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MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

July 13, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Present. Mayor Brett Peterson; Commissioner Harry Banks; Commissioner Marcus Hardy; Commissioner Barbara Scholl; Commissioner Judy West; Patrick Kennedy, City Manager and Jay Asbury, City Attorney.

The regular meeting of the City Commission was held July 13, 2017 at City Hall. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Brett Peterson.

Consent Agenda. Mayor Peterson asked for a motion to approve agenda items: 2. Approval of Minutes for City Commission Meeting of June 8, 2017 and City Commissioner Special Meeting of June 13, 2017; 11. Release of Lien for 20 Cedar Street and 13. Renewal of Auditing Services Agreement with Moats & Associates. Commissioner Scholl asked for confirmation of details regarding the Release of Lien. Patrick Kennedy explained that the Lien was paid and the property brought into compliance but the Release document did not get recorded.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve the above stated agenda items 2, 11 and 13. Roll call vote - all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

County Meeting Facility Usage. County Commissioner Bill Pickens spoke about the "election room" in the County Government Center building being available for meetings. He reported that the alarm system needed to be modified to separate the space for after-hours usage. Mr. Pickens presented a Facility Usage Permit and announced invitations will be sent to the Commissioners, local civic organizations and churches to a reception on August 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Darlene Cleve, Clerk of Court, has volunteered to be scheduler for the facility.

Mayor Peterson and the Commissioners thanked Commissioner Pickens, Tim Smith, Kenny Downs and Darlene Cleve for making this space available.

Recommendation of Award for Contractor and Materials Supplier for Phase 2 of Gas Line Relocation. Patrick Kennedy suggested that this type of agenda item could be included in a consent agenda in the future as it has already been approved, budgeted and funded by FDOT.

The first item for review is contractor selection. Two bids were received in response to solicitation with R.A.W. Construction, LLC. as the low bid at \$845,045 for the gas line relocation and \$70,705 for the piling removal from the bottom of the creek.

Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner Scholl, to approve R.A.W. Construction, LLC. as The contractor for the gas line relocation project. Motion passed - all ayes.

The second item is Project Inspection Services which will involve the daily oversight of the project on behalf of Crescent City. In the first phase of the Gas Line Relocation Project, City staff was used for oversight causing lost staff time needed for daily functions. FDOT approved the inclusion of an outside inspection service and FGU aided in solicitation for bids. Patrick Engineering provided the most cost effective

proposal at an estimated total of \$56,430.

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner West, to approve Patrick Engineering as the Project Inspection Service for the gas line relocation project. Motion passed - all ayes.

The final item for consideration is project materials. Staff has determined that direct purchasing will save money by avoiding mark ups and sales tax. General Utilities has provided materials for Phase 1 and staff recommends continuing with them as material supplier.

Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner Hardy, to approve General Utilities as the material supplier for the gas line relocation project. Motion passed - all ayes.

Dog Park Proposal for Fletcher Park. Diane Sykes, 304 Chestnut Street reported that the alternate site at Lake Stella was rejected due to concerns of possible rising water level and the size of available area. After receiving input from dog parks around Florida, it was recommended to maximize the size of the park to minimize turf damage. Fletcher Park as a potential site was revisited with City Manager Patrick Kennedy reviewing the proposed location. Moving the 85' x 160' location to exclude the first few pavers of the sidewalk to allow for future walking path was discussed. Also, this would keep the power poles and meter to the outside of the fence. Two six foot gates on the south east side would allow access for City equipment. SPAN has offered to repair the gazebo and two old picnic benches would be repaired, maintained and placed within the fence. The City is requested to repair the power in the gazebo, the existing water spigot and remove 2 old grill poles from within the dog park area. SPAN has proposed establishing a set of rules to be reviewed by the Commission and offers to monitor the park including the required disposal of dog waste. A registration for use of the dog park may be required. Jay Asbury, City Attorney, is unaware of any deed restriction prohibiting a dog park.

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Dog Park at Fletcher Park as presented subject to with the condition that the City Manager, the funding donor and SPAN agree to terms, conditions and rules which may be amended by the City in the future. Roll call vote - all ayes.

Finalize Playground Proposal with Bliss Products. After the two prior meetings, Bliss Construction remained the top selection subject to changes regarding the swing sets. Three Options were presented. To remain within budget, it was suggested to paint & replace the hardware for the swing sets and leave in place on the grass. The new children's play set, toddler play set and climber would include mulch and a border with a handicap ramp.

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner West, to approve Option 3 as outlined above. Motion passed - all ayes.

Patrick Kennedy reported that the pole for the camera needs to be installed and would like it to be finished prior to the August meeting.

Recommendation for Police Pension Adjustment as Part of Benefits Package Proposal. Patrick Kennedy presented a memo outlining actuarial analyses for vesting periods and benefit multiplier rates. Chief Angelo Damiano added that all proposed changes included a 1% member contribution increase and the pension adjustment represents the final element to the proposed hiring and retention package. Mayor Peterson pointed out that the City's current share of the pension is approximately \$31,000 and all proposals will increase that amount by at least \$4,431.

Pros and cons of vesting periods and resulting financial impact were discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve a Police Pension adjustment to a 8 year vesting, 3% benefit multiplier and a 6% member contribution. Roll call vote – Commissioner Banks, aye; Commissioner Hardy, aye; Commissioner West, aye; Commissioner Scholl, aye; Mayor Peterson, no. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1.

Police Chief's Report. Chief Angelo Damiano reported there are 3 candidates for 2 police positions awaiting background checks. Once final selections are made, field training will begin in late July.

The Crescent City Officer and Sherriff's Department Lieutenant involved in the recent shooting have returned to duty.

The June "Drug Take Back" program was extremely successful with 600 bottles of prescription medication being turned in for destruction.

Pam Taylor was introduced as the new Code Enforcement Officer. She is a resident of Crescent City and has 25 years of experience in Seminole County. Her position will be part-time at 20 hours per week.

Mr. Hardy, 237 Denver Road expressed condolences and concern for the man who lost his life in the recent shooting. He supports the officers involved and appreciates that the CCPD knows the residents.

Proposal to Refinance Water and Sewer Revenue Bond. Patrick Kennedy reported that the USDA currently holds the note on the financing that was obtained in 1999-2000 for the building of the waste water plant south of town. We are required to attempt to acquire private financing but have been unsuccessful finding a lender. TD Bank was unable to provide a better proposal. Center State Bank has provided a refinance non-binding proposal that would lower the interest rate to 2.85% from the current 4.23%. This would increase the term by 4 years and require a \$2,000 increase of the annual payment, but would result in a potential savings over the life of the loan of \$400,000. Bond Counsel would be consulted to evaluate the proposal. Closing costs and Bond Counsel fees are estimated to be \$15,000.

Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner West, to authorize Patrick Kennedy to pursue the non-bonding proposal presented by Center State Bank. Motion passed - all ayes.

Ball Field Improvements for Harry Banks Community Park. Quotes have been received on the renovation of the softball field clay/sand mixture for \$16,610 and fencing for both softball and soccer fields totaling \$10,510. The basketball court renovation for \$12,200 includes milling down the existing pavement, adding a 1" layer of asphalt, painting and striping. Mr. Kennedy is pursuing additional quotes for the softball field clay/sand. Finishing the children's playground, field fencing and basketball court will put the City into Grant compliance and will provide the opportunity to close the Grant and receive the \$50,000 reimbursement.

Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner Hardy, to authorize Patrick Kennedy to move forward with the fencing and basketball court and investigate lower prices for the Softball field. Motion passed - all ayes.

Resolution 17- 08 Setting the Preliminary Millage Rate for FY2018. A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY, FLORIDA, SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR DEVELOPING THE BUDGET FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017. Patrick Kennedy explained that this would set a millage cap for budgeting purposes at the current rate of 8.5914 per thousand of taxable value. This will not be able to be raised when going forward with budget discussions. We are required to file a Certificate of Taxable Value establishing the maximum millage by August 4, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner Banks, to approve and accept Resolution 17-08 Setting the Millage Rate. Motion passed - all ayes.

City Commission Comments and Questions. Commissioner Banks suggested that agenda items included in the consent agenda be listed consecutively. He also would prefer to return to a roll call vote on each item.

Code Enforcement Report. Code Enforcement Officer Taylor reported that there are 9 new cases in July and 17 total open cases.

Patrick Kennedy reported that the tennis courts will be open soon. The backstops are up on each end and The staff is installing the posts today.

Diane Sykes, 304 Chestnut Street would like to see the officers and trainees on patrol utilizing the new vehicles that are currently being driven by Chief and Sergeant. Chief Damiano replied that he would have no problem waiting for the next new vehicles to drive.


Lisa DeVitto, 108 S. Main Street is concerned and saddened by the recent shooting death of a local man with mental health problems. As an attorney specializing in policy work for mental health and homelessness, she would like to see all law enforcement take advantage of specialized training to work with persons having these disabilities.

She also is concerned about the City's overall fiscal health based on the current tax base and the millage rate at 8.5914.


Patrick Kennedy responded that taxable value typically lags behind market values by a year or two. History of the City's millage rate indicates not being below 8 in current history.

There being no further business and no other visitor or citizen communication, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED this 10th day of August, 2017.



Brett W. Peterson, Mayor



Patrick Kennedy, City Manager