

On Monday, June 10, 2019 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.

**Cobb called the meeting to order.**

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

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, Lieutenant Matthew Whatley, Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens, Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Long and City Clerk Holly Smith.

**Cobb declared a quorum.**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Atchley informed the Commission that Tab 8 was removed from the agenda.

Lambert motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of Tab 8, seconded by G. Smith.

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

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

### **Approval of Minutes for the May 6, 2019 Workshop and the May 13, 2019 Meeting**

G. Smith motioned to approve the minutes for the May 6, 2019 Workshop and the May 13, 2019 Meeting, seconded by Lambert. With no discussion, Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.

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

### **Awards/Presentations**

**Code Enforcement** - Bergens addressed the Commission and presented the Code Enforcement update. Bergens informed the Commission that there had been 115 cases opened by Code Enforcement and the cases highlighted in red would be transferred to the magistrate on June 19th. Atchley informed the Commission that we had remained proactive in reference to Code Enforcement and that Bergens worked with residents giving them pre-notification before taking action.

**Solid Waste Rate Study** - Atchley addressed the Commission and briefly discussed the RFP process for Solid Waste and introduced GeoSyntec.

Marc Rogoff, with GeoSyntec addressed the Commission and explained the study began in February and concluded in May. Rogoff mentioned all members of the Commission should have the overview of the study as well as a copy of the presentation.

Rogoff discussed the overview of the existing sanitation system that was operated by the City. Rogoff stated the current solid waste collection system included the automated system which was implemented in the previous year. The objectives of the study were to assess the system, compare rates with other sized cities within the region, review some of the data over the past five years, develop a financial model to anticipate what the cost and revenue would be over the next five years, determine a couple of different scenarios to assess solid waste fees and the anticipated cost for providing collections and make recommendations. The models looked at operating revenues and expenses and at projected cost. The cost of fleet replacement was discussed over a ten-year period, which would roughly be about 1 billion dollars at 100,000 a year to pay for trucks. Five scenarios were discussed as follows: 1. Discontinue the current 3% annual increase. 2. Continue the current 3% annual increase. 3. Fleet replacement with no increase. 4. Fleet replacement with the current 3% rate increase. 5. Fleet replacement with a 4% rate increase. Rogoff stated with using a model they predicted what the net revenue would be over the next five years. Rogoff added if you did nothing the net revenue would still be positive and you could decide not to make any changes. Rogoff stated they recommended scenario 5 which fully funds the fleet replacement and provides a little cushion in case of an emergency. Rogoff noted you have a fund balance; however you live in a state that has hurricanes.

Minshew mentioned projections of the 19-20 year being \$170,266, the 20-21 year being \$211,684, the 21-22 being \$254,900, 22-23 being \$299,989, and 23-24 being \$368,215.

Rogoff stated in addition to making recommendations on the budget and the rate adjustments you should consider we also look at different items such as the second can rate. Rogoff added a second can was offered by other cities but at a discounted rate. Rogoff recommended a 50% reduction on the second can. Rogoff stated the city has requirements in the ordinance for bulk trash and waste that requires no more than 1 cubic yard being set out.

Rogoff noted their recommendation would be an ordinance setting a maximum on set outs for bulk waste and yard debris pickup. Rogoff stated their last recommendation was establishing a fleet replacement and reserves. Rogoff noted that the City of Wauchula offers more benefits than other communities. Rogoff asks if there are any questions, no response.

Lambert motioned to approve the Solid Waste Rate study as presented, seconded by G. Smith.

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

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

Atchley addressed the Commission and asked for guidance as how to move forward with the next motion regarding a 3 or 4 percent solid waste rate increase. Atchley stated historically we had been doing the annual 3% because the current ordinance reads look at CPI or 3% increase. Atchley added there needed to be more discussion regarding the second can and yard debris and the amount and if you wanted to consider a 4% rate increase. Atchley stated staff was comfortable maintaining the 3% increase. G. Smith asked Atchley if action was needed on the rate increase. Atchley responded you will not have to commit to anything tonight but if we could get a consensus on how to move forward whether it was stay at the 3% or move to the 4% increase.

