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CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 26, 2016

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 – Absent  
Commissioner Sue Weller – Absent

Staff Present: Ed Booth, City Manager  
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 Evans to approve the agenda with the amendment to remove Item# 3 under New Business, Consider Approval of New Administrative Position for PDC/Fire Department.  
Second Vice Mayor James.  
Motion carried 3-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion Commissioner Evans to approve the minutes of May 5, 2016 and May 12, 2016.  
Commission Meetings.  
Second Vice Mayor James  
Motion Carried 3 -0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

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

Phil Yontz spoke of youth groups coming and that they are requesting a way to help out in the community. He asked if the commission or staff had an idea, please let him know. Mr. Booth stated he will get with Public Works and see if there is something they could help with.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER SETTLEMENT OF CASE NUMBER 1:15-CV-00177-MW-GRJ, HOLLEY V. CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS.**

Attorney Walker states this is a general release and gave an overview of the Settlement Agreement. Attorney Johnson stated the City will have to pay our deductible, the back-pay and procuring the badge.

**Motion Vice Mayor James to authorize the appropriate parties to sign the General Release and Settle Agreement of Case # 1:15-CV-00177-MW-GRJ, Holley V. City of High Springs.  
Second Commissioner Evans.**

Commissioner Evans stated he does not agree with this, but they have been advised that this is our best course of action.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Mayor Williams allowed Mark Willard to speak as he missed the Citizen Requests and Comments.

Mark Willard spoke on the activities of HJ Logistics. He states he just wanted to express his concerns with the noise of the traffic. Mr. Booth stated he has met with the owner, and he has been given a Cease and Desist Order.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DEED AND EASEMENT FOR DANIEL COYLE.**

Mr. Booth stated that we thought that the water pipe was under the porch, but it was not. He states that it is hard to go off the maps.

Attorney Walker stated that this deed has a Reverter Right in case the porch is destroyed or the house is destroyed, the property will revert back to the city.

**Motion Commissioner Evans to authorize the Mayor and Vice Mayor to execute the Deed and Easement for Daniel Coyle.  
Second Vice Mayor James.  
Motion carried 3-0.**

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2016-G, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DETERMINING AND DECLARING CERTAIN COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO**

**DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Johnson read Resolution 2016-G by title only.

**Motion Commissioner Evans to approve Resolution 2016-G as read by title only.  
Second Vice Mayor James.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**UPDATE ON PROCESS FOR DONATING CITY OWNED LOT TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.**

Attorney Johnson stated that our policy does require us to use a competitive bid process. She stated that another option would be set a policy on how the city designates surplus property; the city will make a list of property the city would like to donate to a non-profit and they would pay closing fees.

Attorney Walker stated they recommend the alternate process.

**Motion Commissioner Evans to come up with an alternate process for declaring disposable property Surplus and declaring it for charitable use.  
Second Vice Mayor James.**

Terry Hull asked about building of low-income housing. He stated that at the last meeting it was said that the families Habitat wanted to help did not live in our community. He hoped that in the alternative there may be leverage to build for people in our community first.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE**

Attorney Johnson stated they attend the FMMA conference every year and this year it is July 28 and would like to request that the commission consider changing the date of the second Commission Meeting in July so they can attend. She stated she asked that it be put on the next agenda.

Mike Davis stated that he cannot get any peace with HJ Logistics. Mr. Booth stated the owner has been given a Cease and Desist. Mr. Davis stated that they have not stopped, and right before he came to this meeting they were running.

Attorney Walker stated that this is a code enforcement issue and he requested that he provide the city with the information on when this is happening. Mr. Booth stated that to close his business is a serious thing. He stated he is not zoned. If he finds out that this continues then he can try and close his business down. He does need to make sure he is doing this before action is taken. He stated if you get us a list it gives us information.

Mayor Williams asked for him to make a paper trail, that this requires a process.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE**

Advised that the Water Project is going well.

Advised that the playground equipment is going in over at the Civic Center Park.

Advised that we will be sending a second letter to property owners to comply with codes or it will go to the Code Board.

Advised that we have received a grant for \$144,000.00 for 24 Grinder Pumps from SWRWD.

Advised that the County Commissioners have decided not to repave County Road 236. He is going to write a letter on behalf of this commission to the State District Office of FDOT saying the road is unsafe and that there is a great concern that the trucks traveling through and in front of the school have toxic waste.

### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Evans- Nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor James- In regards to garbage pick-up, we have to do something. She stated we have a company that does not care. Mr. Booth stated he will have representative at the next meeting.

#### **MAYOR**

Mayor Williams asked when we could expect the parks to be complete. Mr. Booth advised that they will work on one park then move to the next.

**Motion Commissioner Evans to adjourn.**

**Second Vice Mayor James.**

**Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:22p.m.**