

December 9, 2013

The Sopchoppy City Council met for the regular December meeting with all members of the Council present. The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag and prayer by Councilman Nathan Lewis.

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved in written form on a motion by Lara Edwards, seconded by Nathan Lewis and passed 5/0 by the Council.

Public Hearing:

The Council opened the advertised public hearing and second reading of Ordinance 2013-05. Leonard Tartt commented that as a city resident he felt that this was a good consideration to extend the terms of the council and to change the date of city elections. With no further comments, the public hearing closed on a motion by Eddie Evans, seconded by Lara Edwards and passed 5/0 by the council.

Eddie Evans made the motion that the City adopt Ordinance 2013-05: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO THE LENGTH AND THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL; CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THAT PURPOSE; AND SPECIFYING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE AMENDMENT IF IT IS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORATE. The motion was seconded by Lara Edwards and passed 5/0 by the council. The Ordinance sets February 5, 2013 as the date for the special referendum election.

Eddie Evans made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-03, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY TASK FORCE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ISSUES; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO IT; PROVIDING FOR INDEFINITE TERMS; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith AND RECITING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Lara Edwards and passed by the council. The council appointed Arlene Vause, Dale Rushton and Ethel Skipper as members to the Citizen's Advisory Task Force.

Dan Cox – Legal Reports:

Creek Enterprises – requesting additional documentation from the City regarding the complaint

DOT Maintenance Yard – the State has not been successful in getting the Logan's to respond to signing a land transfer/swap.

Beasley Property – nothing further as been received on the 4<sup>th</sup> parcel that the City is seeking.

Leonard Tartt – Public Works Director Reports:

TCC- Wakulla Campus is looking into geo-thermal wells to operate some of their buildings. After speaking with representatives from the City of Tallahassee regarding problems they had with geo-thermal wells resulting in two of their wells being abandoned he carried his concerns into a meeting with DEP and an area geologist. He advised the Council that he will be researching this further and talking more with project engineers. The City can file an administrative complaint with Northwest Florida Water Management District if we do not receive assurances of protection of existing wells.

Lara Edwards made a motion to approve the financial and adjustment reports as presented, seconded by Glenn Rudd, the motion passed 5/0.

Lara Edwards reported that she has made an additional appointment of Nelle McCall to the Park Advisory Board

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.