R. Smith mentioned that on the last Solid Waste Rate Study we went up on residential and determined we were a little high on commercial. R. Smith noted that people who do not produce large sums of garbage are also paying for those who do produce large amounts of garbage. R. Smith stated he could see offering a discount for a second can but he did not know if 50% was the number. Atchley asked Braxton how many customers currently had two cans. Braxton stated there are 161 customers with a second can and 47 who would prefer a second can which 14% of the customers. R. Smith stated he was comfortable remaining at the 3%. Lambert added he was also comfortable with the 3% as long as staff was comfortable the 3% could get us where we needed to be. Braxton replied that she was comfortable with the 3% as long as we address limiting bulk waste which was a commercial issue not residential. Braxton noted the wear and tear on the hydraulics on the side arm garbage truck and the dumpster truck. Braxton stated they will need to be replaced every five years. Braxton explained the current solid waste ordinance did have restrictions on yard debris and we have gotten better on enforcing it and had seen vast improvements. Braxton added if the issues are addressed and changes are made she felt comfortable staying with the 3%. Lambert stated he was comfortable with the 3%. Atchley stated he would like to have a little more discussion on the second can. There had been 100+ cans issued with the understanding that we do not know if there will be additional charge. Atchley added there needs to be some type of control as the cans go out because the cost was roughly \$50,000. Atchley stated there needed to be some type of ownership so that they are not just free cans and everyone wanting a second can gets one. More discussion was had on yard debris and pickup. Atchley asked if a 50% rate was acceptable for the second can and stated these rates are not final it will be back before you with when discussing the proposed ordinance changes. Atchley stated he did not need the second motion he felt staff had enough information to starting working on revising the solid waste ordinance.

## **ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Approval of Ordinance 2019-08 - Public Hearing - Final Reading - Extending the Moratorium on Medical Marijuana**

Cobb announced the Public Hearing and asked anyone who wished to speak to identify themselves for the record and address the Commission. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Cloud read Ordinance 2019-08 by title only.

G. Smith motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-08, seconded by R. Smith.

Cobb asked if there was any further discussion.

R. Smith asked if the Ordinance carried the City through to January 1, 2020. Cloud replied yes.

Lambert made a comment that it would be nice if we had the ability to explanation that all we were doing here and that we are not opposed to this practice that we were trying to understand what the roll out looked like in the future and we don't know that yet.

Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.

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

## **COBB RECESSED THE COMMISSION MEETING AND CALLED TO ORDER THE GENERAL PENSION BOARD MEETING**

### **Approval of May 13, 2019 minutes**

Lambert motioned to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019, seconded by R. Smith.

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

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

### **Approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Reports & Earnings for the General Pension and the OPEB**

Braxton addressed the Board and explained the reports.

G. Smith motioned to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Reports & Earnings for the General Pension and the OPEB, seconded by R. Smith.

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

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

## **COBB ADJOURNED THE GENERAL PENSION BOARD MEETING AND RECONVENED THE COMMISSION MEETING**

### **Approval of the General Pension Board's actions**

Lambert motioned to approve the actions of the General Pension Board, seconded by G. Smith.

With no discussion, Cobb 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**

Atchley announced the PCA for June should be \$0.0120, the same as the prior month. The tax-exempt portion should be \$0.0180, the same as the prior month.

## **TAB 8 REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

### **Review and Approve RFP 19-03 Governmental Consulting Services Bid**

Atchley addressed the Commission and explained the RFP process. Atchley stated only one response was received. Atchley explained it was staff's recommendation to approve us move forward in finalizing the consulting agreement with CAS Governmental Services to retain them as our lobbying team utilizing their services.

Lambert motioned to approve said actions, seconded by G. Smith.

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

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

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Approval of the Audit which was presented at the June 3, 2019 Workshop**

#### **Nomination of Neda Cobb as Voting Delegate for FLC Annual Conference**

R. Smith motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Lambert.

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

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

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

Cloud stated one of his partners Jason Searl was in the audience. Cloud noted Searl wanted to attend a meeting in the instance that the city attorney was absent. Cloud discussed Searl's credentials.

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS**

Cobb gave meeting updates.

## **REMINDERS:**

July 8, 2019 @ 5:00pm – Budget Workshop

July 15, 2019 @ 6:00pm – City Commission Meeting

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COBB ADJOURNED THE COMMISSION MEETING AT 6:56 P.M.

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Mayor Pro Tem Neda Cobb

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City Clerk Holly Smith, CMC