

September 8, 2014
6:30 p.m.

The City Council met and held the September, 2014, regular meeting.

In attendance: Mayor, Martha Evans, Councilpersons, Lara Edwards, Eddie Evans, Nathan Lewis and Glenn Rudd.

The meeting was called to Order and opened with a prayer and salute to the flag.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved in written form as presented on a motion by Glenn Rudd, seconded by Lara Edwards and passed 5/0 by the Council.

Kitty Haynes reported to the Council that she is still seeking help from flooding issues on the back side of her property. City staff agreed to meet on site the next day with Ms. Haynes and representatives from County Road and Bridge.

The second advertised Public Hearing on the 2014-15 Budget was held with no public comment.

Eddie Evans made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY TO ADOPT THE OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AND THE WATER FUND FOR THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2014-2015 OPERATING YEAR. The motion was seconded by Lara Edwards and adopted by the Council on a 5/0 vote.

The Council held the 1st Public Hearing on Ordinance 2014-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ACT, CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second public hearing scheduled for October 13, 2014.

Lara Edwards made the motion to approve the Water Supply Development Community Assistance Initiative grant application to Northwest Florida Water Management District, seconded by Glenn Rudd and passed 5/0 by the Council.

The Council approved a reduction in the Marv Hassebroek water bill. Lightening hit a water line resulting in a 772,200 gallon loss. The Council agreed to reduce the bill to the prior month amount. Eddie Evans stated that in cases where water loss occurs as an "Act of Nature" (fire, lightening, storms), that city staff should have the authority to make adjustments. Motion by Eddie Evans, seconded by Lara Edwards, to approve the reduction in the Hassebroek bill and to give staff authority to make reductions due to "Acts of Nature", passed 5/0 by the Council.

Chris Buchholz – Wilderness Graphics presented the Council with a concept for development of the Downtown Park. Lara Edwards made a motion to advertise for bid the design portion of the park, seconded by Glenn Rudd and passed 5/0 by the Council.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, reported that the Automatic Read Meters are in stock and work should begin at the end of the month on replacing meters. November is the target date to 1st read and bill from the automatic read system.

City Clerk, Jackie Lawhon, gave a progress report on the Myron B. Hodge City Park bathroom renovations. The restrooms at the large pavilion have been tiled and painted.

The Financial and adjustment reports were approved as presented by the Clerk on a motion by Eddie Evans, seconded by Glenn Rudd.

The Clerk discussed with the Council the availability of SCOP funds that are available thru DOT, for bridge and road improvements. No projects were identified by staff or council.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.