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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2016

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

Invocation by Retired Pastor Jessie Hampton.

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
Angela Stone, Assistant City Clerk
Scott Walker, City Attorney
Courtney Johnson, Assistant City Attorney
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.

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

Robert Strimple spoke of the issue they still have with yard trash pick-up. He states that they have to put a plywood sign out to tell the drivers to pick up the yard trash. If the sign is not there they do not pick it up. Mayor Williams stated that we do have on the agenda an item to discuss trash collection issues, and that he could speak more on this at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

**PRESENTATION OF CHARTER REVIEW BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS BY CRB
CHAIR, GARY GRUNDER.**

Chair Grunder presented the Charter Review Board Recommendations to the Commission. Spoke of how well the members were engaged and thanked city support staff. He recognized each member of the board.

Commissioner Weller asked if this would be put on the next agenda to discuss and vote on. Attorney Walker stated that it should be given sufficient time on the next commission agenda to go through and discuss the items presented by the Charter Review Board.

Commissioner Weller asked if we passed on this, since there is a lot on the ballot this year, could the commission consider waiting to the next year. Attorney Walker stated that they could.

Member Paul Regensdorf, Charter Review Board, stated you may want to consider this for the upcoming ballot as more voters will come out to vote this year.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING ISSUES WITH TRASH COLLECTION.

Commissioner James spoke of issues with yard trash pick-up. She spoke of the issue with the can of leaves in front of her house that has not been picked up since the beginning of May.

Bob Mathis, WCA, stated they have made a change in the yard waste program. He did apologize for the inconvenience.

Norm Swarhout suggested making a sign to have yard waste picked up. He stated he has made suggestions to have another can for yard waste. He asked that the truck not turn around on the small dirt roads.

Commissioner Jamison stated sometimes the drivers may confuse the yard waste when they cannot see it.

Mr. Swarhout asked if they can put out multiple cans of yard trash. Mr. Mathis stated it is unlimited.

Jerry Hampton spoke of using brown bags for the yard trash. She stated sometimes they will pick-up other times they do not. She spoke of issues with pick-up of bulk and yard waste.

DISCUSSION ON AUTOMATIC RENEWALS OF CITY CONTRACTS.

Commissioner Weller stated that in the past we have had a problem with our contracts expiring without the opportunity to send notice to negotiate the contract. She would like to send a letter to all the entities we have a current contract with, unless there is a window period specified in the contract, stating that we would like to negotiate.

Attorney Walker stated this is an excellent idea and a good starting place. He would suggest that we develop the spreadsheet with the window period for each. He states the contracts will tend to roll over

and then the City is stuck with the terms.

Commissioner Jamison stated this is a notification process with a regular form letter.

Consensus for City Staff to work on the form letter.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2016-H, A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ELECTION TO FILL CITY COMMISSION SEAT NUMBER 3 IN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS; DESIGNATING THE ELECTION FOR THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, SETTING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD; SETTING THE QUALIFYING FEES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2016-H by title only.

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF THE JULY 28TH COMMISSION MEETING.

Attorney Johnson stated that she and Attorney Walker would like to attend a conference. She added that City Clerk Parham and Asst. City Clerk Stone also have a conference they are attending.

**Motion Commissioner Weller to cancel the Commission Meeting of July 28th, 2016.
Second Vice Mayor James.**

Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE

Attorney Johnson stated that they are looking to have, at the next meeting, the process to declare City owned land Surplus for non-profits.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Thanked City Staff for being prepared for the last storm; it was a good dress rehearsal.

Advised that we are starting to move on the house the City owns, and we will also be selling the property that did not sell during the last sealed bid process.

Advised that the budget is being worked on and the Commission will have a copy by July 1, 2016.

Advised of the estimated 2016 non-exempt value for High Springs is \$241,000,000.00; the new construction number is \$7,096760.00.

Advised in July we will start having Budget Workshops.

Advised that we are aggressively pursuing grants.

Gave an overview of the location of the lift station for Camp Kulaqua. The City Attorney is negotiating with the Camp Kulaqua attorney.

Spoke on the Water Project and there being more rocks than in the original contract for excavation. He stated that there will be additional charges.

Advised of \$144,000.00 grant from SRWMD to install Grinder Pumps. He stated that the engineers will determine who will receive the pumps.

Advised that he will not be placing in the new budget the chip and seal of Railroad Ave, but will put in the next year. He stated that we have a lot of projects outstanding that need to be completed.

Advised that the County is willing to give \$30,000.00 additional for fire calls. If they do not, then we will increase the Fire Assessment by \$10.00 and then bill the county for calls. He states he does not for see this, but it is important to have a contingency plan. Commissioner Jamison asked when he will know. Mr. Booth advised in two weeks.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Evans- Nothing at this time

Commissioner Jamison- Nothing at this time

Commissioner Weller- Reminded everyone to thank the Dad's, and that there will be a Father's Day Music Special by Music in the Park on Father's Day.

Vice Mayor James- Asked about the property being cleaned up by her. Mr. Booth stated that they received our letter and decided to clean it up before the city stepped in.

MAYOR

Mayor Williams-Nothing at this time.

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Motion Commissioner Evans to adjourn.
Second Commissioner Weller.
Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.