

On Monday, February 5, 2018 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, Mayor Keith Nadaskay, Kenneth Lambert and Gary Smith.

Commissioner Russell Smith was absent.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Community Redevelopment Agency Director Jessica Newman, Chief John Eason and Deputy City Clerk Victoria Thompson.

Presentation by Bill Herrington

Mr. Atchley reviewed the reasoning behind Mr. Herrington's presentation and his research into solar generated power production on the City's behalf of trying to up to date and current. The City's benefit in participating in an upcoming solar power plant was the main point of the presentation.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Herrington recommended to the Commission they authorize the City Manager to execute a Power Sales Agreement with FMPA for the City's participation in the project subject to final negotiations and economic provisions essentially consistent with his analysis and upon final review/approval of the City Attorney. And to also authorize Mr. Atchley to execute an amendment of the existing bulk power supply contract with FPL subject to final approval of the City Attorney that accommodates the FMPA solar project, reduces prices as presented by WHH and extends the current term two additional years. There was some discussion and Mr. Herrington answered questions posed to him. Lambert asked that a copy of the presentation be sent to him so he might study it better. Mr. Atchley explained he would like the Commission to do that and suggest this item be brought back at a later date for further discussion. The Commission has until March 15th to decide if they'd like to participate or not. Attorney Cloud clarified the actions the Commission would need to take in order to approve the participation.

Request from Harvest Aviation to sublet parts of their leased area at the Wauchula Airport

Mr. Atchley explained the request by Harvest Aviation and presented Mr. Mike Wilkinson to answer any questions the Commission may have. Mr. Wilkinson elaborated on how Harvest Aviation would like to have the option to sublet some of their space to transient aircraft who need tie down and/or hangar space for short term storage. Lambert stated as long as the sublets were for aircraft and aviation related businesses. Attorney Cloud discussed a "blanket approval" and discussion was held on whether or not this might cause issues with other leasees. Mr. Wilkinson stated he doesn't foresee any issues with having tenants but would address any that may arise. Mr. Atchley stated he had no problem with the "blanket" as the City is notified when a sublet is done so we are aware of who is occupying the space. The current lease and the history of how Harvest Aviation came to be at the airport were discussed. Attorney Cloud and Mr. Atchley clarified the benefits of having other businesses in the hangar in the hopes of them growing enough they would need hangars of their own, thus growing the Airport. This item will be brought back next week for official action.

Discuss Ordinance 2018-01 – Modifying Sewer Rates for Commercial Sewer Customers Not Receiving City Water Service

Ms. Minshew gave an overview of the Ordinance and the reason the modification was necessary at this time; the installation of a water meter on their water input at the City's expense in order to track the use of sewer service for a commercial customer who does not receive City water. There was discussion clarifying the matter and the Commission saw no problem with the modification to the Ordinance. The Ordinance will be presented next week for official action.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay closed the Commission Workshop and Opened the CRA Workshop

Discuss Redding Lawncare Renewal

Ms. Newman presented the current agreement with Redding Lawncare. They have one final one year extension to the agreement if the Board agreed to continue with their services. When asked if she was happy with them, Ms. Newman stated they were always quick to respond if a problem arose. Mr. Atchley advised their job would be easier if we could get people to stop parking in the flower beds. Lambert asked that the Japanese Blueberries be cut back hard this year and explained the issue with those kinds of trees. Ms. Newman advised they are not growing as expected but she will speak to the crew about it. The consensus of the Board was in agreement with her and this will be back for official action at next week's meeting.

Discuss Revitalization Grant Agreement with Utilitech

Ms. Newman asked if the Board had any questions concerning the Grant Agreement with Utilitech. Nadaskay clarified the method of the grant payout and when asked, the Board had no questions. Ms. Newman stated she would be back next week.

Mr. Atchley stated that the Ghost Tour was fantastic, sold out and he had a great time. Ms. Newman agreed and advised everyone to get their tickets early next year.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Workshop at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

Deputy City Clerk Victoria Thompson