

On Monday, June 3, 2019 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 arrived at 5:15pm.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Police Chief John Eason, Director of Support Services & Internal Auditing James Braddock, Community Redevelopment Agency Director Jessica Newman and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Representative Melony Bell

Atchley addressed the Commission and introduced Representative Melony Bell.

Representative Melony Bell gave a brief update on her political career. Bell commended Atchley and the City's lobbyist firm for all their hard work asking for legislative appropriations during legislative days. Bell gave an overview of her first legislative session, the committees she served on and the process of getting bills heard and passed. Bell stated the City of Wauchula was one of the most proactive City's asking for grant dollars. Cobb thanked Bell for representing the City of Wauchula and stated she enjoyed the time spent serving on the Central Florida Regional Planning Council with her. Bell stated her office was having mobile office hours in Wauchula after the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce meetings. Lambert commented that education took an economic hit with the exception of charter schools. Bell agreed and discussed school choice and accountability. Bell discussed more changes with education. Braddock asked Bell what challenge she saw with Home Rule. Bell stated she felt local governments are close to their residents and the local governments should be making the decisions not lawmakers in Tallahassee. Bell added one size did not fit all. Bell spoke briefly on a toll road that will run through Desoto, Hardee and Polk Counties.

Audit Presentation

Randy Dillingham of Christopher, Smith, Leonard, Bristow & Stanell, CPAs, reviewed the most recent audit of the City of Wauchula. Dillingham stated he could sum up the evening and say it was a good report and touch on the high points. Some of the high points of the presentation:

Financial:

- General Fund balance had significantly increased since 2012 and was in good financial position
- Fiduciary Fund balance - Utility, Airport and Sanitation Funds – Utility Fund was in good financial position and was building reserve to fund projects. Airport Fund was still in a deficient. Sanitation was in good financial position. The two balance sheets (General and Fiduciary) are in good financial condition.
- Pension Plan was in good shape.
- Cash was in secured depositories.
- Federal single audit was conducted and no issues were found from a compliance standpoint.

Internal Controls:

- Did not find any material weaknesses in your internal controls
- Did not find any noncompliance with laws, rules and regulations
- Did not find any material weakness when testing the state single Audit

Management Letter:

No prior year or current year Audit findings

There was a bullet point for several years on unrestricted debt position because of the OPEB but because of funding and the new plan there was no longer a deficient on net positioning and that bullet point had been removed.

Dillingham stated just to summarize the City was in good financial position with an unmodified opinion, no material weaknesses or compliance findings.

Atchley informed the Commission the audit presentation would be back before them at next week's meeting for their approval.

Atchley informed the Commission the Annual Florida League of Cities Conference would be August 15-17, 2019 and at this time Commissioner Cobb and he was registered to attend. An approved delegate needed to be appointed by the Commission for voting actions that will occur during the conference. Atchley stated unless anyone sees any concerns a tab will be under the consent agenda next week appointing Commissioner Cobb as the voting delegate and authorizing the Mayor to sign the nomination form.

Cobb gave a brief update on upcoming Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Ridge League of Cities meetings.

Atchley reminded the Commission of RFP 19-03 Governmental Consulting Services and the RFP was advertised and one proposal was received and a recommendation will be before you at next week's meeting.

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

Paint the Town Recap

Newman addressed the Board and presented a video of Paint the Town day.

Project Update Reports

- Cobb Project
- Palmetto 8
- Utilitech

Nadaskay suggested including the CRA grants with the project updates. Lambert agreed.

Newman gave an update on Main Street summer events.

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

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith