

## COMMISSION MEETING

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Mayor Woods announced that if anyone in attendance wishes to speak regarding a motion he asked for them to stand or raise their hand and he will acknowledge them for their comment.

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

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

Mayor Woods entertained a motion to adopt the minutes for Commission Meeting April 7, 2015.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion second by Commissioner Nugent; passed 5-0.

Mayor Woods entertained a motion to adopt the minutes for Commission Workshop, April 7, 2015.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion second by Commissioner Spooner; passed 5-0.

Chief Johnson discussed the changes with storing emails and records for records retention.

Chief Johnson presented the National Police Week Proclamation for adoption.

***WHEREAS***, the members of the law enforcement agencies in the City of Starke and Bradford County play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Starke and Bradford County; and

***WHEREAS***, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

***WHEREAS***, the men and women of the law enforcement agencies of the City of Starke and Bradford County unceasingly provide a vital public service.

***WE FURTHER CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF STARKE AND BRADFORD COUNTY***, to honor those law enforcement officers, who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED***, by the Commission of the City of Starke, that the week of May 10th through 16th , 2015, to be

### **National Police Week**

and call upon the citizens of Starke and Bradford County to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for the preservation of the rights and security of all citizens.

Adopted by the Starke City Commission in regular session at Starke, Florida on the 21st day of April, 2015.

### **CITY OF STARKE CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Travis V. Woods, Mayor

Commissioners: Tommy Chastain  
Daniel Nugent  
Carolyn B. Spooner  
Wilbur L. Waters

Commissioner Spooner made the motion to approve the proclamation, second by Commissioner Nugent; passed 5-0.

City Manager Ernharth presented the Engineering Service Agreement for the Badcock Pump Station and Force Main for approval. The fee is \$13,900.00 and this will be to design the force main to go under US Highway 301; there will 45 days to complete the work, get the permit from DOT about 30 days; about a 75 or 80 days process to go back to bidding.

Commissioner Spooner made the motion to approve the agreement, second by Commissioner Chastain; passed 5-0.

City Manager Ernharth submitted an emergency purchase for a man hole that collapsed on U.S. Highway 301 by Pizza Hut. The cost is \$22, 000.00 and will be

shutting down the highway at 2:30 AM and hope to have it all completed at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner Waters made the motion to approve the emergency purchase, second by Commissioner Nugent; passed 5-0.

Mr. Kellen Lindsey from Mittauer Associates; discussed the alternatives for Orange Street. Their recommendation would be a standard 4 foot sidewalk along the road and the City would need to get easements.

Mayor Woods suggested to move forward with obtaining the easements and then come back to see what can be done.

City Manager Ernharth presented the Bond Trustees report that the trustees met along with Commissioner Chastain and recommended the bills be paid.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion to pay the bills, second by Commissioner Spooner; passed 5-0.

Attorney Sikes reported that he met with the Firefighters Union and apologized to Mark Crawford for not notifying him of the meeting.

He read the following statute.

Section 286.011(8), F.S., provides:

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), any board or commission of any state agency or authority or any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision, and the chief administrative or executive officer of the governmental entity, may meet in private with the entity's attorney to discuss pending litigation to which the entity is presently a party before a court or administrative agency, *provided that the following conditions are met:*

(a) The entity's attorney shall advise the entity at a public meeting that he or she desires advice concerning the litigation.

(b) The subject matter of the meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures.

(c) The entire session shall be *recorded by a certified court reporter*. The reporter shall record the times of commencement and termination of the session, all discussion and proceedings, the names of all persons present at any time, and the names of all persons speaking. No portion of the session shall be off the record. The court reporter's notes shall be fully transcribed and filed with the entity's clerk within a reasonable time after the meeting.

(d) The entity shall give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the attorney-client session and the names of persons who will be attending the session. The session shall commence at an open meeting at which the persons chairing the meeting shall announce the commencement and estimated length of the attorney-client session and the names of the persons attending. At the conclusion of the attorney-client session, the meeting shall be reopened and the person chairing the meeting shall announce the termination of the session.

(e) *The transcript shall be made part of the public record upon conclusion of the litigation. (e.s.)*

He requested an executive session to be held before the regular meeting to save money on a court reporter.

Mayor Woods stated an Executive Session for the Firefighters' Union negotiations will be held May 5, 2015 at 6:00.

A discussion was held to have a structural engineer look at the old Badcock building and for the engineer to bring back a price to have it evaluated.

Mayor Woods asked if anything additional needed to come before the board. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adjourn.

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

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk