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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2017

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

Invocation By: Senior Pastor Derek Lambert, First Baptist Church and HSPD Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Gloria James– Present
Vice Mayor Jason Evans – Present
Commissioner Byran Williams– Present
Commissioner Scott Jamison –Present
Commissioner Linda Jones – Present

Staff Present: Ed Booth, City Manager
Jenny L. Parham, City Clerk
Angela Stone, Assistant City Clerk
Joel Decoursey, Chief of Police
Courtney Johnson, Assistant City Attorney
Scott Thomason, Building Official

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Booth advised that we need to add an item, item #5, under New Business appointing a Representative to Wild Spaces.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to approve the amended agenda.
Second Commissioner Jamison.
Motion carried 5 - 0 .**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017 as presented.
Second Commissioner Williams.
Motion carried 5-0.**

PROMOTIONAL AND SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR HSPD OFFICERS BY POLICE CHIEF JOEL DECOURSEY.

Chief Decoursey swore in Officer Joshua Latimer and Officer John Fricke as new officers to our

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Police Department.

Chief Decoursey advised of promotions within our department of Officer Vernon Higginbotham to Sergeant, Officer Kendrick Hampton to Sergeant, Officer Adam Joy to Sergeant, and swore them in as Sergeants.

Chief Decoursey advised of the promotion of Lt. Antoine Sheppard to the position of Deputy Chief. Chief Decoursey swore him in as Deputy Chief.

Sgt. Higginbotham thanked Chief Decoursey, Deputy Chief Sheppard and Dr. Thomas. Spoke of the pleasure of serving the community.

Deputy Chief Sheppard spoke of being thankful for the opportunity to serve of the City of High Springs.

Sgt. Joy thanked the community for their support. He spoke of the great leadership at the department and the backing of the City Manager and the sitting Commission.

Officer Fricke thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve High Springs.

Sgt. Hampton spoke his history with High Springs. He spoke of his love of the community and his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community. He spoke of the mentoring of Deputy Chief Sheppard and thank him for his guidance.

Officer Latimer thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve to High Springs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2017-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO PETITION NO. A 16-06, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; MAKING FINDINGS; ANNEXING TO AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED; PROVIDING THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES AND BE SUBJECT TO ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT EXISTING LICENSED BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS OPERATING WITHIN THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED MAY CONTINUE SUCH BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FLORIDA OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA,

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THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Walker read Ordinance 2017-01 in entirety.

Mayor James opens the Public Hearing For public input; with no one coming forward Mayor James closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to approve Ordinance 2017-01 on Second Reading.
Second Commissioner Jones.**

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Nancy Linkous spoke on behalf of the neighbors that border Barber's Automotive. She spoke of issues these neighbors have with Barber's and the years of code violations.

Scott Thomason, Building Official, advised that Barber's will not receive a C.O. until the landscape buffer is put in; he will be required to have an opaque buffer. He stated that they are working on the issues.

Mike Davis spoke of Barber's working on tractor trailers and running a trucking company. He spoke of his dissatisfaction of not having one code enforcement officer.

Commissioner Jamison asked who the point person would be for these citizens. Mr. Booth stated Mr. Thomason, since there is a building involved.

Mark Willard spoke of the trucks that park in front of Barber's causing an obstacle for view of traffic.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2017-C, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DETERMINING AND DECLARING CERTAIN REAL

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**PROPERTY AS SURPLUS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA;
AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY
THROUGH A SEALED BID COMPETITIVE PROCESS; REPEALING ALL
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2017-C by title only.

Attorney Walker gave a history on the property.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to approve Resolution 2017-C as read by title only.
Second Commissioner Jamison.**

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2017-D, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS APPROVING AND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION
WITH THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO
EXPAND THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; REPEALING
ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2017-D by title only.

**Motion Commissioner Jamison to approve Resolution 2017-D as read by title only.
Second Vice Mayor Evans.**

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2017-E, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS APPROVING AND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION
WITH THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO**

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**CONVERT THE CITY'S SPRAY FIELDS TO TREATMENT WETLANDS;
REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2017-E by title only.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to approve Resolution 2017-E as read by title only.
Second Commissioner Jamison.**

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2017-F, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO
SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING
FUND PROGRAM SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO
ASSIST THE CITY IN CREATING OPERATIONAL WELLFIELDS; REPEALING ALL
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2017-F by title only.

**Motion Commissioner Jamison to approve Resolution 2017-F as read by title only.
Second Vice Mayor Evans.**

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO WILD SPACES PUBLIC SPACES.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to appoint Commissioner Williams to the Wild Spaces Public Spaces.
Second Commissioner Jamison.
Motion carried 5-0.**

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE

Attorney Walker stated that at the next meeting Attorney Johnson will give a presentation on

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Medical Marijuana.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Advised that the City Clerk Parham and City Attorney Johnson have been working on the personnel manual and with this are working on a salary study.

Advised that he would like to have a planning group with the City Attorney, a planner, and Mittauer to look at plans for subdivisions and large developments. He adds that this will be paid for by the developer.

Advised that he and David Benton, Public Works Director, will be attending a pre-construction meeting with DOT next week regarding DOT's downtown paving project.

Advised that on February 8, 2017 he will attend a meeting with the Tree Board to look at the Ordinance regarding tree cutting.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jones stated she was pleased to watch the promotions with the HSPD; it was very heart warming.

Commissioner Jamison spoke of the gratitude he has for Chief Decoursey. Spoke of his gratitude for Staff and the Commission in getting things in place for moving forward with water and sewer.

Commission Williams-nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Evans stated he is happy to see Deputy Chief Sheppard's continued growth within our department. Thanked the staff for being dedicated to working towards the betterment of High Springs and serving the citizens.

MAYOR

Mayor James stated that at the corner of 231st and US HW 27 is an accident waiting to happen; when cars are parked on US HWY 27 you cannot see traffic in either direction when you come off of 231st.

Motion Commissioner Jamison to adjourn.

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.