

November 13, 2023

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

A motion to approve the October 9, 2023, minutes was made by Rudd, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Wakulla High School personnel Joanna Colvin and Matt Payne presented a sponsorship request for the WHS Civil Rights Tour to Birmingham, Selma, etc. The cost per student is \$350.00 and a motion to give \$700 was made by Mayor Edwards, second by Rudd, 5/0.

Nathan Lewis stated there are a couple of trees on Dickson Street that are partially on his property and the city right-of-way and asked if the City would help to remove them. The Council denied the request.

Lt. Yarbrough, WCSO spoke regarding the need for the new emergency communications tower in the city and the impact it has on public emergency personnel.

Brent Thurmond would like to see the location of the proposed tower in a spot that will not undermine the efforts of the downtown overlay.

Assistant County Administrator Somer Pell stated the overwhelming presence of emergency personnel at the meeting is evidence of the critical need for the new emergency tower. The County had the Mom's site surveyed and due to wetlands, the County opted not to use the location. The County requested permission to move forward with placing the tower on the County owned property on Park Avenue. Attorney Cox stated to move forward, the property needs to be rezoned to P1 and the Council will have to approve the height.

Following much discussion by the County, Mayor Edwards made a motion to move forward to approve the location of the tower on Park Avenue, second by Rudd, passed 4/1 with McClendon opposing.

At this time, the Council held the **1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-06** pertaining to the rezoning of the Park Avenue property owned by the County and height of the communication tower. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing will be held in December.

The Council approved submitting a letter of support for Wakulla County to apply for a grant for a multi-use trail.

The financials and adjustments were approved by signature of the Council.

City Clerk Ashley Schilling requested the December meeting be moved from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, allowing herself and Public Works Director Seth Green to attend the Wakulla County BOCC meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> where the well-head protection zones will be discussed. Approval was given to move the meeting to December 18.

The Clerk asked the Council for recommendations on the location and date for the annual Christmas dinner. The council recommended either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December at Angelo's.

Clerk Schilling stated the Governor added extra days off to the holiday schedule this year, and asked if the city can also add the days to the schedule. Permission was granted.

PWD Green reported the rehab of well 2 is underway, the boat ramp at the city park is back open and bids for the boat ramp grant are due November 20. Green also informed the Council the environmental study and survey came back fine on the Harvey Pitman property and the City is good to move forward with the closing.

To cut down on PWD Green's comp time earnings and to allow him some weekends off, Green requested placing all Class C Water Operator's in rotation to check the wells on weekends and increase their on-call pay to \$320/month. The council approved the request.

Baskerville-Donovan will present the city's master plan at the December 18 meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Motion by McKenzie, second by Edwards.