

COMMISSION MEETING

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Mayor Nugent 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 Nugent called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Travis Woods, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, Police Chief Jeff Johnson, City Manager Tom Ernharth, Fire Chief Tom Rowe, and City Attorney Dan Sikes.
Commissioner Waters was absent.

Commissioner Spooner gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Clerk Thompson requested the following changes to the agenda.
Add item 9 E 3 Motion to apply for DEP/EPA Grant. This will assist with the Badcock Building demolition.

Commissioner Spooner made the motion to amend the agenda as requested, second by Commissioner Woods; passed 4-0.

Mayor Nugent entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from Commission Meeting June 7, 2016.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion, second by Commissioner Woods; Commissioner Spooner requested one change in the first paragraph change he too she.

Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Nugent entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from Commission Workshop May 24, 2016.

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

City Manager Mr. Ernharth presented the WCA Rate increase. At the last meeting there was a discussion of the language to adjust the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for an increase effective October 1, 2016. A letter was received from WCA dated June 21st laying out the increase.

Mr. Skip McCally, WCA; addressed the commission about the cost adjustment increase. There is a section in the contract they can ask for an increase in the fourth or fifth year. The issue is the Stratified Pricing Index (SPI) in the contract is outdated. WCA is asking to update the index with the CPI. The increase would be a 3.3% adjustment that equates to .12 cents per cubic yard for commercial. The request is to update the SPI with the CPI and allow the 3.3% increase. Clerk Thompson stated the New River increase was removed. Commissioner Woods made the motion to approve the changes to the contract, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

Mr. Ernharth presented DOT Utility Agreements for approval. With all the work being done within Starke DOT is in need of us raising the manholes and water valves. With our small crew and the amount of work we are at the disposal of the contractor. These agreement presented tonight are for DOT to raise the manholes and water valves. On State Route 100 there are 14 manholes and one water valve for a cost of \$12, 842.50; Route 301 North project four manholes and one water valve \$3,685.00.

Mayor Nugent ask if it is cheaper for DOT to do the work or have it contracted out?

Mr. Ernharth responded cheaper for DOT to do the work, and it would be in the best interest for DOT to do the work.

This will be in next year's budget.

Commissioner Spooner made the motion to approve the agreement with DOT doing the raising of the manholes and water valves, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

Mr. Ernharth presented the Sod Farm Lease Termination letter from Mr. Hendrick. He requested a motion to accept the letter.

Commissioner Spooner made the motion to accept the termination letter, second by Commissioner Woods; passed 4-0.

Mr. Ernharth requested permission to go out for Request for Proposals for a Farm Lease for Hay production.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion to approve going out for a lease for hay production, second by Commissioner Woods; passed 4-0.

Mr. Ernharth ask the direction the commission would like to go with the BCR project

Commissioner Chastain referenced the discussion of the digester and the commission seems to be all in agreement that it needs to go back on line. The cost would be roughly \$72,000.

Commissioner Woods motion to make the purchase an emergency, second Commissioner Chastain; passed 4-0.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion to move forward with upgrading the digester and getting it back on line with the estimated cost of \$80,000; Attorney Sikes added we don't need to wave the 2.238 provision until we are ready to contract. Commissioner Woods second the motion; passed 4-0.

Mr. Ernharth requested workshop dates and the following have been scheduled.
Enterprise Fund Budget date – July 19th at 5:30 PM
Firefighters Contract Executive Session – July 26th at 6:00 PM
Personnel Manual – July 26th at 6:30 PM

Commissioner Chastain referenced the PSC visit for the Gas Department. He ask if it would be good to hire someone to float between the Gas Department and Meter Reading Department.

Commissioner Spooner referenced the County EMS receiving grants with no match. She asked for grants to be looked into for the Fire Department.

Clerk Thompson reported the Bond Trustees met along with Commissioner Chastain and recommended the bills be paid.
Commissioner Chastain made the motion to pay the bills, second by Commissioner Spooner; passed 4-0.

He requested a motion to apply for the following FRDAP Grants
Splash Park at the Edwards Road \$400,000.
Commissioner Spooner made the motion to apply, second by Commissioner Chastain; Commissioner Chastain commented he is in favor of these projects but we are limited on parking at our recreation facilities now.
Mayor Nugent gave some suggestions for property to look at.
Commissioner Chastain suggested looking at salt water filtering systems for the water park if the grant is obtained.
Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Thompson requested a motion to apply for a FRDAP grant for Wainwright Park. To replace the play area after a tree fell and destroyed it to a cost of \$50,000.
Commissioner Spooner made the motion to apply, second by Commissioner Woods; passed 4-0.

Clerk Thompson requested a motion to apply for a FRDAP grant for Thomas Street Park.

Commissioner Spooner made the motion to apply, second by Commissioner Woods; passed 4-0.

Clerk Thompson requested to cancel the July 5, 2016 meeting.

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

Clerk Thompson reported the letter came from the USDA Grant the \$57,000 check has been issued for the police cars.

All documentation has been submitted for the Radio Grant and we should see the obligation acknowledgement.

He requested a motion to apply for a DEP/EPA grant for the Badcock Building to get rid of the asbestos.

Commissioner Spooner made the motion, second by Commissioner Woods;

Commissioner Chastain asked if any well drilling would need to be done?

Clerk Thompson responded the environmental study was done in 2015 and there are monitoring wells on the four tanks that were left in ground.

Commissioner Chastain asked for an update on the Nuisance Ordinance.

Mr. Ernharth responded a letter was received from the County Tax Collectors office but has some double speak.

Attorney Sikes added the tax collector doesn't want to do the work.

After additional discussion Attorney Sikes will bring suggestions to the next meeting on how to move forward.

Commissioner Chastain asked for an itinerary for the weekly district cleaning.

Commissioner Chastain suggested putting something in the policy manual that if the City pays for education or training the employee has to stay employed by the City for a period of time or pay back the cost.

After additional discussion a contract between the employee and the city would need to be drawn up when an employee attends training or educational classes to agree to stay or pay back the cost if the employee leaves within the time.

Commissioner Spooner requested for the extra poles to be removed.

Mr. Ernharth responded we are still waiting on the phone company to come and move their lines.

Commissioner Spooner requested the culverts and ditches to be cleared.

Mayor Nugent ask if the bids went back out on the sidewalks?
Mr. Ernharth responded waiting for them to come in.

Commissioner Woods ask about invoicing Comcast for the pole attachments.
Clerk Thompson responded an invoice is sent out every July.

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

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

Attest: _____
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk