

COMMISSION MEETING

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Mayor Woods called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner, Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Danny Nugent, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, City Attorney Dan Sikes, City Manager Tom Ernharth, Police Capitan Barry Warren and Lt. Tom Gorman, and Fire Chief Tom Rowe.

Mayor Woods: “Anyone who wishes to address the commission should do so during the commission...I mean participation, come up and state your name and address for the record and other than that, we will move on with it and now Ms. Spooner will lead us with the prayer and pledge. All rise.”

Commissioner Spooner: “please bow. Oh gracious Father, we thank you for the privilege of serving you and being able to serve our community. As we celebrate the day, the fourth of July, we are reminded of your grace and mercy and how thankful we are to live in a nation where we have freedom of religion and freedom of speech. We ask you good Lord, to help us to carry out the city’s business and make the best decisions for our community. Lord we ask that you extend your arms of protection around those families that have loved ones in the military and that you protect them and return them home safely. Lord, we ask that you protect our nation from the terrorists and help our nation to be safe and a sanctuary, have safe homes and streets. We ask Lord, that you bless our city, and our county and our state and our nation and to help our leaders to find common ground and put aside their differences and work for the best for our country. Now Lord we ask that you continue to bless America and we ask all these things in your name. Amen.”

Participants: “Amen.” “We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Mayor Woods: “Okay, first I think we have some amendments to budget, I meant agenda. *laughs* I got the budget on my mind too.”

Clerk Thompson: “Right, Mayor, I put a handout tonight before the meeting these are items that came in after the agenda was set, due to early agenda with Brenda being in Boca Raton for the pension board meeting. So they would be placed under

eight in city clerk items G, Florida gas reduced the bank line of credit and H is the D.O.T settlement offer on the Spray Field property. Also, motion for approval.”

Mayor Woods: “We have a motion to add it to the agenda.”

Commissioner Chastain made the motion, and was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Woods: “Let the record state that Commissioner Waters is not present tonight. Y’all will have to give me a minute; my computer is fixing to shut down. If I’d had done this five minutes ago I’d been alright. Okay, got that done. Alright, we’ve got a motion to accept the minutes as published.”

Commissioner Chastain: “I vote”

Mayor Woods: “for June 16th.”

Motion was made by Commissioner Chastain, seconded by Commissioner Nugent.

Mayor Woods: “Any questions in reference so far? All in favor say Aye.”

Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Woods: “Next is Florida D.O.T. and our overpass.”

Commissioner Nugent made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chastain.
Passed 4-0

Mayor Woods: “Okay, under citizen’s participation do we have anyone in the audience who would like to come before the commission at this time? (No one stepped forth) Okay, moving right along. Chief do you have anything for tonight?”

Chief Rowe: “I don’t have anything for tonight Mayor.”

Mayor Woods: “We have Lt. Gorman here for the Chief.”

Lt. Gorman: “This is an update on the move to the FHP building. We gotten with today with Centel, they’re doing the phones. They went up and looked at the building, making sure they were able to talk with the Sheriff’s office, to talk to Shufford and they’re thinking all that’s not going to be able to work with the current connections they’ve got up there right now. There’s getting them to do that

and I know Tom and I went up and met with them about moving Laura from that one office over to building one. So they were going to need some renovations to do that, so we've got to get with Henry Hodges to an estimate, to talk about what that's going cost."

Mayor Woods: "Do you have any idea of how long til you'll be getting in and getting settled?"

Lt. Gorman: "Well...probably we are scheduled to move our computers out there this Saturday and get the internet all set up and then we will be moving the following week, the week of the thirteenth. By the end of that we should have most...surely we will be operating out of there. There will be some things will take a little bit longer, such as evidence and things like that, but we will be operational by the end of next week."

Mayor Woods: "Sounds good. Anything else? "

Lt. Gorman: "No Sir."

City Manager Ernharth: "That's okay. I got caught up to speed today and we're...I got a chance to meet with you and the people today about the move and I think we need to take a hard look at the direction we are moving with the police department before we get too involved into it. We've got some decisions to make about the existing building, about this building and I think we need really need to take our time and make sure what we want to do before."

Mayor Woods: "Absolutely, from what you and I talked about earlier, okay."

City Manager Ernharth: "We need to talk about today and work it out with them and get quotes on the renovations. We're looking for an additional door to the office space, an awning and a window. They are looking to the city to install for them, as part of this new office renovation for us to take over the existing building and there's some talk, I need to get with the Chief about insurance paying breaks or not. Those type of things I'm not sure about because that was in his notes, but we need to take a hard look at what we want to do moving forward because if we're only going to be there for ninety days, how much investment do we want to do for the fairgrounds?"

Mayor Woods: "You can work all that out and once you get it together, you can bring it back for our information. Anything else? Any questions?"

Commissioner Chastain: "I know at one time we talked about spending the funds to clean up the existing building and that it could actually become more and more and more. Are we going to discuss that any more or are we going forward that or..."

City Manager Ernharth: "You're talking about the Edwards Road property?"

Commissioner Chastain: "Correct."

City Manager Ernharth: "We talked about staying. We are trying to get ahold of the people that own the building for the State to see if we can reduce that off some of the costs. Questions. We should really get in and take a look at the building, make sure that this building doesn't start nickel and diming us in the future. Cause if we get in there and find mold, then a leaky roof...find this, find that, and sooner or later we're going find we've doubled or tripled our costs. That's why we should really get in there and take a good look and see what the building needs before we really make these decisions and move forward. And that's what I was getting at earlier when I said we really needed to take a hard look at it."

Commissioner Chastain: "So, why don't we take it one step further and you can relay that information and ask for a workshop prior to the next meeting or the first meeting in August. You make a presentation and possibly have in on the agenda as to what we are going to do. How about that?"

City Manager Ernharth: "The meeting on the 28th is the first workshop is and I don't know how long they typically last, 'cause you know me, I talk fast. So, possibly on the 28th depending on how quickly, you know, we get together on this building and make sure, they want to move right away and the fair folks want us to take a look at their property renovations. We've got people pushing us and I just found out a lot of this today. I think the 28th would be good, to do that workshop, to for us to have a workshop. I think I can have some of these answers you need by then."

Commissioner Chastain: "So 5:30...6...5 o'clock?"

Mayor Woods: "the 28th is going to be our next one, so. "

Commissioner Chastain: "I believe we have a 6 o'clock."

City Clerk Thompson: "Tom would you get with the Sheriff's office and see what's going on?"

City Manager Ernharth agreed.

Mayor Woods: “There’s a lot of questions to that could be asked tonight and there’s no answers for them tonight, but give you the chance to investigate it and bring us back the information on it, because we can sit here and talk about this , but until we have a chance to do that we don’t know how that’s going to go.”

Sheriff Smith: “We’re going to work with them anyway. The lease we did sign with them allowed them to have Laura have that little office space. I think it was kind of a gentleman’s agreement when we did it, so FHP could stay in the building and what we leased it for. I’m not sure about the renovations or what they’re asking from the city, that was something I was not aware of. All of a sudden, now, in regards to it, so that kind of ...nobody has mentioned that to me so I’m kind of taken off... So, for temporary use of the building, I know they have space there and I don’t mind doing whatever we have to with inmate labor to help take some of that cost and whatever needs to be done down there, because the police department does have to have a place to go. It’s an ideal place for the police department, to be honest with you, and it’s a nice building, but the office space there would make it nice. The other caveat is we do have a single wide at animal control that is currently there now and I have talked with the Chief briefly that if we needed to move that, that’s something to give... use to be, Mayor, I think you, remember there used to be a single wide trailer back there behind the old driver’s license and replace that. That trailer is solid. I did go and look at it. It uh, a little paint would make it all match and you’d have place there to at least keep Captain Warren or somebody out back away from the main facility, (laughter erupts). Just kidding Captain Warren, you know you’re my favorite. But it is something to do even more there. It is nice, if you actually look at the facility, it’s at least something to operate out of, so we’ll do whatever. If it’s working with the Fair Board to get something built or done, Mr. Hodges to make, to cut those expenses. We’re willing to do whatever it takes to make sure they have a proper place cause that’s an urgent need.”

Mayor Woods: “Appreciate it”

Sheriff Smith: “Sure.”

Mayor Woods: “Okay, Mr. Tom.”

City Manager Ernharth: “Oh you’re up to me?”

Mayor Woods “um hmm”

City Manager Ernharth: “First on the meeting is the grease trap ordinance, we talked about this at the last meeting and would like permission to advertise, there were questions about the formula I use and I had the attorney look over it and recommended that we move forward with it. Motion to advertise.”

Mayor Woods: “Do we have a motion to advertise the Grease Trap Ordinance?”

Motion made by Commissioner Chastain, seconded by Commissioner Spooner.
Motion passed 4-0.

City Manager Ernharth: “Next on the meeting, is the impact moratorium, I have a motion to advertise, we’re set to expire. We’ve had a lot of interest from developers of the private sector looking to make some investments in their community and one of the first questions they ask is about the impact fee. I know we met with the county back, guess it was early on, talking about the impact fee, whether we want to keep the moratorium on it or not and we kind of gentleman’s agreement decided to keep it, so we’re looking on advertising it again to extend that moratorium on the impact fee ordinance.”

Mayor Woods: “You heard the request that we have a motion?”

Motion made by Commissioner Nugent, seconded by Commissioner Spooner.
Motion passed 4-0

City Manager Ernharth: “Next is more of a time saving issue. We have not gotten the permit yet from D.O.T. or from D.E.P. on the boring from Badcock, however we expect that, hopefully prior to the next meeting. So, in an effort to get moving on the project, because they are putting their steel up. They are moving forward and we don’t want to be their hold up to the opening of their facility. We are asking for a motion to advertise for bids for the boring project for the Badcock pump station.”

Mayor Woods: “We have a motion to advertise.”

Commissioner Chastain made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Nugent.
Passed 4-0.

City Manager Ernharth: “Next under “D,” we have our proposed chicken ordinance. We discussed at the last meeting and I had said that I had put an

ordinance together back in my past life back in Pennsylvania. I pulled that together and made some modifications to it. I worked with Bethany, sent her some draft copies of it. It's in your packet for tonight. I just want some direction from the Commissioners as to the way you want to go. The big change we did, we looked at the number of chickens per property. I think we limited it to eight. Eight (8) maximum on the property, no matter how big the property within the city. So we are looking for some direction from the Commissioners as to whether you want me to put it into an ordinance format and move forward with it or whether you want to make additional changes to it or whatever your pleasure is."

Mayor Woods: "I think everybody's had a chance to look at it. Danny?"

Commissioner Nugent: "I'd like to see it in ordinance format. Yeah, and that way we can tweak it a little bit if we need to."

Mayor Woods: "Ms. Spooner is that acceptable for you?"

Commissioner Spooner: "Um...well, I guess I have an issue with chickens piled in the city property, whether we are opening up the door for other...um"

Mayor Woods: "animals also?"

Commissioner Spooner: "yeah, I know those issues have come before us before where people are wanting to put certain kinds of animals on the property and I am not in favor of it."

Commissioner Chastain: "I'm okay with it."

Mayor Woods: "okay, I lean toward what Ms. Spooner is saying, at this particular time I'm not really in favor of having chickens in the city right now. Because I feel that it will...we just had a couple years ago a big issue out here about the same thing. I'm not saying that if the economy continues to go as bad as it has been that we may be wanting to have chickens in the backyard to lay eggs, but personally I'm not for it, but if y'all want to advertise it, we have a commissioner that's not here. Um, we could do that and until we have a chance to look at it and vote on it."

Commissioner Chastain: "Exactly."

Mayor Woods: "Get it in form and get it back to us, and let us look at it and then we'll advertise it."

City Manager Ernharth: "Okay, I'll have that to you at the next meeting."

Attorney Sikes: "When's the next meeting?"

Mayor Woods: "The 28th."

Attorney Sikes: "I need to get with you to do that, you're going to need this style and title, you and I are going to have to work together on and I'm really not going to be free to do this until later on next week. Okay?"

City Manager Ernharth: "It won't take me long. I'll just cut it and paste it together and email it to you."

Attorney Sikes: "That's about the hard part."

(laughter)

City Manager Ernharth: "You've got the hard part. The last in my section is my monthly report. It's pretty straight forward. There wasn't a lot of time between the last meeting and this meeting. The only thing I do want to bring up is the contribution policy. That is something we had talked about at the last meeting. Putting one together, especially when we got to talking about the contribution we had debated about last time. I'd like some direction to put that together and have it on the commissioners' meeting next time on the 28th and like I said, in the policy there, I've looked around to other cities to see what they're doing. I did a lot of Googling to find out and a lot of what they're doing is asking for it prior to the budget being approved, so then you have the opportunity to review an approval and I can put that in a similar format that I've seen and maybe throw some other things that we might want to see and put that in as a policy for the next meeting."

Mayor Woods: "Anything else?"

City Manager Ernharth: "That's all I have unless someone saw something on there they have a question. You know, the only other thing on there is the Edwards Road station, I said on there that it was to be done, it's not done yet. We found the location, we found the lines, waiting on a couple more parts. We hope to have it done and completed by August 1st"

Mayor Woods: "So it didn't actually get started yesterday, right?"

City Manager Ernharth: "Almost."

Mayor Woods: “Almost, but not quite.” (laughs)

City Manager Ernharth: “The hole’s dug, but still have the sewage lines and electrical lines, but that’s about it.”

Commissioner Spooner: “Mr. Ernharth, with the inclement weather we’ve been frequent power surges and the alarms have been going off. Police have been dispersed to a lot of places where it’s been caused by the surges. We have something in place for, I know you can’t control the weather, but with the power surges we are having, what are we, what are we doing about that?”

City Manager Ernharth: “Just with the call outs, I know we had trouble on Sunday night finding the line because apparently a pine limb was on a line was causing it to fail, to break.”

City Clerk Thompson: “It was knocking the phase out. It was actually two pine limbs and”

City Manager Ernharth: “And it was a bugger to find. They actually had to call Ricky in. He’d switch the switch and they’d watch the lines to see where the issues were before they finally found the two. That right Rick?”

City Clerk Thompson: “That’s pretty much right. Pine limbs phase out the circuit.”

City Manager Ernharth: “And that was in the industrial park, at the end of the industrial park where they finally found it. So, sometimes nature and the winds being what they are create these situations that make it tough for us to find.”

Commissioner Spooner: “I guess my other question was, I know that the, I call them the tree surgeons do annual maintenance, but with the weather as it is... can we do some kind of look and see if there’s potential areas that may need trimming back?”

City Manager Ernharth: “We did the permission to bid on the tree trimming. Those bids will come in on Friday. So, we’re moving forward trying to clean up the lines.”

Mayor Woods: “Any more questions?”

Commissioner Nugent: "I knew y'all were already doing the tree trimming. Last year I know you were doing it, so I know y'all have been doing it. I guess getting a contractor will make it a little bit faster, since you're short man power."

Mayor Woods: "Okay, while we're here, Tom is you would get the grapple truck to maybe ride, I know I've seen several big limb piles that's on Pratt Street and they just need to be moved. I meant, it was because of the bad weather, so they need some help with that and also shooting and cleaning out these culverts and straightening them out, it's bad weather season and the water needs to run and move as fast as it can. If you'll see about the grapple truck, you know and have that truck to clean the culverts out, I'd appreciate that. Anything else for Tom? Okay, Mr. Clerk."

City Clerk Thompson: "Okay, our first item Commissioner Waters could not be in attendance so Commissioner Chastain sat in and reviewed the bills along with the trustees and recommended that we pay them."

Mayor Woods: "Do we have a motion?"

Motion was made by Commissioner Chastain, seconded by Commissioner Spooner. Motion passed 4-0.

City Clerk Thompson: "Next item is your bucket truck. We've received three quotes. The lowest quote and the lowest interest to purchase that truck along with the repair of the truck it replaced was one hundred nineteen thousand (\$119,000) with four (4) year payments, very good rate with TD Banks with 1.86% and the payment will be... must of lost them, well, they had the lowest quote and are ready to send us the money."

Mayor Woods: "Okey dokey, y'all have heard the request of the City Clerk. Do we have a motion to approve TD Bank for the loan?"

Commissioner Chastain: "I make a motion that we go with TD Bank at 1.86% for 48 months."

Motion made by Commissioner Chastain, seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Motion passed 4-0.

City Clerk Thompson: "The next item, we may need to put that on hold depending on if they (police department) move. I was asked to get quotes on a storage

building for the police department and we have three quotes for them to move out to the Highway Patrol building from the station.”

Mayor Woods: “Um, okay, hearing that do we...we don’t meet for another, what, three (3) weeks now?”

City Clerk Thompson: “The 28th now.”

Mayor Woods: “The 28th, would that be quick enough?”

City Clerk Thompson: “I do know they will need a shed if they’re going to move out there for storage and supplies.”

Mayor Woods: “Do we need to go ahead and act on this tonight? Or do we need to wait on the actual move?”

Lt. Gorman: “Well, I know we’re moving up there, the question is how long until we know what you’re going to with the building we currently occupy? Long term. And for us to move up there, go ahead.”

(several people speaking at once)

Lt. Gorman: “So, I mean, that’s the biggest, uh, question.”

Mayor Woods: “My question to you was, do you think this is something we need to act on it tonight or can you hold off on it for another three (3) weeks as it were.”

Lt. Gorman: “I think we’re fine right now with what we have, until we have time for this workshop and address it at the next council meeting.”

Captain Warren: “A lot of it’s going to be dictated by how we move and how we’re planning on moving forward at that point. Are we planning on going back in there? How much are we going to have to take out for the clean-up? And are we going to go back in there? So, if they can clean-up without removing everything it wouldn’t be, like that patrol room back there, if they can move everything to one end while they clean the other...we wouldn’t need storage at that point. So, it’s going to be what choices we’re going to make moving forward at this point will dictate the storage.”

Mayor Woods: “By the 28th, y’all, everything will be more set in place and then we’ll know more about what needs to be done or not.”

Lt. Gorman: "That's correct."

Mayor Woods: "Mr. Thompsons will go ahead and hold up on that."

City Clerk Thompson: "Okay, next item is this company called Spyglass that comes in and recoups long distance charges, cell charges anything that we might be getting over billed on. It comes with a fee schedule, in paragraph two (2) it tells you their fees, they don't actually get anything until we see the fee reduction."

Mayor Woods: "Do we have a motion to move forward on that?"

City Clerk Thompson: "And they go back, I think, fifteen (15) years."

Mayor Woods: "If we don't get a motion or a second, we're going to have to table it."

City Clerk Thompson: "Next item is our utility deposits and fees. The resolution , we still do not have the information from Munis. It's going to be about thirty (30) days before they can provide that at least."

Mayor Woods: "Okay, do, your thoughts? Do we need to table this until the next meeting?"

City Clerk Thompson: "We really need to table it until the next meeting because there's no telling what that module will cost."

Mayor Woods: "That's the truth. Okay we're going to table number E on the resolution. Okay?"

City Clerk Thompson: "Table it to the 28th."

Mayor Woods: "Hopefully by then, within thirty (30) days you'll know something."

City Clerk Thompson: "I'm hoping."

Commissioner Nugent: "I've got a question. You said Spyglass you were tabling? I thought died from lack of interest."

City Clerk Thompson: "I thought you said tabled"

Commissioner Spooner: "he did"

Mayor Woods: “We did table it, because it had no motion, no second, so we don’t do anything with it, other than table it. We’ll have to bring it back up later.”

City Clerk Thompson: “Alright, next item, 144th street 911 address change. We do have the Sheriff and Mr. Ray here if they want to discuss it.”

Sheriff Smith: “Any questions Sergeant Shufford can answer,”

(laughter erupts)

City Clerk Thompson: “We did this a pretty good ways back with Sheffield Road when we had I guess you have to a, if a street or road is in the city it has to be called a street or road or something like that but it can’t be a number. Is that correct?”

Sgt. Shufford: “Yes Sir. Raymond Shufford, Sergeant with the Sheriff’s Office. Typically, in the past, we in the mapping and addressing office for 911, we assign county roads all the time. We give road numbers, but everything is a numerical out in the county and in the city, you guys are the authority. This board is the authority for assigning a new road name and certainly, we don’t want to do anything, but give a recommendation to you based on some historical things that we find, but that was my purpose is sending this letter is that with this new road the Southeast 144th in the county, is all well and good for the unincorporated county part, but for the section that’s in the city limits you need a city road name for it and that’s why I sent the letter. I, we really need the city to move on telling us what we can call that portion of the road that is in the city limits.”

Mayor Woods: “Okay, and y’all have heard the request. Do you have any better name than 144th Street?”

(Several are heard saying Hazenburg and Hazen Street)

Sgt. Shufford: “As per the letter that I sent, the city uses names not numbers. It’s sort how we keep things separated for jurisdictional purposes. It’s easy for us to know at what part is in the city and what part is in the county. Hazen, there’s some history with Hazen, the Hazen family for that area, the County Commission back in 2009, I believe it was, did kind of a road dedication on the other end of that road, that would be on the State Road 100 side was dedicated to the Hazen family and we just thought that it would not be a bad idea to let that run on through into the city, if you so desire.”

Mayor Woods: "Y'all have heard the request. May we have a motion to go ahead and name the road as Hazen Street?"

Commissioner Spooner: "I have a question. Know that there are two (2) residents there that are currently on Alexander that would change their address?"

Sgt. Shufford: "Yes, it would."

Commissioner Spooner: "The one that is on the corner of Alexander and 144th."

Sgt. Shufford: "That's one of the two."

Commissioner Spooner: "Could remain with the Alexander address that is on Alexander on the corner?"

Sgt. Shufford: "It's actually not on Alexander as it sits, when they repaved and moved everything they moved their front door now faces what we know now as 144th street."

Commissioner Spooner: "Okay."

Sgt. Shufford: "And that is the unfortunate side to this. I don't know a way around it though. From a stand point of getting an ambulance or fire truck there at 2 o'clock in the morning, I always encourage us to err on the side of caution and to make it as plain and as simple as possible. If we're looking for them on Alexander and they aren't on Alexander, I think that'll cause problems later."

Commissioner Spooner: "Alright. Okay."

Mayor Woods: "So there are actually two (2) houses to be changed, right?"

Sgt. Shufford: "Two (2) houses, yes sir."

Mayor Woods: "Okay, you made the motion Commissioner Nugent."

Motion made by Commissioner Nugent, seconded by Commissioner Chastain.
Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Woods: "Alright sir."

Sgt. Shufford: "Thank you."

Mayor Woods: "Thank you, appreciate you coming."

City Clerk Thompson: "Next is the addition that we added on. First item, G is the Florida Gas letter of credit reduction that was reduced down this year. You should

have a copy of it, from twenty-nine thousand (\$29,000) to down to twenty-two thousand (\$22,000). I think last year they went up a little bit.”

Mayor Woods: “So we need a motion to have the reduction. Do we have a motion?”

Motion made by Commissioner Chastain, seconded by Commissioner Spooner.
Motion passed 4-0.

City Clerk Thompson: “Last item, D.O.T. settlement offer on the Spray Field property that they are needing for the truck route. We did attempt to get that price offer bumped up in Orange Park with our Senator and that’s as much as we can get out of them. So, I would recommend that we accept their offer. We would have a check in hand thirty (30) days later.

Mayor Woods: “So what the Clerk is saying is the 2.0 and they are going to pay off all fees of whatever, the attorney fees and all that, and the bridge that’s twelve (12) foot high that’s always been there and all and the piping that’s going under the bridge. All of this stuff is in with what they are doing, but they will not go up on the price to 2.5 or 2.6, 2.0 is the highest they will go. So...”

City Clerk Thompson: “Correct, it’ll be net for the city.”

Mayor Woods: “So, do we have a motion to accept their offer? ‘Cause we need to go ahead and move on this. I’ve spoken with Attorney Willis this afternoon and he wants us to let him know by tomorrow. So he can move on getting everything in order to send to D.O.T. for our acceptance.”

Commissioner Nugent: “Are they going to send us anything that’s going to show us what they’re going to do?”

Mayor Woods: “It’s in this letter.”

Commissioner Nugent: “I didn’t catch it.

City Clerk Thompson: “I don’t have that with me right now.”

Mayor Woods: “Yeah, you got one, I handed them out earlier. So basically nothing has changed from that letter to this letter.

Commissioner Nugent: “Okay.”

Commissioner Spooner: "I motion for us to move forward."

Motion made by Commissioner Spooner, seconded by Commissioner Chastain.

Commissioner Chastain: "I'm just repeating what the Clerk just said, that the amount is net to the city; nothing less, nothing more."

City Clerk Thompson: "That is correct."

Mayor Woods: "Any more questions? All in favor say aye."

Motion made by Commissioner Spooner, seconded by Commissioner Chastain.
Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Woods: "Mr. Dan, do you have anything for us tonight?"

Attorney Sikes: "On the 20th meeting, I have on that same date a workshop in Clay County that I'll be there from five o'clock and I'll leave there at six to be here for the seven o'clock meeting, so I'll miss our six o'clock workshop, but I hope you don't mind, I'm trying to balance, but I will be here for our meeting at seven o'clock. Would there be any problem with the city council balancing both those out on that date?"

Mayor Woods: "Well, normally I'd say yes, but since we had to *chuckles* move our meeting you're alright,"

Attorney Sikes: "Yes, other than that, nothing else except that we settled the, what's the name of that case?"

City Clerk Thompson: "Martin Kadzu."

Attorney Sikes: "No, that was the name of that lawsuit?"

City Clerk Thompson: "Martin versus the City of Starke, yeah."

Attorney Sikes: "Ah, okay. Anyway, the insurance settled the case. They wrote a check on the insurance proceeds, costs no money to the city, but I giving notice for you to ratify the settlement. There's no additional funds, because there's no additional funds, it's all paid by the insurance carrier, I went ahead and approved the disbursement, but you guys need to basically ratify it. There's no additional cost. It's just a matter of form getting that done. But it's been settled, it's done, it's been paid for by the insurance carrier with no additional cost to the city or addition

to liability on the part of the city. But I'll have that all set up for you by the next time and I will talk to Mr. Thompson about it."

Mayor Woods: "Alright, I don't have anything else other than what I've mentioned. Mr. Waters is not here, so Mr. Nugent."

Commissioner Nugent: "I have nothing at this time."

Mayor Woods: "Commissioner Spooner?"

Commissioner Spooner: "Very limited. I would just ask that the recreation group that uses the RJE ball field area, if they could get the children, after they finish their event, to pick up the litter, but since they've been using it the streets and the area are very littered. Okay,"

Mayor Woods: "And on that note, do we have, Mr. Tom, inmates that can by there and clean up?"

City Manager Ernharth: "Brandon handles the recreation side of it and he hits the parks pretty good."

Mayor Woods: "Okay. Maybe he can help us out Ms. Spooner on that one."

Commissioner Spooner: "Okay and just for the record, I will be out of town this weekend and for the next two (2) weeks I will be out of pocket. Thank you."

Mayor Woods: "Anything else? Commissioner Chastain?"

Commissioner Chastain: "Yeah, I was in Lake City, probably a couple weeks ago watching my granddaughter play fast pitch softball and the facilities they were playing at had covered bleacher which protects the people watching the game and also keeps them out of the sun and I am thinking we have funds that where we sold the armory that might be nice to spend some for our Edwards Road ball field. So, think about that. Another thought, right across the street from us is a retention pond and folks in Georgia come to watch the trains go by and they stand at a facility like this to watch the trains. Which we could have that same facility built over the retention pond area and have them come to Starke, Florida instead of Folkston, Georgia. Something to think about during budget time coming up. During budget time also, I'd like for us to consider putting in some type of advertising for people to come to Starke in the budget possibly. Along with a clean-up amount for the

Badcock site that we will be taking over, hopefully, the end of the year or before. And do we have any thought on recycling with the school district.

City Manager Ernharth: "I've gotten all the information and I have passed it along to school district and I've been talking with them about it. There is a small cost that the recycle will have on them. Their facility manager, I believe, just retired the end of June and they've told me to wait until they hire a new one and that person would then meet with me to work with me on the recycling."

Commissioner Chastain: "Would that be the start of the school year?"

City Manager Ernharth: "Fingers crossed. I know they've been advertising and looking for someone."

Commissioner Chastain: "This is something I think we need to consider as a board. The D.O.T. overpass that's possibly going to be put on State Road 100, do we need to consider having legal to represent Starke for finding a different spot for it. I'm just concerned that if we don't fight it, it'll end up on State Road 100 and have we heard anything about a feasibility study?"

City Manager Ernharth: "It's not completed yet. They are fast working toward the completion of it, still looking at mid-August for the public meeting. I'll tell you I was thinking the same, I wrote it in my report for next month, but I can't remember it off the top of my head. I'll tell you in a second,"

Commissioner Chastain: "And possibly Mr. Willis, would he be interested in something like that for the City of Starke?"

City Clerk Thompson "I've talked with Mr. Willis, he's familiar with that, he just finished up with our job on that he'd help us anyway he could. He'd be glad to, not only concerned with doing something like that. You still got meetings and you still got people have opinions in which way they want to go for us to do something one way before anything is resolved. I don't know if you can actually do that."

Commissioner Chastain: "And I'm not say we do anything tonight, or at the next meeting, but if we don't start planning—"

City Clerk Thompson: "But you're planning one direction, you're not waiting the decision now, which direction we want to go should be with a whole commission."

Commissioner Chastain: "Fine."

City Clerk Thompson: "I'm just throwing it out there."

Mayor Woods: "It's going to be, let's see it's July, next month's going to August and they're going to have another meeting around the 20th."

City Clerk Thompson: "17th."

Mayor Woods: "Well that's around the 20th, pretty close, they are going to have another meeting and yes, I feel like if they're going to jam this thing down our throat, we ought to have a say in where we want it or where we don't want it. And we may be want to make the move to be thinking about having the power of attorney you have to go."

Commissioner Spooner: "I think in my opinion it's premature to do that in that they're getting people's opinion and getting information that we don't need engage legal counsel for the city. You know, we haven't made any decision as a city that we are taking, just a particular position."

Mayor Woods: "That's just what I got through saying. After they get through having their meeting on the 17th we will know what they're going to do. Then, after that, we can make up our minds whether we want to or don't want to get an attorney, right?"

Commissioner Chastain: "I was just putting out there for discussion."

Mayor Woods: "I think we will know more after the 17th pretty well. Then they won't come back and make a decision til January anyway, so we'll have time to decide if we need representation will have time to do it,"

City Manager Ernharth: "To answer the question on the D.O.T. response to the road study. Still collecting data at this point. They've collected at origin and destination data, as well as vehicle queue at SR 16, SR 100 and 144th along with the average closure time of crossings then they moved the meeting to August 17th."

Commissioner Chastain: "So, they are doing a feasibility study on State Road 16?"

City Manager Ernharth: "Yes."

Commissioner Chastain: "Great! Good."

City Manager Ernharth: "16, 100 and 144th. Three streets."

Commissioner Chastain: "I would think 144th is off the table."

City Manager Ernharth: "That's what I think too, but that was the response last week that they gave me."

Commissioner Chastain: "Interesting. Okay, are we still considering using FMPA monies for lighting under the water tower?"

City Manager Ernharth: "Yes, did you look at what I gave you? (To City Clerk Thompson)"

City Clerk Thompson: "Yes, I did. It's a yearly cost of about nine hundred and seventeen dollars (\$917) per year."

City Manager Ernharth: "That's just electric."

Commissioner Chastain: "For using the four lights and that would be for letting them run from dusk to dawn? So, if we put a timer on it we could actually cut that in half, if we wanted to."

City Clerk Thompson: "That's based on three thousand six hundred forty hours in a year, you don't burn it twenty-four hours a day naturally 'cause that's not very efficient."

Commissioner Chastain: "And well too you know, bridges in Jacksonville are lit up, so we would have something for people who come to Starke to see and if we created something for them to sit and watch the trains. Again, it would bring in tourist all the times of the day. Okay, thank you."

Mayor Woods: "Anything else?"

Commissioner Chastain: "No."

Mayor Woods: "I'm going to pick up on what Commissioner Chastain had said. On this, every one of you was probably just handed one, on building the shelters over the bleachers. Mr. Thompson, can you remember when you and I went down and had all the work done on the ball field about a year ago at least?"

City Clerk Thompson: "Yes, close,"

Mayor Woods: "Six to eight months, this was something that I have also talked to Jay about. Jay was going to look into getting the cost of building and Bridget was going to see if she could get some wood donated by different lumber yards or

Lowes, Home Depot, whatever, but apparently that has just stop and nothing has been done about it, but I would like for this board to maybe let's start moving forward and if there's any extra money that we can use to go ahead and start. I would really like to see us move forward and start this, we have four fields and maybe if we can get them cheap enough, we could do the visitor side first, and maybe the home side next year, and in a couple of years we could have these same covers over the bleachers down there. And I would like to see us go ahead and do this.”

Commissioner Chastain: “Am I wrong or right, the rec department probably has three hundred thousand in it from the sale of the armory?”

City Clerk Thompson: “In one account in about three hundred sixty thousand. The second account as about eighty-two thousand or something like that.

Commissioner Chastain: And these were done in Lake City, and I think I'd ask someone to get some numbers from Lake City> Do we have that?”

City Manager Ernharth: “I have that. I have the contact information for the individual, we got that yesterday. Actually Teri got it when she got back from vacation. Just have to do a call and get the numbers from them and I can do that easily.”

Commissioner Chastain: “Maybe at the next meeting we could—“

Mayor Woods: “And I would like to get Jay involved, just because he and I had talked about doing this and mentioned it along the way, see about what maybe can be donated to the City of Starke and it may be a lot cheaper than what we think it could be.”

Commissioner Nugent: “There's two things I forgot about, we had asked about restroom facilities, like the high school has by the club, and that way later the fair association could turn the whole area where the bathrooms area into one big concession area, which would be better for them and give them more space. And we asked last year about a water park. Many people from Starke go to Lake Butler for their water park. We were supposed to get a price on that and try to get a grant. How's it looking on that, because a lot of people are interested.

City Manager Ernharth: “In the last meeting we had talked about the grant agreement, the agreement with Summit guy. He is in the process of pulling the information for that grant that for the end of September.”

Commissioner Nugent: "I mean we have recreation money that could be used for community. How do the other commissioners feel about it?"

Mayor Woods: "Tom's looking into it and he'll get back with us. Anything else that needs to come before we done with this?"

City Clerk Thompson: "One other thing, just briefly, let me bring it up. We were notified by rural development and by Summit, our grant people, as a matter of fact you signed the application yesterday, that we applied for four new police cars through rural development and we one of two cities in the running for it so, we've got a good chance of getting some new police cars."

Mayor Woods: "Sounds good. Anything else? No? Motion to adjourn."

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

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Commissioner Daniel Nugent

Commissioner Wilbur L. Waters

Travis V. Woods, Mayor
Commissioner Tommy Chastain

Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner

Attest: _____
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk