

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 24, 2012

Mayor Dean Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Invocation by Pastor Terry Hull

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor Dean Davis – Present  
Vice Mayor Bob Barnas - Present  
Commissioner Sue Weller – Present  
Commissioner Linda Gestrin – Present  
Commissioner Scott Jamison – Present

Staff Present: Jenny L. Parham, City Clerk  
Helen McIver, Finance Director  
Steve Holley, Police Chief  
Bruce Gillingham, Fire Chief  
David Benton, Public Works Supervisor

**Motion Commissioner Gestrin to suspend the rules. Second Vice Mayor Barnas.  
Motion carried 4 – 1 with Commissioner Weller voting no.**

**Motion Vice Mayor Barnas to amend the agenda to add an item before #1 for  
discussion of Mayor's issues. Motion withdrawn.**

**Motion Commissioner Gestrin to have a discussion of the Popoli case. Motion  
withdrawn.**

**Motion Vice Mayor Barnas to add before item # 1 to add discussion items. Second  
Commissioner Gestrin. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Gestrin requested the following:

- Update from Linda Edwards on the Popoli case.
- Send certified letter to Jeri Langman regarding resolution.
- Check with Department of Labor regarding seniority in layoffs.

City Clerk to check on all items.

**DISCUSS POSITIONS IN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS.**

Commissioner Gestrin stated she felt there was a need for supervisors in the sewer department, water department, and for cemetery and streets; for a total of three supervisors.

Commissioner Weller states she feels we should wait until a new city manager can come in and evaluate what is needed.

General discussion on the positions. Mrs. McIver explained that this could be addressed at any time during the year.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2012-Q, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF AND FIXING THE FINAL RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Resolution 2012-Q was read by title only by Mayor Davis.

**Motion Vice Mayor Barnas to adopt Resolution 2012-Q. Second Commissioner Gestrin.**

Commissioner Weller stated for the record that she would vote for this, but would not vote for the budget as there were things that could have been differently and they could have still come in at the same rate.

**Roll call vote:**

**Commissioner Weller – Yes  
Commissioner Jamison – No  
Commissioner Gestrin – Yes  
Vice Mayor Barnas – Yes  
Mayor Davis – Yes  
Motion carried 4 – 1**

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2012-15, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2012/2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Ordinance 2012-15 was read by title only by Mayor Davis.

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Mayor Davis opens the public hearing. As there was no public input, Mayor Davis closed the public hearing.

General discussion of the proposed budget.

**Motion Vice Mayor Barnas to adopt Ordinance 2012-15 on second and final reading. Second Commissioner Gestrin.**

**Roll call vote:**

**Commissioner Jamison - No**

**Commissioner Gestrin - Yes**

**Vice Mayor Barnas - Yes**

**Mayor Davis - Yes**

**Commissioner Weller - No**

**Motion carried 3 – 2.**

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21012-S, A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MONTHLY SALARY FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONER AND MAYOR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Resolution 2012-S was read by title only by Mayor Davis.

**Motion Vice Mayor Barnas to adopt Resolution 2012-S. Second Commissioner Gestrin.**

**Roll call vote:**

**Commissioner Gestrin – Yes**

**Vice Mayor Barnas – Yes**

**Mayor Davis – Yes**

**Commissioner Weller – Yes**

**Commissioner Jamison – Yes**

**Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING RANGE RIDER/CITY MANAGER POSITION.**

Mayor Davis stated he spoke to Lee Vincent formerly the City Manager of Starke, FL. Vice Mayor Barnas states he wants to make it clear that the hiring process concerns the applications; the names submitted by Paul Sharon are for the interim basis.

**Motion Commissioner Weller to appoint Jenny Parham as acting city manager effective immediately. Second Commissioner Jamison.**

**Motion amended to limit to two weeks.**

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**Motion carried 4 -1 with Commissioner Gestrin voting no.**

**Motion Vice Mayor Barnas to adjourn the meeting. Second Commissioner Gestrin.  
Meeting adjourned at**