

On Monday, February 3, 2020 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, Mayor Keith Nadaskay and Gary Smith. Commissioner Kenneth Lambert was absent.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Long, Police Chief John Eason, Finance Director Sandee Braxton, City Attorney Jason Searle and City Clerk Holly Smith.

80's Reunion Application

Mary Jane Cimmino addressed the Commission and explained the event would be held March 28th. Janice Wheeler stated the reunion was for the classes of 80-89 and noted the request was for alcohol and noise waiver. Nadaskay asked staff if the application was consistent with past applications. Atchley replied yes. Eason explained he did not have any issues with the application.

Easement for Utilitech

Long addressed the Commission and explained the Utilitech easement would be along 7th Avenue and would be used for stairs for the second story.

Ordinance 2020-01 – Amending City Election Section 2

Minshew addressed the Commission and explained Ordinance 2020-01. Minshew stated the proposed ordinance would bring Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 up to date with current practices. Minshew explained Section 2-9 regarding Commissioner's compensation was being updated and changing Commissioner's salary to \$500 and that would include all travel within Hardee County and any travel outside of the County could be submitted on an expense report and reimbursed. Minshew noted Section 2-20 referred to setting the qualifying dates, Section 2-24 clarifying terminology and Section 2-28 unopposed candidates. Minshew stated in order for the changes to become effective, the ordinance needs to be adopted six months before the election. Minshew stated the second reading would require a special meeting at the end of February. R. Smith asked how long had the compensation been at \$430. Atchley replied it had been a while.

Waterline Extensions

Minshew addressed the Commission and explained the waterline extension projects would be for Joe L. Davis Subdivision, Main and Orange Street and Louisiana Street. Minshew noted \$40,000 had been budgeted and staff was asking for an additional \$60,072 from the utility contingency fund. R. Smith asked questions regarding annexation agreements and utility connection.

Maintenance Agreement for Brick pavers on E. Main Street

Minshew addressed the Commission and explained she had not received the maintenance agreement from FDOT but the agreement would be similar to the 2007 streetscaping agreement. Minshew explained the cost of the brick pavers would not be passed along to the City; the State would be taking care of it. Nadaskay asked when the project would start. Minshew

stated FDOT scheduled the project to go for bid in August or September, awarding the bid in October and construction beginning in December.

Future of Power Plant Building

Minshew addressed the Commission and asked if they had any thoughts on what to do with the power plant. Minshew noted the City took ownership of the power plant in 1917, making it over 100 years old. Atchley explained the challenges with building and property. R. Smith asked if there was anything of value in the building. Atchley replied a part of one of the old generators was still there. Atchley noted an environmental studied had been done on the property and there may be potential contamination under the concrete foundation. Commissioners Cobb, R. Smith and G. Smith suggested demoing the building. Nadaskay stated he would like to see something done with the building due to its age. Atchley suggested getting estimates on demolition and an evaluation of structurally sound for potential rehab.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Workshop at 5:32 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith