

CITY COMMISSION

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In Attendance were Mayor Travis Woods, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Danny Nugent, Commissioner Wilbur Waters, Chief Jeff Johnson, Chief Tom Rowe, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, City Manager Tom Ernharth, and City Attorney Dan Sikes

The invocation and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was lead by Commission Chastain.

Mayor Woods: Do I have a motion to accept the minutes of July the 7th?

Commissioner Chastain: I move

Mayor Woods: Motion by Commissioner Chastain, do I have a second?

Commissioner Spooner: I second

Mayor Woods: I have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye

Board: aye

Mayor Woods: citizen participation at this time. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to participate?

A citizen spoke up and Mayor Woods asked to him to come forward.

Citizen: I come here to praise Caesar not to bury him like I did the last time I was here and raised a ruckus about the trash can distribution. I was madder than Hades. I came down here tonight because I appreciate the things that have been happening with my councilman and I wanted and our neighborhood. Mr. Waters, last Wednesday night we had tree blow down, a big pine tree, in front of my next door neighbor's house. It was sixty feet off the Lakewood Drive, when it fell it took the electrical power down with it, electrical, telephone, power and the top of it was in my neighbor's driveway, halfway up to his house, it happened around 4:30. The

county electrical people got our electricity back on around 9:30, but we were without telephone and when the power company came in and cut the logs, they left all the logs in front of my neighbor's driveway, in front of the mailbox, etc and he is like me, an old codger and there is just no way he could move any of those logs. So, I called Mr. Waters and yesterday morning and this morning he brought his buddy out there with a big ole truck and they got everything but one piece, but it was down in the ditch covered with water and couldn't get it. I appreciate the dickens out of that and so does everyone out at Lakewood. I got another guy I'd like to recommend you renew your acquaintanceship with Mark. I don't know how he does it, he doesn't have time to change his Superman suit or anything, so I think he does it some other way. But I've never seen a reporter, and I've lived in Los Angeles, Albuquerque and Washington DC and I've never seen as many columns in a newspaper be written in a month as the dude does in a week.

(laughter)

Citizen: They ought to build a statue for him down there.

(more laughter)

Chief Johnson: If it costs John money, he ain't going to do that.

(laughter)

Citizen: My daughter works with him down there at the paper and she has nothing but praise for him, he is a hard working dude and when I first got to town I didn't believe he was able to cover as much as he does. Again I just wanted to express my appreciation to you guys, and the police department is doing a heck of a job here. I've lived in a lot of places all across the United States, but you've got one of the best ones here.

Chief Johnson: Amen

Citizen: and as for the Sheriff, he used to be the police chief, but y'all fired him

(laughter)

Mayor Woods: Thank you, we appreciate you coming and giving us some good encouragement.

(more laughter)

Mayor Woods: Tim, come on up, and give us your three minutes. Okay, Wendy you come up and give us your three minutes.

Wendy: It's going to take me more like thirty, so I'm going to—

Mayor Woods: well you better start real fast because you only have three

Wendy: do you need my address

Chief Johnson: no

Wendy: I'm here to debrief you a little bit, I understand that there is an agenda item on bidding the health insurance. I just want to talk about that briefly. At Ricky's direction last year we did put it out to bid and as you talk about the City Clerk saving some money, he did do that last year. In 2014 we put it out to bid and the renewal came in high with Blue Cross, so we moved to United Healthcare with a savings of 2.4% reduction last year. This year they delivered the renewal to us on July 1st and provided it to Ricky at 11.8% and that is assuming you, you have got two options. You could take the 11.8 and put it out to bid, when the bids come back you can negotiated with United Healthcare for services, if the market rates are low, you can lower that renewal rate based on the market rates. Option two is to not put it out to bid and accept a 3.9% rate increase over current and that includes your current package which includes dental and life insurance as well and those rates did not go up and that's the one we recommend. I know there was some talk about doing some self-funded quotes with Florida League of Cities. I know the offered some really, really good savings for the city on the work comp. There is just a little bit of concern as your broker on that side of it. Because when you do the self-funding you are actually paying for your own medical bills, doctor bills and pharmacy bills which historically have been high for the city. Just because of the number of employees you have, not because you are a bad group. One employee can blow up a claim fund not at an adverse point on their own. Also, for the history of it, the city was self-funded from 1999-2001, and we moved in 2002 to fully insured and save the city 36% rate reduction by moving from self-funded to fully insured. So, I think that history of where it was and where it is stays the same because the makeup of the group really hasn't changed much. And last, but not least, I have two important walkaways and I take these from my Grandmother,

my dear sweet Grandmother, she said, “Make sure you don’t make a decision before you have all the facts”, which is why we wanted to come here and talk to you and the second is, “you can have anything you want, as long as you’re willing to pay for it.”

(laughter)

Mayor Woods: Thank you Wendy for y’all coming, we really appreciate it.

Wendy: thank you.

Mayor Woods: Moving right along, number five

City Clerk Thompson: I do not see that gentleman and he is suppose to be here. With that said, I recommend that let’s table it for the next meeting, I’m not sure if he got in an accident

Mayor Woods: Okay, number six, Chief Rowe; do you have anything for us tonight?

Chief Rowe: No sir. I don’t have anything for y’all tonight Mayor.

Mayor Woods: Chief Johnson

Chief Johnson: I have a few things, could you hand those out. If you heard me on the radio this morning, you heard me mention Mr. Danny Nugent is going to be in the dunking booth. He can’t play softball, so he’s going to be in the dunking booth

(laughter)

Now this is for the families of the 631st, support services for the families of the 631st maintenance which is right over here on Edwards Road, and I’m sure everyone is familiar with that. Gates open at 9:00 am; if weather permits the softball game will start at 10:00 and the event is from 9am to 4pm. Jim Lewis will be cooking hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage. There will be plenty to eat down there, come down and bring some money. There will be t-shirts to buy, Wilbur there’s a homerun derby you can get in, dunking booth...what it is, the state’s changed the they can raise funds for their parties and different stuff like that so Commissioner Nugent is a Warrant Officer 2 down there at the 631st and Lt.

Glover came up with this idea of trying to raise some funds and one of the ways is softball. There's going to be some others, if I'm not mistaken, there's going to be some other branches, not branches, armories around the state are going to come and see what we are doing to see if it's something they want to try to do and that kind of thing. Lt. Glover told me that he hopes to make this an annual thing and try to involve as many people as they can. We've got VyStar, Capital City, Community State Bank; Del Murray, I think is going to help us a little bit. Frank Paterson is going to going to put a huge American flag, weather permitting, off his bucket truck; we're going to have shirts for sale. We're going to get down there with a bunch of families and have a great time. That's what it's going to be for, so if you can come on by, you don't have to stay the whole time, but if you want to play softball, bring your glove. We've got plenty of time, there's going to be nine innings. So there will be plenty of time to play if you want to get out there and play. I hope it's not water polo. It's a softball game.

Another thing I needed to let y'all know. We were awarded again through the Click it or Ticket Challenge, we were awarded ten thousand points, which is equal to ten thousand dollars. We've bought some traffic safety equipment, such as barricades, flashlights, another arrow board, y'all used our arrow board during the gas leak over here on Washington Street. We got another one of those arrow boards. Just traffic related stuff that we purchase and ordered and that stuff should be coming this way. This is the fourteenth one and we've been placing every year except for one, which we won the truck and got placed in the Championship and we placed third only the first place in the championship got an award. Now is a little bit different.

Also I was just handed, I don't know if the Sheriff knows yet and I've got to give this to the Mayor to sign, but I don't know if it needs to be signed by the next mayor, but it is the new JAG grant for \$39,462. Anything else? Has anyone got any questions?

Commissioner Spooner: Just one, are you aware that there's to be a funeral at 11 o'clock at the Bradford auditorium. This is the one for the late Willie Searcy, who was one of our retired police officers. So that area is going to be congested for probably a couple of hours

Chief Johnson: Do you know what time that starts?

Commissioner Spooner: 11 o'clock

Chief Johnson: My goodness, that's right smack in the middle of the fundraiser. Oh wow! I think everybody sitting here is familiar with Willie Searcy back in the day. He worked with Uncle Harold, Jimmie Bowen and Wilbur. Wilbur was a police officer?!?

(laughter)

Chief Johnson: Mrs. Searcy is Mrs. Hankerson now, she did remarry. She was one of our retirees, but her funeral is Saturday at 11 at the high school auditorium.

Also, it's going to be a couple of days before you can get a taco from Laredo's. We had a Southbound truck pulling a long trailer, it came loose and it decided to go to Laredo's and it took the front part of Laredo's out. I think all of our construction's done for now. Down here at 301 South, looks like it's doing pretty good. It looks good and they did a really good job.

And there will be no move. Thanks to the Sheriff, Thanks to Ray Norman. Thanks to all of them for their cooperation and them helping us get through a really bad situation that we thought we were in, the cleaning crew came in and told us exactly what he wanted to do. They are doing every afternoon starting it a three in the afternoon until they are through. It is my understanding there will be a couple of days where they are going this thing called a "zero ozone" where we won't be able to come in at all, but that's not a problem. They got plenty of vacation days and we will just set the office on vacation or something. There will be no move, there is not a problem, my evidence techs are discussing with them about what these machine may due to some of the evidence, because as you all well know we have evidence such as marijuana and everything else in our evidence room and we just have to be careful as to what it does to our evidence.

(laughter at a comment)

City Clerk Thompson: Is there a lease, did you find out anything on it?

Chief Johnson: We did. We got a copy of our lease and it's good through 2036 and it is in no jeopardy whatsoever, so that's not a problem. I don't think we need to even address the purchase of this building, but I do think we need to keep a file, I think Ricky and Tom are doing this, of the money we put into this building, so if that time ever does come. It won't be me, and it probably won't be y'all, not to

hurt your feelings or anything, but when the next council and the next chief comes up here. They can go, “look, we’ve put so much money in that building, we need a reduced price.” If they so choose. I think our generator is fourth on the list now to be replaced.

Captain Warren: At the last meeting I attended they had moved it up to fourth place.

Chief Johnson: We’re starting to move up a little bit so hopefully we’ll get to that.

Tom Ernharth: September 30, 2036

Chief Johnson: and we leased it from DHSMV at the time wasn’t it, So that’s not a problem, so not moving, we’re not going to have to buy it and the lease is good through 2036. There are two issues on it, the generator and the roof. We will have to tile but they’re going to put something down, treat the carpet, so we can leave the carpet as is. So, that’s it.

Mayor Woods: Okay, I appreciate it. Mr. Tom.

Tom Ernharth: Yes, I have several items on the agenda. First is ordinance number 2015-0722, it’s to extend the impact fee moratorium three hundred sixty-five days, which is a year. We have several projects that are kind of on hold waiting for us to proceed with this. Even though I told them I met with the county back in April and we talked about extending it. They wanted to see it approved before they would go forward with their building permits. So as I said this would be ordinance 2015-0722.

Mayor Woods: You heard the request for a motion, do we have a motion?

Commissioner Chastain: So accept

Mayor Woods: we have a motion made by Commissioner Chastain, do we have a second?

Commissioner Spooner: I second

Mayor Woods: We have a second by Commissioner Spooner. Any questions at this time? All for say aye

Board: Aye, passes 5-0

Tom Ernharth: second I have resolution 2015-09 this isn't a motion to adopt but is more of discuss. When we met at the last meeting about three weeks ago I said I wanted to put together a contributions program. I spoke informally with some of you and you expressed a desire to place some additional items in it and I have done that. I would like to table the motion to adopt now because to move into more of a discussion about it. I heard from the commissioners is that they would like to see a cap on it of \$5,000 and I would like to incorporate that in there, the max an entity could ask for would be \$1,000 and you could not do it for more than one year. You couldn't do it two years in a row, you'd have to wait a year. You could do the first and third year to request funding. That's what I've heard from the commissioners and I would like to incorporate those items into the contribution policy. Is there any interest in that or what I've put together? I'm trying to get a feel for how much money we are looking to contribute prior to the budget, so they can incorporate that into the budget, so I can put some dates for letters for request for funds to come in.

Mayor Woods: I appreciate you saying that, I feel we really need to put a cap amount on that. We look at budget time right now and like I say, we need to know how much we're going to put in there, how are we going to accept applications, and we need to put a top amount on the applications. I know I'm repeating a lot of what you said, but I feel that way too. We just need to do that to protect, because if we aren't careful we will have twenty-five or thirty applications and not have enough money and some are going to get turned away if they don't get there application in on time

Tom Ernharth: exactly, and I don't want to be the one deciding who gets what. So if you want to cap it we can at least discuss it

Mayor Woods: So we are going to table resolution 2015-09, so moving on to the next one.

Tom Ernharth: Next one would be resolution 2015-10, this is FBP cross connection policy. The Department of Environmental Protection has updated its cross connection policy for the state. They provided it to us to insure that public soil and public water do not create a problem for one another. This is a resolution they put together for us to adopt. It's in there for your review and consideration.

Mayor Woods: Okay, you've heard the request on resolution 2015-10, do I have a motion?

City Clerk Thompson: I believe you are supposed to read these by titles.

Mayor Woods: oh, you are correct

Tom Ernharth: Resolution 2015-10, will be a resolution by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida establishing a policy and procedure for a C3 cross connection plan within the corporate limits within the City of Starke, Florida providing findings of the City Commission, providing directions to the City Clerk and by providing an effective date. We need a motion to adopt.

Mayor Woods: You've heard the request for a motion on resolution 2015-10. Do I have a motion?

Commissioner Spooner: So move

Mayor Woods: we have a motion, do we have a second?

Commissioner Chastain: I second

Mayor Woods: We have a motion by Ms. Spooner and a second by Mr. Chastain. Any questions? All in favor say aye

Board: Aye.

Motion passed 5-0

Tom Ernharth: Under D is the flow control monitoring proposal under a consent order would DEP we are required to monitor eight man holes within the city with the assistance of our city engineer, we did our fees for it and we have a motion to approve. This would be Sewer system evaluation and I'm not going to try to pronounce the name of the city, with the best price for the proposal at \$17,400.

Mayor Woods: You've heard the request; do we have a motion to move forward?

Commissioner Waters: So move

Mayor Woods: I've got a motion by Commissioner Waters. Do I have a second?

Commissioner Chastain: Second

Mayor Woods: I've got a motion by Commissioner Waters, a second by Commissioner Chastain, any discussion? All in favor say aye.

Board: Aye

Motion passes 5-0

Commissioner Chastain: On this particular item did it come in of state contract or was it bid out?

Tom Ernharth: State contract

Commissioner Chastain: Thank you

Mayor Woods: any other questions?

Commissioner Spooner: I just had one question. Is that for all the man holes or just the ones, you named eight, how do they determine those eight?

Tom Ernharth: They were determined through our consent order. Most of them are in the Water Street area or around there, Alligator Creek, the ones we've had problems with over the years. There are also smoke tests that are part of that requirement.

Commissioner Spooner: Because I know that there have been several that have overflowed.

Tom Ernharth: They're the ones

Mayor Woods: Any more conversations? Okay. Mr. Tom.

Tom Ernharth: Next on the agenda is our electric distribution line futuring bid. We have not bid this since 2011. We only got one bidder from Alvery Road Corp in St. Augustine for \$22,656, which was less then we paid GRU in 2011.

Mayor Woods: You've heard the request for the \$22,656, do I have a motion?

Commissioner Chastain: I so move

Mayor Woods: Motion made by Mr. Chastain. Do we have a second?

Commissioner Spooner: I do

Mayor Woods: Second by Commissioner Spooner. All for say aye.

Board: aye

Motion passed 5-0

Commissioner Chastain: We need to backup, we need to vote on this one. We were fixing to but—

Mayor Woods: oh, right. On the flow control monitoring proposal, we had a motion to accept. Motion made by Commissioner Waters, second by Commissioner Chastain and we voted didn't vote on that so all in favor say aye

Motion passed 5-0

Tom Ernharth: Last is my bi-monthly report, I just have a few things to point out to you. The backup list station we received all permits from DOT and DEP. We're about to go out to bid. We are looking at opening the bids up August 17th and awarding on August 18th with the understand that the contract would get the bore under 301 and get the project underway so we don't hold up that plan

Next is the Community Redevelopment Agency, the CRA, ours is upside down. I met with Pam and we reviewed the findings of the original report that was sent about ten years ago and most of the finds are still credible, goals as well. What we would like to do and what was not done at that time is to expand CRA up and down 301, particularly with the truck route coming through, possibility of the overpass coming through. Identify those areas need to be rehabilitated. One of the things we've talked about it most people who come through our town only know what it looks like on 301. We are hoping that be increasing CRA we will be able to

funnel some extra money to that area and do some beautification projects in that area. So we would like your permission to look at expanding our CRA.

Mayor Woods: Okay, I think we have currently \$300 in the fund for this CRA and that money has been there for a while. I really can't see that this CRA is going to do a lot of money raising funds

Tom Ernharth: Our CRA is upside down. It was approved in 2007, 2008 was when the real face value crashed, so what we will do is at a later meeting we will ask that you reset our date from 2007 to 2015 or 2014, which was our first actual increase in property tax rates, property tax values. Because we are hoping if trends keep moving up, then we could start collecting funds for the CRA. In previous meetings I've talked about it, I think Panama City just did that, where they readopted an ordinance, so there is precedence for this. We've got a copy of their ordinance to make sure we follow the same procedures that they did.

Mayor Woods: if it's on 301 it may create some funds to go into there, I'm not sure but I guess we can give it good a shot.

Commissioner Spooner: There's just the point you made about there being such a small amount of money in there. I wonder if there is any point in spending it

Tom Ernharth: We are hoping that we can expand and grow it. With real estate rates increasing, we've got Beef o'Grady's coming in and some other improvements along 301, hopefully that'll be able to generate so income for it

Mayor Woods: I know that in the last four or five years the property value rates have been increased and that didn't help it much, but we'll see.

Tom Erharth: On Edwards Road the lift station. It was tested today and it works. That lift station and two or three months of discussion. It was finally installed today and it was tested after lunch and it does work, so when we get to our game on Saturday, we won't have any issues with anything overflowing at that point.

One last thing, we have a public meeting coming up on the 17th of August on the overpass. The Chamber will be meeting with DOT on August 4th at 9:00 am at their offices, so if anyone is interested in hearing what DOT has to say at this

point, the public is welcome. I'll be there taking notes and I'm sure Mark will be there and I'll let you know what's going on after that meeting

Mayor Woods: and the location? Fairgrounds?

Tom Ernharth: no the August 4th meeting will be at the Chamber and the meeting on the 17th will be at the Fairgrounds.

Mayor Woods: alright, we're all together now.

Tom Ernharth: and that's all I have.

Mayor Woods: okay.

Commissioner Chastain: Could you give me some information on the "transitional housing"

Tom Ernharth: Yes, the old hotel that is up on 301 that is in between Timbuktu and the church has been in disrepair for quite some time. It's been bought by an organization that houses parolees. I believe there will be sixty to eighty of them living there onsite. They will be going to out to work, they will work then return and stay there will be an officer, an onsite officer that will check them in and keep an eye on them. There ought to be a full kitchen there, with a person who will cook the meals. It's located outside the city, out in the county. The city only provides sewer and water which we provided when it was a hotel, so we are continuing to provide those services. They gotten approval through the county, I believe it was a special exception, to operate that facility as part of that approval they got letters of support from the church and as well as Timbuktu. The next door neighbors did not have a concern about it and are moving forward with the demolition and have applied to have us. We are reviewing the plans for sewer and water and have provided comments back for them to address.

Commissioner Spooner: Would these be inmates coming from the Florida Department of Corrections? Or from the county?

Tom Ernharth: I'm not sure which one they will come from giving that they are on parole they will go to work and then return to the housing

Chief Johnson: State, from the Department of Corrections.

Commissioner Spooner: Okay

Commissioner Waters: Just so you know, I spoke with Brad Carter about this and he said it never went before the county because it fit right in with the zoning so it never went before them, just like it never went before us. So, just to let you know Brad told me it did not go before them.

Sheriff Smith: yes it was used as a transitional housing for juveniles and that how it got its zoning

Tom Ernharth: They are actually going to renovate the building so the doors to the hotel will now be on the other side so you won't see people sitting outside smoking or congregating. Everything will be held on the backside

Commissioner Waters: They're doing a lot of work to it right now. They are putting a wall up today.

Mayor Woods: Mr. Ricky

City Clerk Thompson: On our first item our Board of Trustees met along with Commissioner Waters and recommended that we pay our bills.

Mayor Woods: Motion to pay our bills.

Commissioner Waters: I so move

Mayor Woods: Motion made by Commissioner Waters, do I have a second?

Commissioner Spooner: second

Mayor Woods: seconded by Commissioner Spooner. All in favor say aye

Board: aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: Set tentative millage rate at 4.1785

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Mayor Woods: okay this is the set back rate, do we have a motion to accept?

Commissioner Chastain: I move

Commissioner Spooner: I second

Mayor Woods: Motion made by Commissioner Chastain and second by Commissioner Spooner. All for say aye

Board: Aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: Next item is to reschedule September meeting dates for our budget hearings. We will have our September 1st meeting moved to Tuesday, September 8th and Tuesday, September 15th meeting being moved to Tuesday, September 22nd.

Mayor Woods: Do we have a motion to approve the change in meeting dates?

Commissioner Spooner: I so move

Mayor Woods: We have a motion by Commissioner Spooner ,do we have a second?

Commissioner Chastain: I second

Mayor Woods: second by Commissioner Chastain. All in favor say aye.

Board: Aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: Next item is the Tyson vs City of Starke case that was settled. I received an email that today that because it was a quick settle and we had already paid our deductible , we did not have any fees associated with the settlement.

City Attorney Sikes: Normally it is pro forma to go ahead and approve the settlement, it didn't cost the city any money, it was all covered by insurance money

and to ratify the settlement money. I had asked Ricky to bring it up to the council to approve it.

Mayor Woods: I have a motion to approve the settlement

City Clerk Thompson: and can you include in that a letter I got today on the settlement. Since it's settled they want to destroy all records, findings, and depositions they legally can destroy.

Mayor Woods: Do we need two separate motions?

City Attorney Sikes: You can do it in one.

Mayor Woods: we all heard the request. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Chastain: I move

Mayor Woods: motion by Commissioner Chastain, do we have a second?

Commissioner Waters: I second

Mayor Woods: Seconded by Commissioner Waters. All in favor say aye

Board: Aye

Motion passed 5-0

Ricky Thompson: Next item is the first half of our workshop. I know he pretty fast in explaining that, I'm not sure if the commission is that comfortable with that quick of a presentation. This is something we've been working on for 5 or 6 months. We've attended a couple of seminars on scanning and how they retain your records. It's a pretty complex system eventually everyone is going to have to get to that point, and the price is \$60,000, that proposal is in there and this is also under state contract.

Commissioner Spooner: You said \$60,000. I thought they said \$500 a month.

City Clerk Thompson: Yes that is the constituency for the year. Anyway that is your cost.

Mayor Woods: \$60,000 and that's the initial cost?

City Clerk Thompson: Well, \$59,525 to be exact and recurring yearly will be \$6,000.

Mayor Woods: Do we have a motion to move forward with Database?

Commissioner Waters: I'd like a little more time to consider it because we have whole clerk's office to handle the office stuff and we are trying to cut costs and now we are looking at adding \$60,000 plus another \$6,000 a year to maintain it when we already have staff that do that. We got a lot of documents ourselves, but that's your area.

City Attorney Sikes: If I may, recently I testified on behalf of the county commission regarding attorney fees on a public information request and I will tell you this will greatly, reducing all this into one single database will simplify and protect us from a great deal of costs. I wasn't here for the workshop so I don't know about this specific company, but if we get the right contract and we get the right work happening here, cause in this one particular one case, one case they were looking at attorney fees of \$100,000. So whatever we do, I think we need to get the ability that electronically records us and lets us be able to do a rapid public records request. It will save us money in the long term, as long as we get the right one.

City Clerk Thompson: I would say we get at least two to three public records requests within a month, They've got to manually go through and find it and of course compare it to what's online. With this you can put that record and that record alone online where they can view it for one, two or three days, however long and they can't change anything, but then it closes back up.

Mayor Woods: Do you want to go ahead and do a workshop on it Wilbur?

City Commissioner Waters: It's not necessary to spend to do a workshop. Just give me some time to look over it with Ricky and Tom. I've got a question, has anybody talked to these other places, Highland County, Lee County, Orange County has anybody, St. Lucie, checked and see how they're doing with theirs?

City Clerk Thompson: To answer your question, no, we have not checked with those counties. Now they were all at the seminar, well most of the ones that are in this program were and they had nothing but good things to say about it. We spent about half a day

Commissioner Waters: If you don't mind...Mr. Mayor if you don't mind putting it to the next meeting

Mayor Woods: We're going to table it, and put it on for the next meeting, our next meeting,

Commissioner Waters: and that cost again was \$60,000 a year?

City Clerk Thompson: No \$59,525, that is for the system with the annual upkeep and maintenance being \$6,000 a year.

Commissioner Waters: but that included public records requests right? \$6,000 included if someone comes in here and wants a file.

City Clerk Thompson: I will say this, if it were to get approved it would be October 1st before we'd start it and it's from our building fund money, which is allowable because there are no restricted and there is at least four times that amount in there or more, ready to spend.

Commissioner Spooner: My question is, I understand that we are going to have to get something like that, but my question is about the initial cost for just the system and is that vendor? Is that the best we can get? Are there any other choices

Mayor Woods: so let's set up a workshop for August the fourth, do you want him for an hour or thirty minutes?

City Clerk Thompson: To go through it with that much information, I would suggest at least an hour.

Mayor Woods: Let's do it and if we get through it in a little bit, we can always take a break

City Clerk Thompson: and I know he fumbled a bit on his presentation and all that, but you know.

Commissioner Spooner: So are you saying we would bid for the system or vendor?

City Clerk Thompson: This is under state contract, so...we probably could

Commissioner Spooner: I'm just wondering if our costs could be lowered.

Mayor Woods: lowered

Commissioner Spooner: Lower than the \$60,000

City Clerk Thompson: It don't hurt to try.

Commissioner Spooner: I would suggest we bid it just to see if we can get a lower cost.

City Clerk Thompson: To actually bid it?

Commissioner Spooner: yes, to get a lower cost. I know the \$6,000 a year is a good maintenance fee, compared to what a lot of other people pay, but see if we can't get the initial \$60,000 fee down.

Mayor Woods: being that is already state contract, chances are you aren't going to find it cheaper, but we can see if that is what you want.

Commissioner Spooner: It is something we need to do with our data.

Mayor Woods: Okay moving along. Mr. Chastain.

Commissioner Chastain: Excuse me, if we are going to bid it, then do we still want to have a workshop?

Board: No

Mayor Woods: no that would be too soon, and if it goes out for bids then however many bids, then if somebody is lower than the state contract. We would want to do a workshop with those people.

City Clerk Thompson: Or if the commission isn't convinced by the next workshop we could change gears and bid it out.

Mayor Woods: so we're cancelling the workshop for next Tuesday?

City Clerk Thompson: yes

Mayor Woods: and you're going to go ahead and bid it out? Okay, moving right along, item F

City Clerk Thompson: item F, he still hasn't come along so...I say table it until the next meeting.

Mayor Woods: okay, item G

City Clerk Thompson: G is our travel policy. Let's see, I got ahead of myself, traveling too fast. The current food and travel per diem is \$37 and there have a lot of complaints. It's hard to pay for your meals on \$37 dollars a day, especially lunch and dinner. We haven't had an increase in a long time and sat down with the Mayor and collectively felt like people could stay within the suggested budget of \$50 a day travel expense for food.

Mayor Woods: and Alicia will probably add that if you see the paper to go by, breakfast would be from \$7 to \$8, lunch would be from \$10 to \$12 and dinner would be from \$20 to \$30 so that rounds it off to another thing.

Do we have a motion to raise it from the \$37 to \$50?

Commissioner Chastain: So moved

Mayor Woods: Moved by Commissioner Chastain

Commissioner Spooner: I second

Mayor Woods: seconded by Commissioner Spooner. All for say aye

Board: Aye

Motion passes 5-0

Commissioner Waters: Question, it says it's set at \$36 and you want it to go to \$50

City Clerk Thompson: It's currently set at \$37 and we want to \$50 even.

Mayor Woods: On breakfast you are going up \$1, on lunch you are going up \$2 and for dinner up \$10 because you can hardly go out and eat for \$20, a dinner meal for \$20.

Commissioner Spooner: It's a reasonable request if you look at what other agencies provide for food items.

Commissioner Waters: personally, I'm not for it myself.

City Clerk Thompson: that is only an overall increase of \$12...of \$13

Mayor Woods: I've got a motion by Commissioner Chastain and a second by Commissioner Spooner. We've discussed it so now, all in favor said aye and it passed 5-0. Commissioner Waters would you like to withdraw your vote and make it 4-1?

Commissioner Waters: Yes, I didn't vote. 4-1

Motion passed 4-1

Mayor Woods: I more thing while we're there. Mr. Clerk do you want to go ahead and figure how many meals; breakfast, lunch and dinners are allowed on a per diem check?

City Clerk Thompson: Yes, cause some people may not have the funds to cover three, four or five days worth of meals. We can advance them the money and they bring back the receipts to cover it.

Mayor Woods: alright moving right along.

City Clerk Thompson: Next is the request is the electric rates stabilization fund. We are at a point now where we need to give our customers some money back and make the bills lower. Are current fuel adjustment is set at \$46 per 1000. We are recommending a lower rate of \$24.48 per 1000. This would require us releasing

\$120,250 back into the rates to lower them this month. It would be for the month of June. It would be probably have to do this for the next 3 month because it's time to give some back in the hot months.

Mayor Woods: Have we heard the request for the electric rates?

Commissioner Spooner: I make the motion

Mayor Woods: I have a motion from Ms. Spooner, do I have a second?

Commissioner Waters: Second

Mayor Woods: Seconded by Commissioner Waters, all in favor say aye

Board: aye

Motion passed 5-0

Commissioner Chastain: This is the same thing we did in December, so we've given back a quarter of a million dollars

Commissioner Spooner: Mark, could you put that in bold print in the paper?
"Commission gives back a quarter of a million back."

(laughter)

Discussion began again on the per diem topic

Chief Johnson: Can I ask a question on that?

City Clerk Thompson: My concern is if you went somewhere with paid parking. How would you get reimbursed for that? Right the parking on the receipt?

Mayor Woods: if you did valet parking, it would go on the city's credit card, so you wouldn't have that. Chief?

Chief Johnson: if you set it up like, if me and you left for 3 days and me and you would get 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners and each of us get a check for \$150. If you are going to set it up where the person gets an advance check there is

no need to require receipts for food, but if you are have tip and parking and all that then you need the form from Ms. Alicia that breaks it down.

Sheriff Smith: If you attest to your travel voucher log, by law you are travel your date leaving, date returned and a supervisor's signature and you're done

Chief Johnson: If you go beyond that you are breaking the law.

Mayor Woods: If you spend more than \$50 a day to eat, that's out of your pocket.

Chief Johnson: absolutely

Commissioner Waters: Are you sure they go to the meetings

Brenda: Well, they have a registration and a sign in log

Chief Johnson: Well, we've got grown adults, I'm not going to babysit mine, but if I do find out...I've brought 2 back before. I've made 2 come back from school because they were inappropriate, the Sheriff, was the Chief then, Gordon can back me. We had one that we made come back because 1) he wasn't appropriate and 2) he wasn't going to class. I mean, you don't think you have to babysit them, they're grown adults, but you do.

Commissioner Waters: I've heard of many agencies having to deal with this.

Chief Johnson: You're right Mr. Waters; you have to deal with that, absolutely.

Commissioner Spooner: and they do have those sign in sheets

Chief Johnson: They do! I throwed that one out to the FFMPA that there should be sign in sheets for classes and workshops. I think it's a great idea, just to cut an advance because when I give you a class, when one of my guys goes to SWAT school and he's there a week, we know how long he is going to be there, we know what he's going to drive, we know where he's going to be, we can go ahead and cut him an advanced check and that's it, you don't have to worry about him bringing back receipts or anything

Mayor Woods: It's like that with mileage too. You can look up and see how many miles it is from here to the hotel and if you decided to go sightseeing, well that's on you.

Chief Johnson: and that's all on the sheet Ms. Alicia gives you.

Mayor Woods: but if you are at class and it is required you go to say Hollywood and you need to put gas in your car, well then you would bring that kind of receipt. Now, that you would have to turn in. Toll bridges you would have to keep those receipts but this is just for food.

Chief Johnson: Right

Mayor Woods: Any more questions? I'm sorry, I just wanted to clear that up before we left and I didn't want it to get too far away and get to the point where we were suppose to bring back receipts but a lot of us didn't and because we misunderstood it.

City Clerk Thompson: Mayor the Spyglass gentleman just walked in.

Mayor Woods: go ahead and let him come on up and make his presentation....
Come on up to the counter and state your name.

Jim Hilbean with Spyglass Cleveland Corporation

Jim Hilbean: Thank you Mr. Woods. Sorry if I made you all build with suspense, I thought I was a bit on time

Mayor Woods: You're not far behind so you're okay

Jim Hilbean: Tangible things as far as marketing material, I think you're familiar with First Federal Bank of Florida, Atlantic Beach, those kind of references are in here, provided you have interest. I have had the pleasure of meeting with Ricky, Alicia and Ms Wiggins and essentially it sounded like our offer might be a good fit for the city. A lot of times, the remote municipalities and small cities don't get a fair shake from telecommunication providers, so what we do, what Spyglass does, we are based out of Cleveland and folks make sure I am where I need to be. If a certain entity, be a prison, or be it Cisco Food Systems of Central Florida or Atlantic Beach, spends enough on communications, meaning the phones, the

internet, the data, the wireless, we're willing to take the risk of doing a contingent audit, risk free, not obligatory. Of seeing where you can save money, recovered and moving forward. When I say you pass a threshold for the 904, it's actually quite high, but I think if you go West of Jacksonville, Starke is the largest city you're going to hit. I see the entire state as an area code, but the short commercial is we look at that phone, internet data, wireless costs monthly. To recover anything you've paid in error, the surcharges, taxes, levies, fees, it goes by a lot of different names, but these things are not properly applied, the volume leveraging is missed that you were eligible to capitalize upon, discounts. We don't go back to the beginning of the contract with the hypothetical AT&T or Suncom or DMS. We actually go back to the beginning of the activity with the carrier. So, Mayor it's not a big number on your colleagues radar if \$120 of misuse every month, but if you multiply that by 12 times 10 months, we talk some substance at that point. We look to reduce the current spending moving forward at an average of 25% , but really we do not really sell anything. Normally we get directed to the CIOs, the IT departments and as soon as they realize we are not vendors, it's a call that comes back to the fiscal folks, those that are in charge of the budget. Allow me to pull out my binder. Points of interests that Mr. Thompson and your colleagues were gracious enough to bring up in the past. To start with, I think it's beautiful how Starke has these brick streets, there's not a whole lot of community banks left in Florida. It's a sign...Florida...I'm from Ohio, it's a transplant state is what we call it and there are a lot of "hometown" things going on here. Unfortunately, that brick road is a big indicator that you have cooper lines. Line services that you are very not well aware of that you are still paying for to this very day. I'm talking about things that you don't even use the services with that provider, say AT&T, but you are still paying for them. These are hidden in your customer service records, which Mayor Woods, could you please answer, what roughly is the population of Starke? 40,000 to 50,000

Mayor Woods: it's approximately 5,300.

Jim Hilbean: Just from my cursory glance, of course I don't know the "secret sauce" but it seems like there might be some definitely opportunity to find some meat on the bone. The other way to reduce costs, I think I covered the recovery, is we build a financial blueprint, it is literally impossible for any other internal effort to go as comprehensive as we go. We basically do an inventory of every line, circuit and service that you are paying for and the ones you don't know you're paying for, because years ago, the IT director who is an operation executive tried cost reduction and stayed on the customers' service line for 4 hours caudle sac and

finally pulled it off the monthly billing statements. It's still hidden on your customer service record, page 992 in the fine print and if it's not blatantly being charged it's using your capabilities, I don't know if anyone will understand this jargon but it's your PRI, your fiber, your void system, which you recently switched to. So a lot of folks look to our offer as, if we spend enough, why not, but in the very least we will have transparency, the folks that are doing their job are going to be complimented, and there is always the recovery opportunity, which is money that is left on the table. Of the things that I know Ms. McMillian expressed there's been a service of provider Windstream a lot of loss of profit. If you look at the highways in Florida, 75, 275, 27, basically you big providers like AT&T build their fiber out there and then these small

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Recording starts back with loud multiple conversations

Mayor Woods: Let's get started, we got some more after get through with this. We're on K now.

City Clerk Thompson: K, Where you have the letter about securing a bond, the council and the financial advisor, we've been investigating the 2003-2004 series bonds and we will need these two individuals to make these happen.

Mayor Woods: Do we have a motion to approve? Ken Artin is our bond counselor

City Clerk Thompson: He was the original one in 2003 when we did do these.

Mayor Woods: Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Chastain: so move

Mayor Woods: do we have a second?

Commissioner Nugent: I second

Mayor Woods: all for say aye

Board: Aye

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Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Woods: I've got a motion to approve Craig Dunlap as our financial advisor.

Commissioner Waters: so move

Mayor Woods: I've got a motion by Commissioner Waters, do I have a second?

Commissioner Chastain: second

Mayor Woods: Seconded by Commissioner Chastain. All in favor say aye

Board: aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: and now our request to refund those bonds and refinance. These two individuals will send out RPs to each local bank and get their quote and they're estimating an interest rate of 1.5% versus I think the average of the two bonds currently is which are paid off in 2019 cause they are annual payments, is around 4.2%, and we'll be dropping to hopefully 1.5% thus saving \$100,000 annually. Over the next—

Commissioner Waters: So move

City Clerk Thompson: 4 years

Mayor Woods: So by paying them off, we will be saving \$400,000?

City Clerk Thompson: I believe the number is \$108,000 per year, but don't hold me to that. We won't know for sure until we get the bids back

Commissioner Nugent: second

Commissioner Chastain: So the budget we were talking about earlier tonight could see another \$100,000 savings based on this coming together.

City Clerk Thompson: It will, if this comes together, when it comes together. It is due to be completed and in place by September 30th, just in time to start off our budget year.

Mayor Woods: We had a motion by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Nugent, all in favor say aye

Board: aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: Next is to support school readiness, children's services. It's a \$1,500, or whatever amount you're willing to give

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

Commissioner Nugent: We had talked earlier about doing a new, setting up for a new way to collect donations. So we want to table this and wait until we have our new thing in place.

Mayor Woods: I prefer that yes, so we're going to table it

City Clerk Thompson: Next is the land purchase request, the information is in your packet.

Commissioner Spooner: I was trying to look at that little map

City Clerk Thompson: Yeah it's little and not the best

Mayor Woods: Did we skip something? Did we skip L?

Tom Ernharth: no we tabled it

Mayor Woods: M?

Tom Ernharth: tabled

Mayor Woods: we tabled M too?

City Clerk Thompson: yes, M was for the donation that we just tabled.

Mayor Woods: That's what I thought

City Clerk Thompson: on to N,

Mayor Woods: I'm up with you now

City Clerk Thompson: an acre of land located off of SR16,

Commissioner Spooner: I can't see it. Where is it? I can't tell where it is on this map.

City Clerk Thompson: Turn left of Gene Drive, and then turn right on Dodd Road. That's his son making the request.

Sheriff Smith: yes.

Commissioner Nugent: I have a question before we had done some land before and we turned around and we did one then we ended up having to give the land, not sell the property and so then also the other one we had a thing on 16, I can't remember the division on there, and the guy wanted to buy a parcel there and we decided not to sell it because we thought we might be able to use it for city use, so I was wondering if we said we weren't going to sell anymore city property or what was the issue on that?

City Clerk Thompson: This is actually just before you get to the end of Gene Drive where—

Commissioner Nugent: The other was Green Acres, was what I was talking about. We decided not to sell the property.

Mayor Woods: We sold, and y'all help me out too, we sold one parcel of the property to Bob Milner and we sold one to Whalen and then there was one piece that was behind the house near the retention pond and nobody wanted it.

And then we had to parcel Mr. Montgomery were we gave his money back because we had an issue

Mayor Woods: One had already sold it and then another person came along and bought it

Tom Ernharth: well someone came along and said they had been given the opportunity to purchase it also

Commissioner Spooner: and may I ask also and I know this is probably the value that is at the court house. What has it been appraised at?

City Commissioner Thompson: the way we sell it, is we declare the land surplus or you can get it appraised, there's a process for it.

City Clerk Sikes: the way you do it is you declare it surplus and then you go through the process to get it appraised and you establish, what is should be fair market value, but first things first, the city has to declare it in excess

Commissioner Spooner: The other question is, why would we want to sell it? Can it be use for some other purpose?

City Clerk Thompson: I'm not sure, maybe it'd be a good idea to have the city manager take a look at it. I know that there is a huge ditch right behind the property.

(multiple conversations going on)

Commissioner Chastain: Right now that property isn't generating anything for the City of Starke, if we sell it, it would generate some ad valorem, a house would be built on it, we would generate utilities that would go to the enterprise fund so I meant why hold on to a piece of property that's not creating any income for the city.

Mayor Woods: where it's at, nobody's going to want it, other than maybe a family member is what I'm trying to say.

Commissioner Spooner: If you want to sell it, then allow anyone to purchase it at the appraised price, it is an acre of property

City Clerk Thompson: You want it appraised?

Commissioner Spooner: Right, first.

Mayor Woods: Tom, I want to go with you tomorrow after our pension board meeting, general is at nine, so will you be free after that? Okay, I'll go with you out there.

Commissioner Waters: we going to table this until the next meeting then?

Mayor Woods: well, if you're really considering selling it, then we need to follow steps to get it appraised.

Tom Ernharth: That would be your first step

Mayor Woods: That would be your first step so...if you're not even thinking about selling then there's no use in doing it

Commissioner Nugent: I have no issue selling it if it is something we do, and the attorney can do what he needs to do, but first I'd like Tom to look at it and see if we do want to sell it and if Tom says and y'all determine that we don't need it cause it's excess then let our attorney do what he needs to do and so we can put it out there and sell it. That's my opinion.

Mayor Woods: I'm going to say it one more time, and then we'll move on, It belongs to the Hobbs' and a Hobbs is wanting to buy it. It would probably be near his mother, so that's probably why he's request to but that piece of property. Okay we'll just go ahead and advise the attorney to go ahead and draw up the necessary papers to for whatever we need to do to, see how much this land is worth. We can advertise it out or directly sell it outright to him.

Commissioner Chastain: May I put something on the table and this is strictly a fault and the city would net out at least what we are looking at here is just value or more. Take that money and buy a police car with it and then approach the family would like to honor the late Judge Hobbs with it by placing his name on the side of the car

Mayor Woods: I think any option is worth asking for I mean you can all basically sit down with Ms Cathy and I think she'd be very receptive of talking to us, as to what her decision would be I can't say.

Commissioner Chastain: I'm not committing either; I'm just saying it would be a way to honor the judge, but only if they are okay with that.

Commissioner Water: I've got one question real quick please

Mayor Woods: Go ahead Wilbur

Commissioner Waters: Can anyone purchase that right now and build a home on it where it's sitting, that piece of property?

Tom Ernharth: No, it's not

Commissioner Waters: I agree with Tommy, I mean Commissioner Chastain

Commissioner Spooner: have it appraised for and if the city isn't going to use it due to its location

Mayor Woods: I don't think the city will ever use it, but anything is possible.

Commissioner Spooner: and possibly the people adjacent to the property may be interested.

City Attorney Sikes: it is smack dab in the middle of a residential area we need to do first things first and get it appraised and then we will take it from there

Mayor Woods: item settled

City Clerk Thompson: proposals

Mayor Woods: you're on number Q

City Clerk Thompson: Item 1 is motion is to reject all bids for a city auditor due to language not included to the RP for as local preference

City Attorney Dan Sikes: I was asked to take a look at how we've done the RPs and there are RPs where we have and that should apply to all issues didn't include the language that was in 2-23671 and that you are required to specify that locals vendors receive preference and there is a local preference for everything except CDBG grants and applications for all the things in the courts the city rules we

didn't specify this and I recommended that we reject all the bids and redo it with the proper language, with a proper notice attached to each one. Everybody knows what the rules state that keeps us from litigation and when it is clearly posted

Mayor Woods: You heard the explanation, do we have a motion to reject the bids.

Commissioner Chastain: I move

Commissioner Waters: I second

Mayor Woods: we have a motion by Commissioner Chastain and seconded by Commissioner Waters. All in favor say aye

Board: Aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: Next is, now we need the motion to advertise for a city auditor.

Commissioner Waters: I move

Commissioner Spooner: second

Mayor Woods: motion was made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Spooner, all in favor say aye

Board: aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: Now we're down to the same thing with our city surveyor.

Commissioner Waters I make the motion

Mayor Woods: motion made by Commissioner Waters, do we have a second

Commissioner Nugent: I'll second

Mayor Woods: seconded by Commissioner Nugent. All in favor say aye

Board: Aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: Now a motion to re-advertise for a city surveyor

Commissioner Waters: I move

Mayor Woods: motion by Commissioner Waters

Commissioner Chastain: second

Mayor Woods: second by Commissioner Chastain. All in favor say aye

Board: Aye

Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk Thompson: I believe this is our last item. You remember Ms. Wendy Owen and Associates comments on what we would save from 3.9 is still a continual savings we decreased 25% from last year. We need a motion to RP it or to accept it.

Commissioner Waters: Question may I? Ms. Spooner go ahead.

Commissioner Spooner: I think we should advertise

Commissioner Waters: Then my question is, 3.9% if we decided to go ahead and accept it, is it's something that's legal

City Clerk Thompson: The 3.9%?

Commissioner Waters: No, to go ahead and accept it.

City Clerk Thompson: I guess they are considered our agent on record, so they did a renewal last year so—

City Attorney Dan Sikes: If I may, there is no signed contract. There is no signed on-going contract and basically the city can renew, they can seek competitive bids or the can go and be self-insured if they so choose. The city has several options under the statutes to do as it pleases. It is not constrained as to one particular choice. It can RP it, accept the current bid or go self-insured.

City Clerk Thompson: what was that cost to renew it at 3.9%, additional cost?

Wendy: \$18,300, actually with the package savings it is \$15,088

City Clerk Thompson: with the life insurance and the vision

Wendy: Right, dental. That would cost the city \$15,088

Tim: there are 3 things I want to make you aware of as you go forward we do not mind Rping the processing the city RP would go to Public Risk Management and League of Cities and we would secure your quotes for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Avmed and all the others. The three things I want to make you aware of with this process, which is a very simple process. The first is you run the risk of losing your rate. If you renew it is that 3.9% whereas if you RP it you will then face the 11.8% so that is quite a bit difference. Number two, if we end up changing carriers, League of Cities versus United Health care, compared to your current United plan it would be considered a carrier change. As you change carriers, but what they can do is if you change carriers frequently they can add an additional load they can add 10-20% additional load. Then last, if you go to a self-funded remember what you are self-funding remember all you are funding, doctors bills, hospital bills, pharmacy bills. In 1999-2001 you were self-funded and the claims exceed the expected number and you got into the red. And I don't want the city to get into that. Those are the three caveats to doing an RP. But in doing it you may get a lower rate.

Commissioner Nugent: Okay I have a question on the RP say I put out for bids and the company we have now also wants to bid, why wouldn't they be willing to come in right instead of giving us the increase for bidding

Mayor Woods: I think to me they have the same right to bid as anyone else if you send them out as RPs.

Commissioner Nugent: Right now they want an increase of 3.9% and if we bid out they are going to increase to 11%, it's hard to be competitive with them doing that

Tim: They're not really rejecting it, what they are doing is they are going backwards to an 11.8 and then renegotiating it down to the 3.9%. In negotiating it based on the competitive bid. If you bids come in after RPing and the best lowest bid 8% then and your current United carry goes why should I provide this for you at 3.9 when my competitors aren't able to bid that low. So to eliminate the potential loss can we circumvent the RP and just agree on this amount. They were trying to make it easy, affordable renewal by circumventing the process. You might end up at 3.9% , you might end up better, but you might not.

Mayor Woods: Do we have a motion to put or RPs out

Commissioner Spooner: I think from the previous audits and things that as a city we should bid out services that we need to do that, and I understand what is being said about running a risk on not getting a better price, but

Mayor Woods: but if he comes back with as good or better than the other person, then I think he has just as good a chance as anybody else and if his company is the best then he'll come out on top. But as my personal opinion, since we don't have a contract sign and we have been told by our auditors that's when we need to go out and RP and personally I think we should, but we need a motion one way or the other.

Commissioner Spooner: I motion we RP it out

Mayor Woods: do I have a second

Commissioner Chastain: Second

Mayor Woods: I have a motion by Commissioner Spooner and a second by Chastain, all in favor say aye.

Board: Aye

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Woods: Tim, sharpen up your pencil for us. Thank y'all for coming.

(laughter)

City Clerk Thompson: That's all I have unless you can think of something else.

Multiple people said no and laughter erupted

Mayor Woods: Dan, you got anything?

City Attorney Sikes: Yeah, I've got two things. I want to call the Sheriff up and to talk us about the CAD system Memorandum of Understanding and the Dispatch Service Agreement. Before I give it over to the Sheriff, I want to say that both these operate hand in hand. We do have a prior existing Memorandum of Understanding and a prior existing Dispatch Service Agreement with the Sheriff's Office, so basically we don't have to at the juncture modify or extend it. One of the issues if you guys have heard me discuss this before is the concept of a novation. A novation when the two sides give up or exchange consideration and change the nature of the contract. So what we have here is the Sheriff has come up with a new contract, with new terms the he thinks is potentially advantageous for all parties involved, but that is up to you guys to decide, whether it is or it's not, but it falls under the meaning of a novation. So, what is left is if you don't want to accept the new Memorandum of Understanding and the new Dispatch Service Agreement, the old one has its own sets of problems and has its own sets of benefits, but I will let you address that more particularly with the Sheriff

Sheriff Smith: as always it's a pleasure to come before you and keep you informed as your Sheriff and I'm proud to be your Sheriff. Looking at ways to make our public safety system better. I'm going to go back and give you a little history. Back in 2007 Sheriff Milner and I were looking at ways to save money, we knew we were coming into tough times after 2004, and every year we were cutting and cutting back. We went in together not only to save cost but to also improve the efficiency. Chief Johnson was in on that and we sat down over many days, nights and hours to come up with a way to work. It's one of the most efficient systems in the State of Florida. Going back to an old budget you come up with \$273,000

Mayor Woods: that's how much the city was paying

Sheriff Smith continued to with the history of the MOU and DSA

City Attorney Sikes: How much was the fire department?

Sheriff Smith: the fire department was free at the time

City Attorney Sikes: so all we had was the police department

Sheriff Smith: yes

Sheriff Smith continued with the history mentioning that the original contract was for \$80,000 for dispatch services.

Sheriff Smith: I'm not the sixth commissioner on the board of the County Commission, their job is to save money and work economically, and my job is to save lives as your Sheriff. I also wanted more buy-in power so if Chief Johnson doesn't like how something is going or Chief Rowe doesn't like how something is going this Memorandum of Understanding gives them some teeth to come back with to the commissioners to say here's the issue we're not getting our city dispatched the way we should or whatever. I thought I'd give us some more pulling power together to go together to make more efficient for everybody because it is your dollars and the tax dollars. So, we worked up the new memorandum of understanding, we haven't dated it yet, we talk about live CAD records, we talk about the purpose of the MOU, providing more efficient public safety. It's kind of a lot of what was in there before, but it kind of sets into place a board. It mentions the fire department now. I remember Sheriff Milner had said the fire department will go where I send them.

He went over some of the minutia of the MOU and praised his programs and the new EMD programs and how the new emergency medical dispatch and how it will be utilized. The old contract could increase 5% percent each year automatically he change it to 3%. The old contract was signed but it never made it to the County.

City Attorney Sikes: The new contract, the annual costs, running the numbers real quick, are \$92,000, the old contract was at \$88,000 and doing the 5% increase would be \$92,615 the next year coming up so basically what you are showing us is a cost savings of approximately \$615 and then

Sheriff Smith: well then you're saving the 3% over the 5% and

City Attorney Sikes: I'm just trying to be the lawyer I am

(laughter)

City Attorney Sikes: But did it reduce it any? The 3% versus the 5% there is lies the issue with the novation. Is that there is a novation, that was my point

Sheriff Smith: It was kind of the way I graceful way I could get around the 5%. I've not come here every year and ask for an increase. No point in asking for money you don't need. If I had you'd be looking at \$40,000 versus the \$12,000 in increases

City Clerk Thompson: so this entire time, you've only gone up \$12,000

Sheriff Smith: Yes, and it could have been the 5% that was automatically renewing. Which as Sheriff I am looking at saving lives and let the bean counters count the beans. Sometimes they ask why I haven't done something and I go, "oh, did I forget?"

City Attorney Sikes: Basically, the long and short of it is this, he came to me and asked me to review it and to determine if it constituted a novation and it is. I have no legal objection to it. It is up to you as a board whether to accept this or not.

Mayor Woods: Okay, we've heard the Sheriff and we've heard from our attorney, do we have a motion

Commissioner Nugent: I'd like to hear what the Chief has to say about it.

Chief Johnson: as in?

City Attorney Sikes: are you for or against the MOU—

Chief Johnson: We're going to continue to dispatch with the county and I recommend we sign the new agreement

City Attorney Sikes: so you're in favor of it

Chief Johnson: No, it would not cost \$240,000 right now to dispatch, don't get me wrong, but absolutely for the money. My only issue is that others are using this service, yet my department is carrying 100% of the burden.

Sheriff Smith: We dispatch for fire and utilities as well as police

Chief Johnson: that was my only concern

City Clerk Thompson: It is something to look at the number of calls for utilities and fire and see if we can't find a happy medium

Sheriff Smith: Utilities is difficult because when the power goes out you've got everybody on the block calling you and dispatch is going yeah we have an officer at the red light, and people just calling in to say their power is out, well dispatch doesn't document a lot of those.

Commissioner Chastain: It might be a good thing, because utilities could actually afford it.

Sheriff Smith: Yes utilities is the biggest section of my calls *laughs*

Chief Johnson remarked on how busy it (call center) gets when there's a bad lightning storm

Sheriff Smith invited the Commissioners to come and tour the dispatch center any time and see the facility

Mayor Woods: If we wait it'll end up costing more next year so...so with this two year contract it ends up being cheaper.

Commissioner Nugent: Do you or are you maintaining the city's equipment to the same standards as your own?

Sheriff Smith: Absolutely

Chief Johnson: They maintain our mobiles, our portables, Chris Hamer used to work for us, but now he is a full time employee at the Sheriff's Office and he's about to install our new computers, they also gave us a server and installed it. It's actually through IGCF the City of Starke doesn't own any of the radios or portables we use. They are all owned by the Bradford County Board of Commissioners through the IGCF. That's where they are purchased, maintained, replaced and updated.

Sheriff Smith: now that money (that funds IGCF) is from citation revenues. The 1250 is where that money comes from, Now there is excess money for other places but the bulk is from the officers and deputies issuing citations.

City Clerk Thompson: If the utilities start contributing, can we get new radios too?

(laughter)

Sheriff Smith: Absolutely

Mayor Woods: any more discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding and Dispatch Services Agreement? Do I have a motion to accept?

Commissioner Waters: So move

Mayor Woods: I have a motion from Commission Waters, do I have a second?

Commissioner Spooner: second

Mayor Woods: Seconded by Ms. Spooner, all in favor say aye

Board: aye

Motion passes 5-0

City Attorney Sikes: I hate to say it that we have to do a separate motion for the CAD agreement since it was placed on here (the agenda) as two separate items, we could have combined them but just to be safe let's make a motion to accept it as a separate item even though it works hand in hand.

Mayor Woods: any time...

Commissioner Waters: I move

Mayor Woods: motion by Commissioner Waters, second?

Commissioner Chastain: second

Mayor Woods: I have a motion by Waters, second by Chastain, all in favor say aye.

Board: aye

Motion passes 5-0

City Attorney Sikes: I was going to have an Executive Meeting tonight but the Chief's not here so I ask that we pass that to the next commission meeting next week and discuss it then.

Mayor Woods: okay sounds good to me. Moving right along, I think we've talked about everything and everyone from A to Z so I don't have anything.
Commissioner Waters?

Commissioner Waters: the only thing I've got is I've gotten numerous complaints about our garbage pickup and when they call to complain they give them the Gainesville number and the only thing that disturbs me about this and I've talked to Tom about this is, how many complaints are we getting. By calling that 1-800 number we will never know. So, I want a record every month presented to the board of how many complaints that we are getting from WCA

Issue was/will be addressed by the City Clerk Ricky Thompson and City Manager Tom Ernharth who will get those figures and take the necessary measures

Mayor Woods: anything else?

Commissioner Waters: that's it for tonight

Commissioner Nugent: the only thing I'd like to bring up and is something to think about is when you are doing the agenda, when you bring something to us and it's in depth, you bring something to us and maybe you schedule a workshop, we shouldn't be called for a vote right afterwards. We may want to look at them again so we keep having to table things. Maybe have a workshop one week and at the meeting bring it up for a vote so that way we have more of a chance to look at it. We can discuss it and the workshop and have time to think about it and come back instead of rushing through to vote.

Mayor Woods: sounds like a good idea

Commission Spooner: I concur. Since we are doing the budget planning many of the items presented would directly impact do it as a part of what's been supposed whether of the service is cost effective. I'm looking at the \$88,000 on one and the \$92,000 on the other it kind of throws me. Since we've done a moratorium to withhold the fees for the new businesses, maybe look at a moratorium for people who live outside the city who could use our services such as water, something that we can do to entice people outside to utilize our services so that we can get more fee revenues that we may not have potential gotten. But somehow being able to expand our utility services beyond the city so we can get more revenue coming in. Mr. Thompson one more thing, if you could research the services that Spyglass provides, it's basically a fee collect agency. These are fees we would never have collect without this service. 50% of something is more than 50% nothing. To go back 15 years with that many records will be is a lot of work.

One of the representatives at NFRPC was talking about the legislative approval of the Springs Fund and I would like to see if we are eligible for any of those funds.

Commissioner Chastain: At one of the last County Commission meetings I read where reclaimed water was proposed to them from the City of Starke?

Tom Earnharth: sent an email to Paul Still and he is willing to meet with is anytime to go over his proposal and in detail so we can have a better feel for what he is proposing

City Clerk Thompson: I spoke with him on Monday and he wants to sit down and speak with us about it. They are trying to get approval to use reclaimed water at DuPont and maybe Keystone Lakes and with the amount spray area we lost or are fixing to lose. The St. John's River Water Management, maybe Suwannee or the Springs grant. I think it could save the city a lot of money.

Commissioner Chastain: That's what I like to hear. Can I ask that you guys put something together in time for the next meeting?

Mayor Woods: We have a meeting next week and Paul is a busy man, I know this because he is on my Beautification Board and it might be a little too soon for him to have together.

Discussion on the budgetary workshop meeting was set for 6-7 for August 4th

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Mayor Woods: Is there anything else? If not, can I get a motion to adjourn?

Commissioner Spooner motioned to adjourn

Commissioner Chastain seconded

All members agreed and passed 5-0

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

Attest: _____
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk