners that touch these properties that they will be going out for bid. Attorney Johnson stated you can notify them but you still need to advertise.

Motion Commissioner Weller to approve and declare the properties as surplus with the exception of #3 and #5 being removed, and to go out to bid.

Attorney Johnson explained that this was for information and staff will be bring back a resolution with all the items listed.

Commissioner Weller withdrew motion.

Commissioner Jamison asked if we can put a stipulation in that when they purchase the property that they will have a certain amount of time to clean up the property.

Mr. Booth stated we will also add the bucket truck; it is not operational and cannot be repaired. We will use the money from this to purchase a new bucket truck.

CONSIDER APPOINTING JOHN MANLEY TO THE HIGH SPRINGS PLAN BOARD

**Motion Commissioner Jamison to appoint John Manley to the High Springs Plan Board.
Second Commissioner Evans.**

Vice Mayor James asked that Mr. Manley be given the term that ends in 2018.

**Commissioner Jamison amended motion to fill the seat that terms in 2018.
Second Commissioner Evans.**

Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE

Nothing at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

He states that we are repermitting the water plant. He speaks of reevaluating our system. He speaks of reducing the amount of chlorine. He states that we will still be putting in the Hydrogen Peroxide

system. He states that there is not an effect by putting this in place. He states the engineer of the Rural Water Agency has reevaluated our permit.

He and Mr. Benton walked, with the lowest bidding contractor, the water lines that are to be replaced with the CDBG grant, the contractor will be speaking with the engineer.

He and Chief Gillingham went to a County Commission Meeting; he spoke of wanting to receive a higher rate of reimbursement for Fire Service calls.

He has given each of the commissioners the Tree Ordinance from the City of Gainesville. Spoke of the enforcement issues we run into with our current ordinance.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Evans- Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Jamison stated that Officer Downing is going above and beyond with implementing safety procedures at the community school, and we are very fortunate.

Commissioner Weller congratulated Scott Thomason on his appointed by the Governor to sit on the Professional Licensing Board.

Commissioner Weller spoke of a programs being offered for Emergency Management. She stated that there is one on how to handle finances following and during an emergency, that she would like to see the Finance Director attend. She adds that there is another one on documentation that she feels the City Clerk and Finance Director should attend. She spoke of having a workshop for the commission on policies in an emergency situation, so they understand what the policies are and who does what.

Vice Mayor James spoke of an issue with mail she received. She said the post office explained that they have 90 days to change the addresses, and citizens may want to wait to change their address as to avoid some headaches.

MAYOR

Mayor Williams asked about an outlet on the bathrooms at Catherine Taylor Park that has been destroyed and wanted to know if we can lock it. Mr. Booth advised that staff will be notified and we will look into.

Motion Commissioner Evans to adjourn.

Second Commissioner Weller

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.