

City Commission Meeting
August 7, 2018
6:30 pm

Commissioner Chastain offered a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mortimer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

This was the first regular meeting of the month. Members present included Mayor Mortimer, Commissioner Chastain, Commissioner Nugent, Commissioner Waters and Commissioner Woods. Also present were City Manager Bob Milner and City Attorney Dan Sikes. City Clerk Ricky Thompson was absent because of medical reasons.

Mayor Mortimer asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none. Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Chastain made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Mortimer asked the commissioners if there was anything the commissioners wanted removed from the consent agenda. There was not. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes from the July 24, 2018 Commission Workshop and the Minutes from the July 24, 2018 Commission Meeting. Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Waters made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Mortimer asked if there were any emergency items. There were none.

Mayor Mortimer read the statement for citizen requests "The City of Starke welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the city commission. This is not a question or answer time. It is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations or derogatory remarks to or about city personnel. If you would like to address the commission please complete a form, come to the podium when you are called, speak into the microphone and state your name and address for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than 3 minutes. Your participation is welcomed." There was no citizen participation.

Mayor Mortimer asked for the City Clerk Report. Commissioner Waters met with the Bond Trustees and made a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Woods seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Milner addressed the State Revolving Fund Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement WW040200. Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Waters made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Milner asked Deputy Clerk Lisa Terry to update the commissioners on the Edwards Road property. Ms. Terry and Mr. Thompson met with Jason Wilkes of Vacuum Systems Specialists. Ms. Terry explained that Mr. Wilkes is working with his attorney to purchase the property

which he currently leases. He would like to then sell 8 or 9 acres to the city depending on setbacks. Attorney Sikes asked if Mr. Wilkes has closed on the property. Ms. Terry said he has not. Commissioner Chastain asked about an appraisal that the city had done on the property some time ago. Ms. Terry said an appraisal was done on 4.5 acres at approximately \$64,000 and on 8.5 acres at approximately \$146,000. Commissioner Chastain asked if a new appraisal should be done so they could move toward making a deal with Mr. Wilkes. Ms. Terry said she thinks that would be a good idea. Commissioner Waters said he would not be interested in the north west corner of the property because of flooding. Commissioner Waters asked Ms. Terry if Mr. Wilkes would be interested in selling 4 acres on Edwards Road. Ms. Terry said Mr. Wilkes would like to sell 8 or 9 acres which would allow access from Alton Road which would help with traffic flow. Mayor Mortimer asked if Attorney Sikes could meet with Mr. Wilkes Attorney. Attorney Sikes said the problem is Mr. Wilkes has not yet purchased the property. Commissioner Nugent asked Mr. Milner about the Dodd property. Mr. Milner said he has spoken to one of the owners but she can't get the other 2 to agree.

Mayor Mortimer asked for the City Manager Report. Mr. Milner addressed the Edwards Road Splash Park proposed design. Mr. Milner introduced Gary Sneddon with Stone Engineering Group. Mr. Sneddon introduced Brett Kuzoian with Castle Bay Design. Mr. Kuzoian is the Landscape Architect for the project. Mr. Sneddon said the project consists of 4 pieces including a restroom, a splash facility, parking and a pavilion with a picnic area. Mr. Sneddon said the splash pad area has a wall that can be used for seating. Commissioner Chastain asked how many square feet is the splash pad. Mr. Kuzoian said the part with the water is around 600 to 800 square feet but the concrete area is considerably larger than that. Commissioner Chastain asked how many people could fit on the splash pad. Mr. Kuzoian said 20 to 25 people. Commissioner Chastain asked if anyone had a budget on what it would cost to run the facility for a year. Mr. Sneddon said it is less expensive to use a system that runs into the sewer as opposed to one that recycles the water and we will have the former but it will use more water..

Mr. Milner addressed the assistance provided by Gainesville Regional Utilities for the Electric Department. Mr. Milner introduced J. D. Whittle with Gainesville Regional Utilities.

Mr. Milner addressed salary ranges for electric line workers. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Milner addressed the use and rental of city parks.

Mr. Milner addressed the Interagency Agreement for Dispatch Services.

Mayor Mortimer asked for the Police Chief Report. Chief Johnson said construction will continue and it will get better before it gets worse.

Mayor Mortimer asked for the attorney's report. Attorney Sikes read the draft Ordinance for Adult Gaming Facilities.

Attorney Sikes addressed the Tree Trimming Ordinance.

Commissioner Waters had nothing further.

Commissioner Woods had nothing further.

Commissioner Chastain

Commissioner Nugent expressed appreciation for Sheriff Smith and Police Chief Johnson.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.