

On Monday, August 14, 2023 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, Commissioner Russell Smith, Commissioner Sherri Albritton and Commissioner Gary Smith. Mayor Keith Nadaskay was absent.

Also present were City Manager Olivia Minshew, Deputy City Manager John Eason, Director of Project Management and Procurement Ward Grimes, Community Redevelopment Director Jessica Newman, Finance Director Martha Felix, Community Development Director Kyle Long, Chief of Police Brandon Ball, City Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin and City Clerk Stephanie Camacho.

Cobb declared a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Albritton motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by G. Smith.
With no discussion, Cobb asked for all in favor, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the July 10, 2024 Meeting and July 17, 2023 Budget Workshop

G. Smith motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Albritton.
With no discussion, Cobb asked for all in favor, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Cobb gave the virtual meeting statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment/non-agenda items were presented.

ORDINANCES / PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2023-02 – 2nd Reading – Water and Wastewater Rate Changes

Hatcher-Bolin read the ordinance by title only.
Albritton motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by G. Smith.
With no further discussion, Cobb asked for all in favor, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-03 – 2nd Reading – Future Land Use Map Amendment of 219 S 10th Ave

Hatcher-Bolin read the ordinance by title only.
G. Smith motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by Albritton.
With no further discussion, Cobb asked for all in favor, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-04 – 2nd Reading – Rezoning of 219 S 10th Ave

Hatcher-Bolin read the ordinance by title only.
Albritton motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by R. Smith.

With no further discussion, Cobb asked for all in favor, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-06 – 1st Reading – Land Use Amendment for Public/Private Schools

Hatcher-Bolin read the ordinance by title only.

Albritton motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by G. Smith.

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

Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-07 – 1st Reading – Business Impact Statement

Hatcher-Bolin read the ordinance by title only.

G. Smith motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by Albritton.

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

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER/NON-CONSENT

Announce Power Cost Adjustment

Minshaw presented the July power cost adjustment as 0.011, the same as the prior month and the tax-exempt portion as 0.03, the same as the prior month.

Surplus of Tax Credits

Newman addressed the Commission and explained this was the tax credits for the work behind 226 West Main Street (Brownfield cleanup) from 2021 and 2022. Newman stated the City had entered into an agreement with Cherrytree Group to brokerage the sale of these tax credits for \$0.905 on the dollar.

Albritton motioned to approve the surplus of tax credits, seconded by G. Smith.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-15 Generator Upgrade Admin/PD Building

Eason addressed the Commission and explained this resolution was related to a hazard mitigation grant program stemming from Hurricane Ian. The cost to replace this generator was estimated to be \$118,168.41 with the City match being \$39,389.47.

G. Smith motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Albritton.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-16 Generator # 1 Upgrade WWTP

Eason addressed the Commission and explained this resolution was also for a grant application to replace the generator at the contact chamber on the far east side of the property, as well as flood mitigation methods and equipment for that building. The requested funding of this grant was \$185,370.17 with the City match of \$51,790.06.

G. Smith motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Albritton.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-17 Generator # 2 Upgrade WWTP

Eason addressed the Commission and explained this resolution was also for a grant application to replace the generator at the main office building, as well as flood mitigation methods and equipment for that building. The requested funding of this grant was \$151,633.52 with the City match of \$50,544.51.

Albritton motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by R. Smith.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-20 Farr Field Park Funding

Newman addressed the Commission and stated this resolution is to accept funding the City received for this project.

G. Smith motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Albritton.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-21 Generator Project – Wauchula Municipal Airport

Eason addressed the Commission and explained this resolution is another for another grant application program to upgrade the emergency backup generator at the airport, which currently does not have one due to Hurricane Ian. The requested funding of this grant was \$663,600 with the City match of \$165,900.

Albritton motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by R. Smith.

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

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agent of Record Contract Effectuation/Services Agreement & HIPPA Agreement - Acentria

Nu-Hope Lease Agreement Amendment

Farr Field License Agreement Amendment

ITB 2023-02 Electric Distribution Reconductoring Project

ITB 2023-03 Service Area 3 Watermain Rehabilitation Phase 2

RFQ 2023-02 CEI Services for Melendy Street

Resolution 2023-12 PTGA Runway and Taxiway Alpha Expansion

Resolution 2023-13 Water Quality Improvement Grant

Resolution 2023-14 Legislative Priorities

Albritton motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by G. Smith.

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

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY, COMMISSIONERS, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS

Minshew provided updates on several projects, upcoming grant opportunities and legislative appropriations.

Cobb provided an update on the FLC conference she and Minshew had recently attended, as well as a recent RLC meeting and a first-time attendee scholarship they offer.

Cobb recessed the Commission Meeting and called to order the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency

Approval of Minutes from the July 10, 2023 Meeting

Albritton motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by G. Smith.

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

Motion carried.

Cobb adjourned the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting and reconvened the Commission Meeting

Approval of the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency Board's Actions

Albritton motioned to approve the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency Board's actions, seconded by G. Smith.

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

Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Cobb adjourned the Commission Meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb

City Clerk Stephanie Camacho