

COMMISSION MEETING

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Mayor Woods announced that if anyone in attendance wishes to speak regarding a motion he asked for them to stand or raise their hand and he will acknowledge them for their comment.

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Danny Nugent, Commissioner Wilbur Waters , City Clerk Ricky Thompson, Police Chief Jeff Johnson, City Manager Tom Ernharth, and Fire Chief Tom Rowe. Attorney Dan Sikes and Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner were not in attendance.

Mayor Woods gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Woods entertained a motion to accept the minutes for the Commission Meeting March 3, 2015; Commission Workshop and the Joint Commission Workshop March 5, 2015.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion, second by Commissioner Nugent; Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Thompson requested to add an item E to the agenda under City Manager; for an approval for a portable building for the Starke Community Church.

Mayor Woods requested to change Item 4, under WCA; from Commercial Customer Account Change to Customer Billing Information. So a motion is not required.

Mayor Woods stated to accept those change.

Mayor Woods stated the reason Mr. Brad Avery, WCA was ask to attend this meeting was to clarify a commercial billing error between the City and WCA. Mr. Avery explained the once a week pick up for two 32 gallon hand container commercial customers were being billed more than the twice a week one 32 gallon had container.

An audit was conducted and the result is as follows; WCA will now provide a 95 gallon cart to each of the 180 hand container commercial customers and have still have the 1 time or 2 times a week pickup, to straighten out the billing.

For the customers that have twice a week pick-up can now go to once a week if they want to and save money.

After additional comments it was decided to hold a workshop to review the information. Mr. Avery will provide up dated price charts and a survey will be conducted with the non-dumpster commercial customers by the Code Officers. The workshop was scheduled for April 7th at 6:00 PM.

The other item Mr. Avery needed to discuss was the plastic bags used for yard trash. The landfill no longer is accepting yard trash in plastic bags. He will bring back information to the workshop for this.

Commissioner Chastain pointed out Section 11.5 of the contract.

Disposal of yard trash in plastic bags will be discouraged through promotion and educational efforts sponsored by the City but yard trash disposed of in plastic bags shall still be collected by the Contractor. The Contractor shall remove yard trash from plastic bags and other containers prior to placement in vehicle, and leave said bags and containers at the collection site.

Mr. Avery will talk to the general manager about that.

Police Chief Johnson provided a list of equipment and requested permission to purchase for the drug task force personal. The money will be used from the fine and forfeiture fund.

Waterproof/Snake Proof Boots: \$159.99; Ghillie Ghost Suit: \$89.99; ThermaCell Mosquito Repellent: \$19.99; Woodland Digital Rain Poncho: \$20-\$30; Woodland Digital carry Pack: \$49.99; Woodland Digital Shirts Long Sleeve (2): \$14.99 (each); 1 Paraclete Tactical Carrier, FEI Modified Hornet Tactical carrier (Woodland Digital Camo) \$57.00; Woodland Digital Shirts Long Sleeve (2): \$14.99 (each); Paraclete Tactical Carrier, FEI Modified Hornet Tactical carrier (Woodland Digital Camo) \$395.00; Paraclete Tactical Collar XP111A Tactical Vest Collar with XP111A ballistics (Woodland Digital Camo) \$57.00; Paraclete Tactical Throat Protector XP111A Tactical Vest Throat Protector with XP111A ballistics (Woodland Digital Camo) \$57.00; Paraclete Tactical Bicep Protectors XP111A Tactical Bicep Protectors with XP111A ballistics (Woodland Digital Camo) \$143.00; Paraclete Tactical Groin XP111A Tactical Groin with XP111A ballistics (Woodland Digital Camo) \$114.00; 5 Pouch set (Woodland Digital Camo)- Triple M4/Pistol Shingle pouch, 1 00 oz. Hydration pouch, Radio, Cuff, Flashlight \$150.00.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion to approve the expenditure, second by Commissioner Waters; passed 4-0.

City Manager Ernharth presented the Dollar Tree Site Plan for approval. Commissioner Nugent made the motion to approve the site plan, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

He next presented the Zoning Consultant Agreement that had been tabled until he arrived. He requested to table the agreement until he has time to discuss this with Nora Thompson and Lajuan Whittle. He will bring a formal recommendation back at the next meeting.

He presented a new Residential Utility Connection Fee Policy

This policy is established for City of Starke Residential Customers that desire connection to City Utilities.

1. The customer will be required to pay in advance ten percent (10%) down.
2. The customer must sign a promissory note/contract obligating the customer to re-pay the remaining balance owed to the City of Starke.
3. For customers whose total connection fees are \$2,000.00 or less will be required to pay off the total cost remaining over a 12 month period.
4. For customers whose total connections fees are over \$2,000.00 will be required to pay off the total cost remaining over an 18 month period.
5. Should the customer fail to remit payment as agreed to terms contained in the promissory note, the City of Starke shall have the right to dis-continue service to that customer after providing written notice to the customer.

This policy will allow residential customers to be put on a payment plan to connect to our utilities.

Commissioner Waters made the motion to approve the policy, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

City Manager Ernharth presented Resolution 2015-06 in response to the FMPA audit. He read it by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF STARKE, FLORIDA, URGING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY TO SUPPORT AND ADOPT CERTAIN ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL OPERATIONAL AUDIT OF THE AGENCY; RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD SELECT A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL, INDEPENDENT OF FMPA,

OF OUTSTANDING REPUTATION TO BE HIRED TO DETERMINE AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROPRIATE ACTIONS INDICATED BY THE FINAL FINDINGS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL AND TO DETERMINE AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANY ADDITIONAL METHODS, PROCEDURES, AND CONTROLS FOR ENHANCED OVERSIGHT BY THE BOARD OF FMPA BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT DECISION-MAKING; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; and PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Woods requested a motion for adopt.

Commissioner Waters made the motion to adopt, second by Commissioner Nugent; passed 4-0.

He received a request from Starke Community Church to place a modular unit on the property to house their nursery and renovate the existing building.

They have supplied a sketch plan to the city engineers and have all items have been addressed. The city is comfortable with the commission approval.

Mayor Woods requested the location of the church, 2138 N. Temple Avenue.

Commissioner Waters ask if this will be removed later?

City Manager Ernharth responded no this will be permanent.

Commissioner Nugent made the motion to approve the request, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

City Manager informed the commission he had placed in their mailboxes his State of the Address, which Commissioner Chastain requested. He provided an informal document to get Commissioners input. He will bring it back formally to the next meeting.

Commissioner Waters ask if there is a plan to get a city vehicle for the City Manager?

Clerk Thompson responded he is given an allowance as state in his contract.

Commissioner Waters asked to look at this at budget time.

Clerk Thompson reported the Bond Trustees met along with Commissioner Nugent and recommended the bills be paid.

Commissioner Nugent offered a motion to pay the bills based on the recommendation of the Bond Trustees, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

Clerk Thompson requested permission to go out for formal quotes from the following insurance providers for property and casualty insurance. Travelers

Insurance, Preferred Government Insurance Trust, and Florida Municipal Insurance Trust.

Commissioner Nugent made the motion to approve request for formal quotes, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

A request was received for the use of the side parking lot to City Hall as well as a street closure on Jefferson Street between Century Link Building and City Hall for the Strawberry Festival on Saturday and Sunday. They would like to have a helicopter rides and this would be the staging area.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion to approve the request, second by Commissioner Nugent; passed 4-0.

Clerk Thompson presented the Badcock Developers Agreement for approval. It has been signed by the Summers and has everything the city requested.

Mayor Woods entertained a motion to approve the agreement.

Commissioner Waters made the motion, second by Commissioner Nugent;

A discussion was held concerning the cost to the city for fulfilling the agreement obligations.

Motion passed 3-1, Commissioner Chastain opposing.

Clerk Thompson announced an Executive Session will be held tonight after the regular meeting to discuss DOT/Sprayfield with Attorney Willis.

Mayor Woods asked if anything additional needed to come before the board. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Waters made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

Travis V. Woods, Mayor
Commissioner Tommy Chastain
Commissioner Daniel Nugent
Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner
Commissioner Wilbur L. Waters

Attest: _____
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk