

On Monday, June 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for a special commission meeting and its regular scheduled workshop.

Cobb called the special meeting to order.

Commissioners present were Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb, Russell Smith, Commissioner Sherri Albritton and Gary Smith. Mayor Keith Nadaskay was absent

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Deputy City Manager Olivia Minshew, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Assistant Police Chief Brandon Ball, Community Development Director Kyle Long, Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens, City Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Ordinance 2022-04 – Public Hearing – 2nd Reading – Setting the Qualifying Dates for the 2022 Election

Cobb announced the Public Hearing and asked anyone who wished to speak to identify themselves for the record and address the Commission.

Hearing no comment from the public, Cobb closed the Public Hearing.

Bolin read Ordinance 2022-04 by title only.

Albritton motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-04, seconded by G. Smith.

With discussion, Cobb asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

Cobb closed the special meeting.

Cobb called the workshop to order.

Code Enforcement Update

Bergens addressed the Commission and gave a code enforcement update from January 1, 2022 – June 3, 2022. Bergens noted 71 cases had been opened, 58 had been closed and 13 remained open. Bergens stated there had been \$1,178.94 collected for fines due since January 1, 2022. Minor discussion was had.

Resolution 2022-16 – Variance for 613 N 9th Avenue

Long addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2022-16. Long explained the applicant wanted to split his property into two parcels which has two homes on it, however each parcel has to be at least 50 feet wide and the total width was 99 feet. Long stated if the variance is granted, one parcel would be 49 feet wide and the other would be 50 feet wide. R. Smith asked if a future landowner would have a problem building on the parcels. Long explained if the variance was granted it would run with the land forever. Cobb noted there was typo with the name of the applicant in the resolution advertisement. Long stated he had spoken with legal counsel and the scrivener's error did not cause a problem with the advertisement requirements.

Resolution 2022-17 – FDOT Public Transportation Grant Agreement for AWOS II

Minshew addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2022-17. Minshew noted the grant was the first part of two up-coming grants for the Automated Weather Observing Station at the airport. The project had already been designed and put out for bid. Minshew explained the FDOT grant was a match for the FAA grant.

Resolution 2022-18 -FDOT Supplemental Agreement #2 Townsend Street

Minshew addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2022-18. Minshew stated the bids received for the project came back higher than the original grant amount. Minshew explained after speaking with FDOT they expressed their willingness to try and find additional funds for the project. Minshew stated FDOT has come back and given the city an additional \$250,000 and this second supplemental agreement was for an additional \$179,000. Minshew noted the project was still short \$200,000 if no major change orders were to come along.

FCCMA Leadership Award

Atchley addressed the Commission and announced that Minshew was awarded the Assistant for Excellence in Leadership Award at the FCCMA Conference. The Commission congratulated Minshew and commended her on a job well done.

Tennis Courts

Atchley addressed the Commission and briefly explained the EDA Recreational Grant dollars. Atchley stated one of the grants was for approximately \$352,000 for tennis courts for the high school. Atchley explained the Hardee County School Board was not able to build tennis courts for \$352,000 and approached the City and asked to partner with us to renovate the existing tennis courts. Atchley informed the School Board the City possibly had \$150,000 of ARPA funds available to help with the project. Atchley stated the School Board went back before the EDA Board and presented the partnership plan. Atchley explained even with the \$352,000 EDA Grant and the \$150,000 ARPA funds from the City the project was still short about \$60,000. Atchley stated the School Board asked the EDA for additional funds to help complete the tennis courts renovation and the EDA Board awarded an additional 60,000 plus dollars to help complete the project. Atchley advised the Commission he would be asking them next week to give him permission to move forward with the joint application with the Hardee County School Board for no more than \$150,000 of ARPA funds from the City. Atchley noted this would not impact the City's budget.

Atchley discussed Step-Up Suncoast wanted to rent the office space at Historic City Hall. Atchley stated the carpet was going to be replaced and painting and minor repairs were going to be done on the building before they move in.

Atchley informed the Commission that Governor DeSantis did approve 4 of the City's 5 projects in the 2022/2023 State Budget. Atchley advised Farr Field was the project that was cut.

Atchley advised the Commission the Budget Workshop would be moved to July 18th at 4pm if the Commission did not have any objections. Atchley noted the regular commission meeting would still be on July 11th.

Cobb gave updates on RLC and CFRPC.

With no further business to discuss, Cobb adjourned the Workshop at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith