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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2016

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

Invocation by James Mc Daniel, Allen Chapel.

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
Joel Decoursey, Police Chief
Antoine Sheppard, Police Lieutenant
David Benton, Public Works Director
Amanda Rodriguez, CRA Executive Director

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 28, 2016 and February 11, 2016 Commission Meeting.

**Second Commissioner Evans.
Motion Carried 5 -0.**

POLICE CHIEF JOEL DECOURSEY SWEARS IN JESSICA HALL AND DEREK LAMBERT AS POLICE CHAPLAINS.

Chief Decoursey gave a background on how this came about.

Chief Decoursey read the oath of office to Jessica Hall and Derek Lambert. The families of Ms. Hall and Mr. Lambert came forward to pin them as Chaplain of the High Springs Police Department.

Chaplin Hall thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the community.

Chaplin Lambert thanked everyone for this opportunity to serve the community. He stated that he is blessed and humbled by this opportunity.

Officer Joy thanked Chaplin Hall and Chaplin Lambert for stepping up for this task.

Chief Decoursey thanked the commission for this opportunity and thanked the new Chaplains again.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2016 AS “BELIEVING IN GIRLS” MONTH.

Mayor Williams read the proclamation declaring March 2016 as “Believing in Girls” Month.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

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

Mr. Booth stated that we have found that the State has declared US HWY 441 in High Springs and Alachua as Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. He suggested that we could put a brown sign in honor, for NW 231st Street.

Mr. Booth stated that he knows that in the past the street had this name, but it needed to be changed.

Mayor Williams stated US HWY 441 he thought that it was an honorary road. He stated that the businesses use US HWY441 not MLK Blvd.

Mayor Williams stated that there are specific guidelines for honorary streets.

Commissioner Evans asked if there will be a conflict having a named road and honorary road named the same.

Commissioner Weller states that the people that live on that street could not use the Martin Luther King as their street name, they would need to use the 911 address.

Motion Commissioner Jamison to have the City Attorney draft a Resolution designating NW 231st Street as an Honorary Road, Martin Luther King.

Second Commissioner Weller.

Yvonne Andrews spoke of other areas having Blvd. and Drives for Martin Luther King in the same area.

Commissioner Jamison spoke of how he feels that an Honorary Road is a little higher recognition.

Commissioner Jamison resended his Motion.

Second Commissioner Weller.

Consensus to have staff come back with more information in two weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2016-D, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, RENAMING WEST U.S. HIGHWAY 27 TO NW JUNCTION AVENUE IN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Johnson read Resolution 2016-D by title only.

Motion Commissioner Weller to approve Resolution 2016-D.

Second Commissioner Jamison.

Commissioner Evans stated since this has come up there has been a lot of negative feedback. He spoke of it not going all the way down to the bridge.

David Benton stated he met with E911 staff and they showed him where Junction Avenue would be, that it cannot go all the way to the bridge due to some property being in the city and some being in the county. He states it would stop where Graceworks is located.

Attorney Johnson stated that the resolution will need to be changed to reflect that this would not go all the way through.

Vice Mayor James stated that there have been some objections since we started talking about this change.

Attorney Walker stated it may be beneficial to have discussion with the County since there is additional city property. He recommended tabling for the County to be able to come and explain.

David Benton stated that just past the industrial park there is county property, and down by the Lions Club there is county property.

Johnny Sheppard asked why we want to change this; he states that in the past it was US HWY 27.

Commissioner Weller resended the Motion made and tabled this item to the next meeting with the understanding that there will be an explanation from the county on why we cannot extend the

name being proposed all the way out to the river, and to have staff see if the county could be present.

Second Commissioner Jamison.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Doris Wright states they feed the hungry at the Civic Center on Wednesdays and she would like to have a second mop to clean with. She spoke of debris on abandoned homes. She speaks of barking dogs on 180th. She spoke about Patricia Gardens and the need for it to be cleaned up.

Yvonne Andrews asked about having the pot holes fixed behind the Civic Center.

Bridgett Young spoke of speeding and traffic and traffic running the stop sign on what use to be SE 5th Street and also Railroad Avenue and would like speed bumps out there. She has sat outside her home and flagged to slow people down and have them stop at the stop sign. She is asking for the city's help. She states it is worse at night. She spoke of Lt. Sheppard stopping a person who ran this stop sign. Mr. Booth stated the Chief of Police will look into this.

Curtis Wade spoke of the road 266th off CR 340 and how bad the road is, would like to see something done about this. Spoke of burglaries at the farms out in this area, requested some street lighting for safety. Mr. Booth advised that this would need to be handled by the county and we will make sure to forward this information to them.

Mr. Barcia spoke of needing guidance on when his rezoning and when it will be on the agenda. Mr. Booth stated that the Attorney will have for the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR TREE REMOVAL.

Mr. Booth advised that the lowest bid was from Daughtry Tree Service, LLC for \$6,900.00, which is well within the budgeted amount.

Motion Commissioner Evans to accept the bid from Daughtry Tree Service, LLC for Tree Removal.

Second Commissioner Jamison.

Motion carried. 5-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2016-B, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DETERMINING AND DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY THROUGH A SEALED BID COMPETITIVE PROCESS; REPEALING ALL

RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Johnson read Resolution 2016-B by title only.

**Motion Commissioner Weller to approve Resolution 2016-B as read into the record.
Second Vice Mayor James.**

Commissioner Weller asked if we will be sending a letter to adjacent property owners. Mr. Booth advised that he will knock on their door. Commissioner Weller asked what if there was no one home. Mr. Booth stated he will have a letter for them.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2016-C, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DETERMINING AND DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY AS SURPLUS OWNED BY THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY THROUGH A COMPETITIVE PROCESS; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (BUCKET TRUCK)

Attorney Johnson read Resolution 2016-C by title only.

**Motion Vice Mayor James to approve Resolution 2016-C.
Second Commissioner Weller.**

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

UPDATE ON FARMER'S MARKET PAVILION

Mr. Booth advised that Monday they met with Rural Development. They agreed that the city will be getting a new architect. We are now aware of issues with the old plans and we will proceed. He states that the money is going to expire.

Mrs. Stull stated the new architect can be paid for by the grant since the original architect was not paid for by the grant.

REVIEW OF JANUARY 2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Mr. Booth stated that we are right in line; he sees nothing with issues. Mr. Booth stated we are looking for additional funding for Fire Services from the county.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE

Attorney Johnson stated she attended an Employment Law Conference this week.

Attorney Johnson advised that she will have the Tree Ordinance at next meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Gave an update on Rails to Trails project.

Advised that he and the Mayor will go and lobby for Springs Protection.

Advised of a water line project of getting city water to the Alachua County Recue 20 Station. He stated that staff will meet with County staff to discuss this project. He states that much of the costs will be incurred by the county.

Advised that the Water Line Replacement Project has gone to contract; which has gone to the State for approval. He states that we are right in line.

Advised that we are in the process of reducing the Chlorine in our water system. We are doing this slowly and testing on a weekly basis. He states that we are making sure it meets all the requirements.

Advised there is a sign in the old 60 N. Main Building that says El Patio Restaurant, they have not contacted the city as of yet.

Advised that we will have our first Code Board Meeting on March 1st.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Evans stated the High Springs Community School had a bomb threat today. He stated the response was impressive and thanked our city staff and school staff. He stated that it went without a hitch.

Commissioner Jamison asked about the Playground Equipment. Mr. Booth stated it should be fixed within thirty days. Mrs. Stull stated it is single source and on State Contract so it will go quickly.

Commissioner Weller- Nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor James- Nothing at this time.

MAYOR

Mayor- Nothing at this time.

Motion Vice Mayor James to adjourn.

Second Commissioner Weller.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7: 52 p.m.