

July 9, 2018

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented by the Clerk. Motion by Lewis, second by McClendon, passed 4/0.

At this time, the City held the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing for Ordinance 2018-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA VACATING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN THOSE PORTIONS OF BLOSSOM AVENUE LYING NORTH OF WAKULLA STREET; THOSE PORTIONS OF WAKULLA STREET LYING WEST OF YELLOW JACKET AVENUE; THOSE PORTIONS OF FAITH AVENUE LYING WEST OF ROSE STREET; THE ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS 113 AND 114, AND THE ALLEY LYING BETWEEN WAKULLA STREET AND ROBERTS STREET WEST OF YELLOW JACKET AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWN OF SOPCHOPPY WEST SIDE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. The ordinance was read by title only by City Clerk Ashley Schilling. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by McKenzie, second by Lewis, passed 4/0.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt thanked the staff, Council, and volunteers for all of their effort and hard work put into making this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July such a success.

The Council expressed their appreciation to the staff as well. Councilmember McKenzie suggested next year coordinating with WCSO more on parking and vehicles exiting after the festival is over. Vice-Mayor Lewis suggested having a deputy located at Gulf/Park to assist drivers and possibly having directional signs to exit to Hwy 319.

As a judge for the parade, Debi Revell requested cones be placed in front of the depot next year so vehicles can't park there, blocking the judge's view of the parade entries.

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

Clerk, Ashley Schilling, reminded the council of the budget workshop scheduled for July 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Leonard Tartt reported for Anytime Electric to place a 200 amp service (pedestal and wire) at the proposed Depot Park music pavilion site it will be \$2,633.00 with an additional fee of \$1,292.00 to run a line and connect to an existing Duke Energy pole; for a total cost of \$3,925.00. Mayor Edwards would like to move this task to next FY budget.

Mr. Tartt also stated lightning struck the tower at well 1, causing damage to the telemetry system as well as damaging 2 office computers and the fire radio located in City Hall.

Councilman McClendon inquired if there is anything that can be done through Duke Energy to increase the power load coming into the City from the east side to help with the pull from the west side.

Mayor Edwards met with wildflower and gardening groups and will be presenting a plan in the near future for Depot Park to plant native wildflower beds. Ms. Edwards also suggested the City give Betsy Smith an honorarium payment for her time, mapping, and drawings of the plants.

Vice-Mayor Lewis would like to ensure the beds will not interfere with the music pavilion seating area and inquired as to who will maintain the plantings once established. Ms. Edwards stated the plants will not be in the seating area and she will be coordinating volunteers to maintain the plants once they are in place.

The Council approved a \$400.00 payment to Ms. Smith for her time and effort put into the plantings for Depot Park.

For the budget workshop, Mr. Lewis would like Clerk Schilling to provide an up-to-date cost breakdown (from inception) of all expenditures (grant/city funds) for Depot Park.

Mr. Lewis would also like to see if there is a localized need in Sopchoppy and if funds are available, for a mobile health care unit thru the Health Department (provided they have one), to visit and provide health care services; help with funding thru the Senior Citizen's Center for transportation to doctor visits, etc.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion by McKenzie, second by Edwards.