

On Monday, November 2, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its annually scheduled Ethics Training at the Train Depot located at 135 E Main Street, Wauchula.

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

Also present were City of Wauchula Manager Terry Atchley, Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Community Redevelopment Agency Director Jessica Newman, Purchasing Manager Ward Grimes, Inventory Specialist Victoria Thompson, Chief John Eason, Lt. Matthew Whatley, and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Hardee County Commissioner Noey Flores was present along with Commissioners-Elect Sandra Meeks, Judith George and Renee Wyatt. County Manager Lawrence McNaul was present.

City of Arcadia Commissioners Jaccarie Simons and Keith Keene were present.

City Attorney Jason Searle was the Ethics Training Facilitator.

Searle discussed the following topics:

F.S. 286.0105 - Notices

F.S. 119.011 - Definitions

F.S. 119.07 – Inspection of Records

F.S. 119.12 – Attorney Fees

F.S. Chapter 112 Part 3 – Code of Ethics

Searle noted this training was applicable to elected officials, advisory boards and committees.

Searle discussed decision making authority opposed to fact-finding.

Basic Requirements:

Meetings must be open and accessible to the public

Meeting must be noticed

Written minutes must be taken

Things to remember:

Interaction among council members

Permissible closed session

- Pending litigation
- City must be the presently a party
- Only for settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenditures

Meetings with private parties

Public Law was discussed

Ethics:

Gifts

- Do not solicit a gift from a “lobbyist” or a “vendor”
- Do not accept a gift worth more than \$100

Other topics briefly discussed were:

Prohibition on Gifts

Disclosure of Gifts

Florida Commission on Ethics

Workshop concluded at 5:29pm.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith