

On Monday, September 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, Kenneth Lambert and Gary Smith. Mayor Keith Nadaskay arrived at 5:10pm.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Police Chief John Eason, Community Redevelopment Agency Director Jessica Newman, Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Electric Rate Study Follow-Up

Atchley addressed the Commission and asked if anyone had any further questions regarding the electric rate study. Lambert stated he only had one comment; he did not follow the logic on the peer group comparisons. Lambert added he did not object but would like to better under the peer group piece. Atchley stated if there were any specific questions please ask and we can get you the answers by next week's meeting.

US Census Presentation

Neal Dollar with the US Census addressed the Commission and discussed his presentation.

Code Enforcement Updates

Bergens addressed the Commission and discussed Code Enforcement updates. Bergens stated 161 cases had been opened since January 1, 2019 and all had been closed except 24. Bergens discussed some of the cases that were still open.

Annual Presentation

Atchley addressed the Commission and discussed his annual presentation.

The presentation was an overview of the highlights of what City staff was able to accomplish over the last five years.

Atchley reviewed debt reduction and the improvements to Payroll and the Human Resources Department; the new Step Pay Plan, improved pay scales, the updated Personnel Rules and Regulations, the new Wellness Policy and the continuous training.

Improvements made in the Finance Department were reviewed and discussed as well as budget history and fund balances.

Atchley summarized the changes within the Police Department.

Changes in within the Community Development and the Code Enforcement Department were discussed.

Atchley discussed the Roads & Streets Department and explained the pavement management evaluation.

The Meter Departments, both Water and Electrical, their new Remote Read meters and handheld units were discussed.

Atchley reviewed the improvements to the Customer Service at the City and stated what a great team we had there at this time. The new electronic ways of dealing with Customer Notifications and Cuts and Collects were explained; no more door hangers.

Atchley discussed the Water Department and the fire hydrant replacement process along with the Sewer Department and the lining of lift stations and manholes.

The tree trimming process and the Lineman Apprentice Program were some of the topics discussed about the Electric Distribution Center.

Atchley discussed the Sanitation Department, the solid waste rate study and garbage collection.

Atchley briefly discussed the fleet and equipment replacement program.

Grants and Legislative Appropriations were discussed along with the projects they helped fund such as the Green Street, Townsend Street and the Orange Street projects. Atchley briefly discussed the Airport Grants and the projects the grants had funded.

Atchley commented on the Leadership Training and the Strategic Planning facilitated by Dr. Mel Jurado that began in January 2019.

Atchley commended City staff for all their hard work and reviewed the Executive Team's civic and professional involvements.

Atchley concluded by stating every year he presents a snapshot/annual report and his annual evaluation was done, however at the end of the month his employment contract terminates with the City of Wauchula. Atchley added he hoped for a contract extension or a renewal and reviewed his civic and professional involvements but was most proud of his five *Home Rule Hero Awards*.

Atchley thanked the Commission for their support and asked if they had any questions.

Lambert stated no questions but some comments. Lambert commended Atchley and his staff for all they do and explained how Atchley visited each Commissioner individually and kept them updated on current events. Cobb also commented to Atchley on a job well done.

Cobb gave updates regarding the Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

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

Wauchula CRA Master Redevelopment Update 2019

Newman addressed the Board and asked if there were any questions before next week's meeting. There were no questions.

Project Update Reports

Newman presented the project updates. Lambert asked that call-backs be discussed at the next workshop.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Workshop at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith