

On Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular meeting in the Commission Chambers at 225 East Main Street, Suite 105, Wauchula.

Nadaskay called the meeting to order.

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

Mr. Atchley stated Dr. Peter Preston was absent but had contacted staff of the scheduling conflict.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, Finance Director James Braddock, Chief John Eason and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Nadaskay declared a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Albritton motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Lambert.

With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for November 2, 2015 Workshop

Cobb motioned to approve the minutes of November 2nd Workshop, seconded by Albritton.

With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2015 Commission Meeting

G. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of November 9th Meeting, seconded by Cobb.

With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

Curb Appeal Award – December 2015

Mayor Nadaskay presented the award to Reson Holt of 409 West Bay Street who was in attendance.

The Plata Family of 501 West Bay Street also received the award but were not in attendance.

Lambert commented that Bay Street had now replaced Diana and Turner Avenues as Christmas Lane.

ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Ordinances for Public Hearing.

Nadaskay then recessed the Commission Meeting and called to order the meeting of the General Pension Board

Approval of September 14, 2015 minutes

Albritton motioned to approve the minutes of September 14th Meeting, seconded by Cobb.

With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Approval of 1st Quarter Financial Report – 1st Quarter Financial Portfolio

Mr. Braddock reviewed/explained the report and portfolio for the Commission's consideration. He answered questions posed to him and advised the Actuarial Evaluation will be on January 16th.

Lambert motioned to approve the Financials as presented, seconded by Cobb.

Pension Attorney charges were discussed.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the General Pension Board Meeting and reconvened the City Commission Meeting

Approval of the General Pension Board's actions

G. Smith motioned to approve the actions of the General Pension Board, seconded by Albritton. With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER, NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Announce Power Cost Adjustment

Mr. Atchley announced the Power Cost Adjustment for November will be .018 which is a reduction of .002 from last month. The Tax Exempt portion will be .018 which is also a reduction of .005 cent.

Waiver of competitive selection procedures on extension of FP&L purchase power contract

Ms. Minshew reminded the Commission of the Purchasing Policy and discussion held last week. Lambert motioned to approve the waiver of competitive selection, seconded by G. Smith. With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Approval of FP&L Contract Extension

Attorney Cloud gave a brief explanation of the Contract and the Extension. It would require minor tweaking from him, Mr. Atchley and Bill Herrington. Lambert motioned to approve the contract extension with FP&L, seconded by Albritton. The type of "tweaking" needed to the extension was discussed. Attorney Cloud stated they were administrative not substantive. Lambert let his motion stand. Albritton questioned the difference in cost to the residence which Mr. Atchley advised would be comparable to what they have now. Additional discussion was had on Mr. Bill Herrington regarding his role and his past with the City. With no further discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Deem 2004 Sterling Bucket Truck as surplus

Mr. Atchley explained the truck and its background with the City. The highest bid received on the truck was \$8,000 from one of the dealers they spoke to. Mr. Atchley stated he would prefer to take it back to a dealer as opposed to selling to someone in the general public which may be a liability due to safety issues with the vehicle. Lambert motioned to approve deeming the 2004 Sterling as surplus and selling to the dealer, seconded by Cobb. Discussion was had on the City shopping around to find the best price. Lambert's motion stands. With no other discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Ranking of the EDA Grant Applications

Nadaskay explained the ranking process for the Commission. Mr. Atchley stated Clerk Smith would collect their rankings for tallying. Lengthy discussion was had on the application process and how the funds are monitored once distributed to the recipients.

Approval of Resolution 2015-30 – FDOT Maintenance Agreement

Mr. Atchley stated this was the regular renewal that goes up \$3 each time no matter what. Lambert motioned to approve Resolution 2015-30, seconded by R. Smith. Discussion was had on the specifics of the agreement for the newer Commissioners. With no further discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Board Appointments

Ms. Minshew advised of the following appointments: Airport Board – Trez Vining; Historic Preservation Board – Cynthia Paxton; Planning & Zoning – Donna Steffens as Chair and Wayne Johnson. Discussion was held on the vacancies on certain boards and the efforts to fill them.

G. Smith motioned to approve the Board Appointments, seconded by Albritton.

With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Mr. Atchley stated he had a question for Attorney Cloud and asked on the Airport Advisory Board, all of the current Board Members are either tenants or customers of the Airport. First, would he be open to considering someone who is not aviation related; to which most of the Commission agreed.

Second, would a City staff member, such as Jason Klein, who has been deemed the Airport Manager or a person engaged with it day-to-day; would there be any concerns with them being on the Advisory Board?

Attorney Cloud stated he didn't see why not, as it is quite common. There is no Constitutional or Statutory provision outlawing it. Attorney Cloud advised he was not aware of anything in the Charter or when the Board was reconstituted that would prohibit it. Lambert stated as long as the meet the minimum requirement of living in the County as it has been a concern of his of the balance on the Board. Mr. Atchley stated he just wanted to see if they were open to someone with good sound judgment who was not aviation related to which Lambert agreed. Additional discussion was had.

Purchase of a new truck for the Utility Department

Mr. Atchley reminded the Commission of the approval in the budget to purchase the new truck. He then advised of the bids received and stated Stingray Chevrolet has the exact vehicle needed. He stated local dealers were unable to assist with fleet purchasing and asked for approval to purchase from Stingray Chevrolet.

G. Smith motioned to approve the purchase of a new Utility Department truck, seconded by R. Smith. Discussion was had on the availability of the 2015 model.

The motion was amended for 2015 as first choice and if not available, proceed with a 2016.

With no other discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Cloud wished all a Merry Christmas

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITIZENS

Mary and Hayden Cobb of 903 North 9th Avenue explained flooding issues with their residence at 7th Avenue and Goolsby Street due to the closing a drain. She asked if the City would please put the drain back. Mr. Atchley explained the closing of the drain during the 1990's and there is no storm water management yet in that area. He also advised of some things the City has tried but is not sure where the storm water could be taken to from that area. Lambert elaborated on Mr. Atchley's statement and discussion was held on the subject.

Mr. Atchley informed the Commission of Commissioner Cobb's Most Attendance Award from the Ridge League of Cities. He stated the Ridge League dinner will be held at Streamsong on February 11, 2016 and strongly encouraged each Commissioner to attend. On the 2nd Thursday in December, Wauchula, Bowling Green and Zolfo Springs will host the Ridge League dinner at the Civic Center. Discussion was held on the subject.

Clerk Smith announced the ranking of the EDA Grant Applications:

Hardee County IDA – W/S Corridor	1
Utilitech, Inc.	2
Hardee County IDA – Incubator	2
Hardee County EDC – Admin Funding	3
Stream2Sea	4
Debut Development	5
Peace River Paddleboards	6
Bees and Botanicals, LLC	7
Advanced Sober Solutions Call Center	8
Ag Outdoor World/Lexan Prop.	9
Z-Axis Technology, Inc.	10

There was no 11 because #2 was a tie.

Lambert held discussion on the Workshop item in January and asked that City's vision for the Depot be added. The costs of the renovations were discussed as was the future use of the building. Mr. Atchley stated the Mobile Food Workshop will be held in January and since there is one more year left on the Depot lease and asked if he would consider waiting until February to Workshop the Depot. Lambert stated he would wait until February.

REMINDERS:

January 4, 2016 @ 5:00pm – City Commission Workshop

January 11, 2016 @ 6:00pm – City Commission Meeting

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Commission Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay

City Clerk Holly Smith, CMC