

April 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Lara Edwards. In attendance: Edwards, Rudd, Lewis and Roddenberry.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented by the Clerk.

Keith Grumbly informed the Council of a break-in on April 2 at his residence located on Mockingbird Lane. He called WCSO, however, he indicated his displeasure with how the issue was handled. Prescription medication was taken, but the Sheriff's Department did not file a report on his behalf.

City Clerk, Jackie Lawhon, received two letters of interest for the Council seat left vacant by the resignation of Martha Evans. Mrs. Lawhon read letters from Colleen Skipper-Mitchell and Fred Nichols. Each one was given an opportunity to address the Council. A written ballot was taken and Fred Nichols was appointed on a 4-0 vote. As a result, Commissioner Roddenberry made a motion to appoint Fred Nichols to the Council, seconded by Rudd, passed 4/0.

Fred Nichols was administered the Oath of Office by Clerk Lawhon.

2nd Public Hearing – Ordinance 2016-01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 18-52, CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR WATER SYSTEM CONNECTION AND METER SET FEES; SECTION 18-53, CODE OF ORDINANCE, PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR FIRE HYDRANTS AND CONNECTIONS FOR FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND SECTION 18-54, CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR RETURNED CHECK FEES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The ordinance was read by title. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Rudd, seconded by Lewis, passed 5/0.

2nd Public Hearing – Ordinance 2016-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA VACATING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN THOSE PORTIONS OF MILL STREET LOCATED BETWEEN LOT 3, BLOCK 1 AND LOT 9, BLOCK 5, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWN OF SOPCHOPPY EAST SIDE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. The ordinance was read by title. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Rudd, seconded by Roddenberry, passed 5/0.

Surplus property bid opening – The following bids were opened at the meeting and presented to the Council for consideration.

Item	Bid Name Amount	Bid Name Amount	Bid Name Amount
OptiPlex 760, 695KFK1, 19" monitor	L. Tartt 168.95	J. Water 42.55	Dive Shop 50.00

OptiPlex 789, FG53Jni, 15" monitor	J. Lawhon 137.97		Dive Shop 50.00
OptiPlex 780, GG53JN1, 19" monitor	A. Barton 128.30		Dive Shop 50.00
OptiPlex 780, CG53JN1, 19" monitor	L Tartt 78.95	M Porter 51.00	Dive Shop 50.00
OptiPlex 780, DG53JN1, 19" monitor	J Lawhon 151.25		Dive Shop 50.00
OptiPlex 780, HG53JN1, 19" monitor	P Evans 143.25		Dive Shop 50.00
OptiPlex 780, 8BCTML1, 15" monitor	P Evans 124.75		Dive Shop 50.00
Server			Dive Shop 20.00

The Dive Shop also gave a bid for the total equipment of \$420.

The individual high bids totaled more than the amount offered as a package. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to award the highest bids, seconded by Rudd, passed 5/0.

With the hiring of Ashley Schilling as the new City Clerk, the Administrative Assistant position will be vacant. Ann Barton indicated she would like to be considered for the position. Glenn Rudd made a motion to promote Mrs. Barton into the Administrative Assistant position, effective June 1 at base pay. Motion seconded by Nichols, passed 5/0.

The Customer Service Rep position was advertised and will close April 15. Staff requested approval of the Council to proceed with hiring someone as soon as possible. The Council granted permission for the position to be filled before the May meeting.

The Council approved the financial and adjustment reports as presented.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, gave a report on the Worm Gruntin' festival. Prior to next year's festival the City needs to coordinate with WCSO to close streets before the beginning of the race.

Mr. Tartt reported on current water system projects. The Highway 319 realignment project has begun. John Crow (NWFWMD) contacted the City regarding the Casora Estates project. Baskerville-Donovan is getting a Scope of Plans together for them.

Jackie Lawhon informed the Council she received information on a 2016-2017 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant that addresses sidewalk repair/safe streets. This is a non-matching grant up to \$40,000.

After the last Council meeting, Becton Roddenberry attended the County Commission meeting and spoke to the Commission in regards to the noise complaints in Sopchoppy. County Commissioner Harden indicated he has spoken to the resident concerning loud explosives and the resident will try to relocate away from his home, if possible, and not as late in the evening. If complaints persist, the County will look at changing their noise ordinance.

Commissioner Roddenberry expressed interest in having Roddenberry paved as part of a SCOP grant. Kelly Baldwin with Preble-Rish was present and spoke to the Commission regarding the grant. As was indicated before, Roddenberry Road exceeds the amount that is recommended when filing a request. The Council needs to prioritize a paving list and get back with Preble-Rish.

Additionally, Becton Roddenberry, again brought the idea of a City logo to the Council. Everyone is supportive of a logo, however, Nathan Lewis suggested getting local artists involved by asking ideas/designs. Councilman Roddenberry will begin working on this.

Nathan Lewis brought before the Board, the broken sidewalks on Municipal Avenue close to Rose Street. He, as well as other Councilmembers, recognizes this as a hazard/liability and would like to see it addressed as soon as possible.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Roddenberry, seconded by Rudd, 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.