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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2016

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Invocation by Pastor Terry Hull, High Springs Church of God.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Byran Williams – Present
Vice Mayor Gloria James – Present
Commissioner Jason Evans – Present
Commissioner Scott Jamison – Absent
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
Amanda Rodriguez, CRA Executive Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Commissioner Weller to approve the agenda as presented.

Second Vice Mayor James.

Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Commissioner Evans to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016 Workshop and February 25, 2016 Commission Meeting.

Second Commissioner Weller.

Motion Carried 5 -0.

Mayor Williams asked for a moment of silence for former Commissioner and Mayor Glenn “Turk” Thomas, who had passed away this week.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

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

Mayor Williams stated he spoke to Keith Godwin regarding the renaming of NW 231st back to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Godwin stated that in 911 addressing you do not want to duplicate a name of a road in the same location as it can cause confusion in an emergency situation.

Commissioner Weller asked if any locations in the county have a street with this name. Mr. Godwin stated only US Hwy 441.

Mayor Williams asked that this road be named as an honorary road by resolution.

**Motion Commissioner Weller to direct staff to bring back a Resolution dedicating NW 231st Street as Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, as an honorary road.
Second Vice Mayor James.**

Eyvone Andrews questioned how the addresses comes up in Google. She stated that the road still comes up as Martin Luther King Dr. on Map Quest and Google.

Motion Carried 4-0.

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 Walker read Resolution 2016-D by title only.

Mayor Williams stated that the County has spoken with County Residents out by the bridge and there were no objections to having the name changed to Junction Ave.

**Motion Commissioner Weller to approve Resolution 2016-D as read, renaming W US Hwy. 27 to NW Junction Avenue.
Motion dies for lack of section.**

Commissioner Evans stated he believes there are as many objections for renaming W US Hwy. 27 that are requesting to have it changed from US Hwy. 27.

Sharon Cantor, Cootie Coo Creations, spoke of her business being on the section of W US Hwy. 27 from Main Street to Us Hwy 441, which is a confusion because it is not officially on US Hwy. 27. Commissioner Evans states he does not feel it is any more confusing than it was before.

Paul Regensdorf spoke in favor of renaming. Spoke of his business losing business because he cannot be found and because of the confusion.

Lawrence Haley spoke of the need to make a decision on naming this road; he speaks of paperwork he needs to file with the State.

Mayor Williams stated he has received emails from citizens not in support of renaming W US Hwy. 27 to Junction Ave.

Consensus to send letter out stating that the Resolution to rename W US Hwy 27 to NW Junction Avenue did not pass.

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

Linda Hewlett and Sharon Cantor spoke of the Relay for Life of Alachua High Springs Event and of the Soup'R Sweet Social.

Robert Strimple stated he wanted to thank the Commission and staff as they have not had an issue with their waste or yard waste pick up since he brought it to the Commission's attention. He spoke of NW 172nd Avenue and the need to have it cleaned up from Southside Court to Main Street; it has a lot of branches and limbs and is an eye sore.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGH SPRINGS HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

Mr. Booth stated this is a standard lease. He states that the Museum serves a purpose to our city.

Mr. Booth states staff's recommendation is to approve.

Commissioner Weller stated that she would like it added that the City be informed, via the City Clerk, of their Board Members and their contact information.

Motion Commissioner Evans to approve the Lease Agreement with the High Springs Historical Museum.

Second Commissioner Weller.

Richard Chamberlin, President of the High Springs Historical Museum, stated they now have a phone number for the museum, and they have no problem with working with the City.

Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS ADOPTING A CITIZEN PETITION FORM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;

PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION.

Attorney Walker read Ordinance 2016-02 by title only.

**Motion Commissioner Evans to approve Ordinance 2016-02 On First Reading.
Second Vice Mayor James.**

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDER A REQUEST BY ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH TO PLACE DIRECTIONAL
SIGNS ON US HWY 27 AND 441 AT N.W. 231ST ST.**

Vice Mayor James stated she has been talking to citizens regarding this and wanted to make all aware.

Eyvonne Andrews stated the company that they will use has DOT approved signs and they will work with the church to make sure they are the DOT appropriate sign.

**Motion Commissioner Evans to give Allen Chapel permission to post directional signs on US Hwy 27 and US Hwy 441 at NW 231st Street.
Second Commissioner Weller.
Motion carried 4-0.**

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD.

Jenny Parham, City Clerk, stated that our City Charter states that the Charter should be reviewed every few years. She adds that the Charter states to appoint members to a Charter Review Board to review the Charter and make recommendations to the Commission. She stated we have advertised and we have only received one application.

Commissioner Weller stated she has three names that are interested in serving on this board: Gary Grunder, Linda Jones, and Paul Regensdorf.

Commissioner Evans stated that Larry Parham was also interested.

Mayor Williams suggested Ronald Wilson.

Motion Commissioner Weller to accept the five names of Mr. Grunder, Mr. Regensdorf, Ms. Jones, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Parham and appoint them to the Charter Review Board.

Second Vice Mayor James.
Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER ADVERTISEMENT IN THE FARM TO FAMILY FULL MOON CONCERT BROCHURE.

Mr. Booth stated he will put his business card and advertise.

Commissioner Weller stated that the CRA may want to advertise for the Smithsonian Exhibit for this.

Amanda Rodriguez stated that she will get with the Chair as advertising is a budgeted item.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE

Nothing at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Advised of a Douglass Neighborhood Clean Up on April 16th and 17th with donuts in the morning and hamburger and hotdogs in the afternoon.

Advised of cleaning up abandon and overgrown properties.

Advised of a company that has given information to the City about bringing broadband to the City. He states that this is a unique approach; it broadcasts it out. He states that it does provide broadband. He states that they want to locate at the property by the Police Department.

Advised of the third grant for Parks and Recreation for Walter Howard Park. He advised this is the maximum number of grants we can have at one time.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Evans asked about the starting time line for the two grants we have received for Parks. Mr. Booth stated the Attorneys have to do a title search, an attorney needs to give an opinion on the title search and we need a survey.

Commissioner Weller asked if the survey has been done for the High Springs' Spring. Mr. Booth stated that it has and Mr. Londono is willing to trade properties.

Vice Chair James- Nothing at this time.

MAYOR

Stated that the meeting at Allen Chapel was a good meeting and the community is excited about moving forward.

Mentioned the article on the Museum in the Our Town Magazine.

Advised that Camp Kalaqua on October the 12th will have a group of kids in town and are looking for activities, such as beautification projects.

Motion Commissioner Weller to adjourn.
Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:33p.m.