

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 29, 2011

Mayor Larry Travis called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:                   Commissioner Sue Weller - Present  
                                  Commissioner Eric May – Absent  
                                  Commissioner Dean Davis – Present  
                                  Vice Mayor Byran Williams – Present  
                                  Mayor Larry Travis – Present

Staff Present:               Jenny L. Parham, City Manager/City Clerk

**1.     CONSIDER AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
       CONTRACT FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

City Manager Parham presented the bid results regarding replacing the ceiling and Air Conditioning system at the Civic Center Building.

**A.   CIVIC CENTER CEILING  
B.   CIVIC CENTER AIR CONDITIONING**

City Manager Parham recommended North Central Florida Air Conditioning to replace the air conditioning unit.

Discussions continued among the Commission regarding lowering the ceiling.

City Manager Parham noted that \$50,000 of the Wild Spaces Funding has been set aside for these repairs.

City Manager Parham recommended to the Commission awarding the ceiling replacement bid to C&K Contracting.

**Motion made by Commissioner Weller for C&K Contracting to install the Drop Ceiling, Option # 2 and North Central Florida Air Conditioning, to install the Air Conditioning with Option #2.**

**Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Williams.**

**Motion carried – 4-0.**

Lucy Regensdorf recommended checking with Progress Energy for possible rebates for replacing the air conditioning equipment.

Commissioner Weller recommended considering a P.A. System for the Civic Center.

**Motion made by Commissioner Weller to use the remaining funds to install a P.A. System in the Civic Center Building and to repair or replace the back doors.  
Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Williams.**

Commissioner Davis recommended purchasing in the future new seats for the Civic Center Building.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAKING APPLICATION FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT TAX FUNDING.**

Commissioner Weller presented several projects for consideration that could be funded by the Tourism Development Tax Funding.

1. Sports & Trade Meeting Facility - 55,000 SF Building with Benches for Indoor Sports (Basketball, Volleyball) and Trade Shows that could hold 5,000 – 7,000 people.
2. Priest Theater Purchase/Renovation.
3. Railroad Link between High Springs and Newberry and the Baseball Complex.
4. Transportation Hub to and from the local springs.
5. Bike route to Poe Springs.
6. Rails to Trails – Bike Lane.

Lucy Regensdorf, Alachua County Tourism Development Council Member addressed the Commission regarding how the Bed Tax is generated and discussed what type of projects might continue to generate future Bed Tax funds.

Basti Gonzales suggested working together with neighboring cities on projects.

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Discussions continued among the Commission and the Citizens regarding various projects.

The Commission discussed possibly hiring a grant writer.

The general consensus was to have one Commissioner and/or the Commission meet with staff to prepare a Scope of Project and possibly meet with the Town of Newberry and Jack Hughes for further discussions on a joint project.

Suzie Clark addressed the Commission requesting to allow Choice's to have a second class for Strength Training at the Civic Center on Wednesday of each week at 9:30 A.M. Mayor Travis asked Susie or the Choice's Program to put their request in writing and submit it to City Manager Parham for consideration.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:27 P.M.**