

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2014
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, June 10, 2014 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Floyd V. Bennett, Sam Kitching, Cecil Horne Jr., and Mark Bryant.

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

No old business.

Michelle Hodges updated the City Council about all of the activities that have happened over the last year at Heritage Park. She stated the park is making money and doing well financially. Mayor Dopson stated he doesn't want to get away from the Heritage of the park, and suggested meeting with the board members to gather ideas about people volunteering. He would like a Heritage day at least once or twice annually.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read ordinance 14-07, a bill to be entitled an ordinance amending code of ordinances, chapter 13, article II, occupational license tax; to amend rates for occupational license. Ms. Stacy Mills stated Mr. Maloney sent an email last year advising the Building Department occupational license fees had not been increased in 23 years. Mr. Yarborough, Mr. Walker and I looked over the information and did an increase basically across the board of \$25.00. Mr. Daryl Register stated his observation is there are many vacant store fronts in the City and by increasing the fee might make it a little more difficult to look or consider opening up in Macclenny. Mayor Dopson stated that if \$25.00 is going to make or break their business, they shouldn't even open. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 14-07 and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

City Manager Phil Rhoden spoke about the need for an additional well at Wal-Mart DC. He stated their system has failed twice and our contract states the City must provide water. We would like to upgrade from a 650 gallon per minute well to a 1200 gallon per minute well, and add an additional well. This will provide back up for Wal-Mart and facilitate new growth. The initial estimate for engineering, drilling and equipment was \$460,000, and we currently have \$513,000 in the water development fund. Commissioner Bryant made a motion to appropriate the Water Development fund, and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

In other business was approval of the Minutes from the month of May. 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 May. Motion to approve the May bills was made by Commissioner Kitching and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

Comments from the Board: City Manager Phil Rhoden stated the City will be applying for a State Revolving Fund Grant for sewer repair. It is a process and will be asking for \$4.2 million in grant money. There is no fee for the application or running the camera throughout the whole sewer system.

Discussion from the previous City Council meeting about park hours was determined. The City will post open hours at the Park as follows; Daylight savings 7AM-9PM and 7AM-7PM the rest of the year. The walking path is open 24 hours a day and is lighted from 7PM-10PM.

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


MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST: 
CITY MANAGER/ CLERK Phil Rhoden

