

December 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Edwards with prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance: Edwards, McClendon, and Harden.

A motion to approve the November 14 & 28, 2022, minutes was made by McClendon, second by Harden 3/0.

Nelson Martin reported the Christmas festival went well and the Depot museum has new exhibits. Mr. Martin requested additional funds in the budget for additional exhibits. Mayor Edwards asked Mr. Martin to return with an estimate of yearly depot expenditures for festivals. Mayor Edwards suggested maybe a portion of festival income could go back into the depot budget.

The Council held the **2nd public hearing for Ordinance 2022-08** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Amending The City Of Sopchoppy Land Development Code; Establishing Overlay Zones; Proscribing Development Standards For Commercial Development Within The Overlay Zones; Providing For Severability; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict; And Providing An Effective Date. A **motion** was made by Edwards to adopt Ordinance 2022-08, second by Harden, 3/0. Attorney Cox stated the City needs to provide copies to Somer Pell with the County and Municode.

City Clerk Ashley Schilling received a quote of \$2,900 for a Phase 1 ESA inspection at the old Sopchoppy school, and \$2,500 to inspect the buildings. The Council would like to have the inspections performed, showing due diligence should the buildings need to be removed. A motion was made by Edwards to have the inspections performed, second by Harden, 3/0.

Attorney Cox presented a draft of Ordinance 2023-X – An Ordinance Of The City Of Sopchoppy, Florida, Creating Standards For The Development Of RV Parks With The City, Providing For Severability And Providing An Effective Date. Attorney Cox recommended a couple of changes; no dump station should be needed as there is a sewer force main located in front of the property and making the buffer's more than 10 feet.

The financial and adjustment reports were approved by signature of the Council.

PWD Green reported the tower at well 3 is feeding, well 5 is back running and well 6 is down and a 4-log removal system is scheduled to be installed there. The decking and stringers at the depot need replacing. The Council instructed Green to return with quotes for composite and pressure treated materials. Councilwoman Harden requested the Depot Committee be made aware of the project.

Alan Hart, BDI will be riding the system with PWD Green on December 14. Hart is working on the hydraulic model and funding for a new well and other infrastructure. Mayor Edwards would like a periodic update on system capacity and upcoming developments.

Councilman McClendon reported a couple of trees need to be removed in the alley behind the fire department, as well as the drainage ditch has collapsed. Since the alley was closed, whoever owns the property that the trees are located on is responsible for removing them, and the city will not make repairs to the drainage ditch.

Councilwoman Harden serves as the city's representative on the TDC and asked the city to identify places around town for selfie spots. The Council suggested the depot, depot park, city park, gym, etc.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Motion by Edwards, second by McClendon.