

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2014
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, August 12, 2014 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Floyd V. Bennett, Mark Bryant, Sam Kitching, and Cecil Horne Jr.

Mayor Dopson called the meeting to order. City Manager Phil Rhoden opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a pledge to the United States Flag.

Mayor Dopson recognized Mr. Paul Dickinson and Mr. Bill Lowery to speak about the Veterans Appreciation Event. This event is scheduled for Saturday November 15, 2014 at the Baker County Fair Grounds, and we would like to make this an annual event. It is to recognize active and retired military. The event will have a 5K walk and hopefully a parade. We will provide lunch for the veterans and Mr. Vernon Bennett accepted being the Grand Marshall of the parade.

Mayor Dopson recognized Mr. Tim Owen from Owen and Associates to discuss the City's Insurance renewal. Mr. Owen stated the renewal came in under budget at 5.9%. He recommended the City staying with the same insurance and same plan with United Health Care. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the Insurance renewal with UHC and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read ordinance 14-08, a bill to be entitled an ordinance relating to amending the 2025 future land use map which shall change the future land use designation for approximately 2.04 acres described herein from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Commercial Medium Intensity (CMI) related to a small scale development activity; rezoning the property described herein from Residential, Single Family(RS-2) to Commercial, General (CG); providing for intent; authority; findings of consistency; findings of fact; severability; recordation and an effective date. Mayor Dopson asked if the Dollar General doesn't succeed what other types of businesses can go in the CG zoning. Mr. Roger Yarborough stated retail outlet, bakeries, salons, travel agents. Mayor Dopson asked if the city chose to approve this zoning change, if Dollar General backs out, could we have the zoning automatically revert back to its original zoning? City Attorney Mr. Maloney stated he believes if the zoning change is passed it stays that zoning. He would make a phone call to Mr. Robbins to find out for sure. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 14-08 and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read resolution 14-08, A resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County and City Council of the City of Macclenny Florida adopting an agreement on the awarded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Pump Station Retrofit Project. Mayor Dopson stated this is a grant the County applied for to help fund the cost of a quick connect for the generators should the lift stations go out. City Manager Rhoden stated the City has to match the funds and right now they are talking around \$7,000. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve Resolution 14-08 and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

In other business was approval of the Minutes from the month of July. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

In other business was the review of the bills for July. Motion to approve the July bills was made by Commissioner Kitching and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

Comments from the Board: City Manager Rhoden stated the legislature has changed our ability to apply for grants. It is a small county outreach program and we are now allowed to apply for road improvement grants. The first road we are going after is South Blvd. Mayor Dopson asked that we make sure the political sign ordinance is followed. Manager Rhoden introduced Mike Brannen as the new employee in the Building Department.

With no further comments from the audience, Mayor Dopson adjourned the regular meeting.


MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST: 
CITY MANAGER/ CLERK Phil Rhoden

