

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

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Mayor Tommy Chastain 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 Tommy Chastain called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner Travis Woods, Commissioner Wilbur Waters, Police Chief Jeff Johnson, and City Manager Bob Milner, Attorney Michael Quimby attended for Mr. Sikes. Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer was absent due to family medical illness, Commissioner Danny Nugent was absent due to military leave, City Clerk Ricky Thompson and City Attorney Dan Sikes were absent due to family matters

City Manager Milner gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Chastain asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

There was an addition for change order #1 to install a liner in the Highway 301 lift station to be added to City Manager item 9 A. T

Addition for donation of sick item to be added to Police Chief Johnson's item 8.

The sales contract for Schrader's Smokers property to be added to City Attorney item 11 A.

Addition for the settlement statement for Schrader's Smokers property to be added to City Attorney item 11 B.

Commissioner Waters made the motion to accept the agenda changes, seconded by Commissioner Woods; passed 3-0.

Mayor Chastain asked for adoption of minutes from the May 2, 2017 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Woods made a motion to accept, second by Commissioner Waters; passed 3-0.

The Bradford Parent Athletic Association made a request to hold a boot drive on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The backup date for the event will be Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. They have proof of insurance. Commissioner Woods made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. The vote was 3-0 to accept.

Police Chief Johnson addressed the request to allow employees to donate sick leave to other employees. Commissioner Waters asked if this would be the first time the employees would receive donated sick leave. Chief Johnson said it was. Commissioner Woods asked if the donating employees had 120 available hours of sick leave. Chief Johnson said they did. Commissioner Waters made the motion to approve the sick time donation, second by Commissioner Woods; passed 3-0.

Chief Johnson wanted to recognize Officer Paul King for making 2 arrests in 2 days following the robbery of the In & Out Food Store. An arrest warrant has been issued for a third suspect.

Chief Johnson also wanted to recognize Detective John Riles and Detective Sam Clark for their efforts that resulted in a 35-year Department of Corrections sentence for a man arrested for a crime involving a juvenile.

Chief Johnson addressed the burn ban currently in effect for Bradford County. There is an active fire behind Griffis Loop at the DuPont levees. If you see smoke you need to call the fire department. Citations will be written for violating the burn ban.

Chief Johnson attended the District 2 DOT Liaison Conference. We are not the only city having trouble communicating with the Department of Transportation. Chief Johnson has requested an additional traffic light on Highway 301 in the area of the Walmart.

City Manager Milner The Clay Electric Franchise Agreement will be added to the agenda for the next Commissioner Meeting on June 1, 2017.

He referenced change order #1 for the lift station behind Jackson's Building Supply, it needs to have a liner installed and the cost for the project is \$16,702.00. Commissioner Waters made a motion to accept the change second by Commissioner Woods; passed 3-0.

He advised that all the utilities on the south side of the SR 100 overpass project will need to be relocated. We will need GIS mapping to determine the location of the gas and sewer utilities. An application has been made with the Florida State Comptroller's Office to cover the cost associated with this project.

On behalf of the City Clerk Mr. Milner reported the Bond Trustees have reviewed the bills along with Commissioner Woods and recommend the bills be paid. Commissioner Woods made a motion to pay the bills, second by Commissioner Waters; passed 3-0.

Mr. Milner addressed Resolution 2017 – 09 for the City of Starke, Florida to accept a loan from Capital City Bank and authorizing the City Clerk of the City of Starke to execute a promissory note for \$500,000.00 to Capital City Bank, and other necessary documents, in order to purchase a new, fully equipped fire truck.

RESOLUTION 2017 – 09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM CAPITAL CITY BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF STARKE TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$500,000.00 TO CAPITAL CITY BANK, AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A NEW, FULLY EQUIPPED FIRE TRUCK.

WHEREAS, the City of Starke needs \$500,000 to purchase a new, fully equipped fire truck, a purchase found by the City of Starke Commission to be for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, Capital City Bank has offered to loan this amount to the City at reasonable terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STARKE, FL:

1. The City has agreed to accept a loan for \$500,000 from Capital City Bank.
2. The City agrees to the following terms of the loan:
 - A. The loan will be repaid in 10 annual installments.
 - B. The interest rate of the loan is 2.83% fixed, per annum.
 - C. The collateral for the loan shall be a pledge of the City's Electric System Revenues.
3. The City Clerk of the City of Starke is authorized to execute and deliver a promissory note to Capital City Bank in the amount of \$500,000, consistent with the above terms.
4. Should the interest on this note be determined to be included in the gross income of Capital City Bank, then for the period so included, interest, to the extent allowed by law, shall be imposed at an interest rate of 4.35%.
5. If the Maximum Federal Corporate Tax Rate decreases, the interest rate otherwise borne by the subject loan shall be adjusted (increased) to the product obtained by multiplying the interest rate otherwise borne by the subject loan by a fraction, (i) the numerator of which is equal to one (1) minus the Maximum Corporate Tax Rate in effect as of the date of the adjustment and (ii) the denominator of which is

equal to .65. The interest rate otherwise borne by the subject loan shall be adjusted automatically as of the effective date of each decrease in the Maximum Federal Corporate Tax Rate.

6. The City designates this loan as a “qualified tax exempt obligation” under the meaning of Section 265(b)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

DULY ADOPTED this day of 16th May, 2017.

CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

(SEAL)

Tommy C. Chastain III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ricky Thompson, City Clerk

Commissioner Waters made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017 – 09, seconded by Commissioner Woods; motion passed 3-0. The interest rate is 2.83%.

He presented the Title Insurance Award for the property on Edwards Road that is being purchased from Schrader’s Smoker Service.

The City Clerk requested bids for this and only received one from North Central Title, Inc. for \$2,725.00.

Commissioner Waters made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,725, second was made by Commissioner Woods; motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Milner mentioned that the Suwannee River Water Management District is asking that we voluntarily limit our water usage.

He reported volunteer fire trucks have been filling up with city water at selected fire hydrants and will discuss with County Emergency Management Director Brian Johns.

The contractors drawing water for use in the construction of the US 301 by-pass are using hydrants that are metered and the companies are paying for that water.

Due to the Special Election being held on June 6 the first meeting for June will be held Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM. The Commission will address changing the future meeting times at that meeting.

Attorney Michael Qimby addressed the purchase of the half acre from Schrader's Smoker Service and read documents prepared by Attorney Sikes.

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the purchase, second by Commissioner Woods; passed 3-0.

Mayor Chastain asked about having a Budget Workshop. Mr. Milner responded he and Clerk Thompson will come up with a date around the middle of June.

Mayor Chastain also asked about the half year budget. Mr. Milner advised that it will be ready next Thursday.

Mayor Chastain addressed the splash park and asked if we should have a line item in the budget for maintaining it. Mr. Milner will get with other cities with splash parks to see how they handle the budget and how much they budget.

Commissioner Woods mentioned having someone to oversee the splash park. The issue of securing the water park was addressed. The splash park in Lake Butler has timers that turn the water off at night.

Mayor Chastain asked about the policy for use of the Downtown Square. Mr. Milner advised that it is being prepared.

Commissioner Waters made the motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Woods; passed 5-0.

Tommy Chastain, Mayor
Commissioner Daniel Nugent
Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer
Commissioner Wilbur L. Waters
Commissioner Travis V. Woods

Attest:

City Commission Meeting

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Ricky Thompson, City Clerk