

On Monday, October 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular scheduled workshop in the Commission Chambers at 225 East Main Street, Suite 105, Wauchula.

Nadaskay called the workshop to order.

Commissioners present were Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb, Russell Smith, Kenneth Lambert, Mayor Keith Nadaskay, Gary Smith, Dr. Sherri Albritton and Dr. Peter Preston.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, Finance Director James Braddock, Community Redevelopment Agency Coordinator Jessica Newman, Lt. Matthew Whatley and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Mr. Atchley asked the Commission to move the **discussion of the EDA Appointment** up on the Agenda. He advised they would need to consider 2 names to present to the BOCC for appointment at the November meeting at the latest. Lambert asked Mr. Atchley if he would consider serving again. Mr. Atchley stated yes, he would be glad to, but the Commission would still need another name by November. Mr. Atchley previewed the exciting times ahead for the EDA for everyone.

Discuss Ordinance 2015-17 – Mobile Food Truck Vendor Language

Ms. Minshew explained the change in the language concerning Mobile Food Trucks within the City. She stated the Planning and Zoning Board recommended the language for approval at their last meeting but that Ms. Newman had other points to consider so she opened the topic for discussion. She stated the 1st Reading of the Ordinance has not yet occurred and Ms. Minshew began the discussion by explaining in detail the process required to have a Mobile Food Truck. She relayed some of Ms. Newman's concerns about it as well. Mr. Atchley told of a vendor who set up after Hurricane Charlie in a place they should never have been allowed but because of the need at the time it was let go. Recently the property owner told the food vendor they would now have to leave. Due to the age of the "trailer", it would not meet current requirements. There had been much back and forth between the vendor and staff on the situation which brought up possibly amending the language. Ms. Minshew asked if the Commission wanted Mobile Food Vendors in town, the language would need to be updated. If they did not, it could be left as it was. Much discussion was held on the subject with some admitting they needed to do more homework in order to make an informed decision. Attorney Cloud gave some insight on it as well. Lambert asked the Mayor to postpone the first reading of the Ordinance and leave the language as it was for now. Albritton asked Ms. Newman if she could provide to the Commissioners the information she presented or may be able to get from other cities to help them in their decision making; Ms. Newman agreed to do so. Lambert advised of an article written by Attorney Cloud which may also be informative; Attorney Cloud stated they could just Google it but advised the Commission they should consider asking what the restaurants in town pay in utilities and taxes for one year. Mr. Atchley quickly replied \$22,700 for one business that he knows of for sure. Permit or other fees and taxes charged to a food truck vendor were discussed as well as how other cities regulate them in their areas. Ms. Minshew advised researching how many food trucks were able to become brick and mortar restaurants might be worth doing as well. Discussion was held on current businesses which started that way.

It became apparent the consensus of the Commission was to bring this back for further discussion.

Discuss Amendment of Interlocal Agreement for IT & GIS

Ms. Minshew explained the reason behind the Amendment was to make the term of the agreement the actual fiscal year, with the first year being from April until September 30. Each additional year from now on would run to October 1. It would also change the billing from monthly to quarterly to bring it in line with the fiscal year.

Discuss City Manager Evaluation Results

Nadaskay reviewed the scoring of the evaluations; 38.58 from the Department Heads and 40 from the Commission, out of 40. Mr. Atchley spoke briefly to the Commission about the changes to the City and that it is a work in progress and the process associated with it.

He complimented the Commission on a job well done and thanked them for allowing staff to do their jobs and grow with them. Mr. Atchley advised he would answer any questions the Commission might have. Lambert asked what “ratiocination” meant and Mr. Atchley asked Clerk Smith who advised she would have to Google it. Nadaskay thought it meant logical reasoning to which Clerk Smith answered yes. There was discussion about it and then Albritton defined it for everyone: “the process of exact thinking; reason; a train of thought”. There was more discussion on the subject and training and mentoring the young people at the City. Lambert asked Mr. Atchley what is the one thing that keeps him up at night. Mr. Atchley replied “the people” and demonstrated with the Police Chief waiting for the call that one of his officers has been shot. He’s not had that feeling at other job he’s held; even the ones considered dangerous. He worries is he doing the things he needs to do; being the resource provider is how he mostly looks at it. Staff cannot do their jobs if he doesn’t give them what they need. Mr. Atchley is mostly worried about the good people he has now being here with him in the future. There was additional discussion on his success and other aspects of Mr. Atchley’s contributions and passion for the City. Mr. Atchley answered Nadaskay when asked; he loves his job and he’s not going anywhere. He would also put his team up against any in the country because they are that good at what they do.

Discuss EDA Appointment Consideration (Previously discussed)

Discuss Chamber of Commerce Special Event Application

Ms. Minshew explained the request from the Chamber of Commerce which is the same as it was last year; to block off George Burriss for their annual dinner. After answering a few questions and clarifying some things, Ms. Minshew advised the item will be on next week’s agenda for official approval. Discussion was had on developing and using that particular area for future events held by the City.

Discuss the Trick or Treat Hours

Mr. Atchley advised Halloween is on Saturday and saw no reason to change the hours of Trick or Treat. After some minor discussion the consensus of the Commission was to hold Trick or Treat during the typical hours, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Mr. Atchley discussed an incident that occurred in town last weekend and the establishment across the street from where the incident took place. Ms. Minshew discussed the permitted use of the property and the fact that it has operated as a group home for quite some time. Albritton asked what type of home it was. Lt. Whatley replied it is a men’s rehabilitation facility. Ms. Minshew advised she was not aware of what type just that the property was zoned commercial and the use was allowed. Mr. Atchley elaborated further on the gentleman involved in the incident and Lt. Whatley continued that the man involved was not a resident or client of the group home. Mr. Atchley then asked the Commission if they had any questions regarding the incident he would try to answer them. No one responded.

Albritton asked about the entry-way sign at the north end of town and Ms. Newman advised it was part of the packet but required a separate approval and elaborated on the process for approval of the sign. Lambert mentioned the annual crop of dog fennels growing out of the tops of the some buildings on Main Street. Albritton asked how many vendors would be at the October event and Ms. Newman advised she did not have a definitive number just yet but should have it next week.

Clerk Smith reminded the Commission if they desire to give Mr. Atchley a bonus it needs to be done at next week's meeting. Mr. Atchley thanked her for reminding everyone. Clerk Smith also advised she would not be at next week's meeting; she has a psychology class.

Mr. Braddock will be covering for her.

Clerk Smith explained how the process by which the Commissioners should submit their recommendations for Mr. Atchley's bonus.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Commission Workshop at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay

City Clerk Holly Smith, CMC