

**White Springs Town Council Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
Tuesday June 11, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Minutes

- 1. Invocation & Pledge Allegiance to Flag**
- 2. Roll Call:** Mayor Helen Miller, Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie, Councilmembers Spencer Lofton, Tonja Brown and Tom Moore, Town Manager Stacy Tebo, Finance/Town Clerk Pam Tomlinson, Police Chief Tracy Rodriquenz, Fire Chief Steve Stith, Town Attorney Karen Hatton and concerned citizens
- 3. Additions, Deletions, or Amendments to the Agenda**
Manager Stacy Tebo requested adding under New Business, Item L, Authorization for Vice Mayor McKenzie to sign paperwork for Rural Development in Mayor's absence.
- 4. Plant Operator Harry Davis**
- 5. Citizens from the Floor:** (five-minute time limit per speaker) After recognition for the Chair, please state name and address. Rhonda Johnson and Joe Griffin
- 6. Consent Docket: All items are considered by one motion unless removed from the Consent Docket by a member of the City Council.**
 - a) Approval of Agenda
 - b) Accounts Payable for April & May 2019
 - c) Approval of Minutes for Workshop held May 7, 2019 and Regular Meeting held May 14, 2019.

Mayor Helen Miller requested A/P be moved to New Business, Item M.

Agenda and Minutes - Motion made by Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie and seconded by Councilmember Tom Moore to approve agenda, minutes and A/P moved to Item M under New Business. Voted unanimously 5/0

- 7. Reports**
 - a) Economic Development
 - b) Special Events
 - c) Planning and Zoning
 - d) Code Enforcement
 - e) Police Department
 - f) Fire Department

- g) Manager
- h) Attorney – Attorney Karen Hatton submitted her resignation effective September 5, 2019.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business

a) Discussion regarding Dennis Price's offer to purchase Old Town Hall Property (Parcel ID 8332-000)

Motion made by Councilmember Tom Moore and seconded by Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie to get certified appraiser to establish value of property. 3/2 Voting against the motion were Councilmembers Spencer Lofton and Tonja Brown.

b) Discussion and possible action to provide notice to Food Pantry (Bebish, Inc.) to vacate Old Town Hall Property – Mayor Miller

Motion made by Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie and seconded by Mayor Helen Miller to give Bebish, Inc. sixty days to vacate. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Councilmember Tom Moore suggested that the item be tabled until the July 9th meeting.

c) Discussion on Veteran Honor Board – Council Member Moore

Councilmember Moore said that Veteran's Service Officer Jonathan Law was reviewing the list of White Springs veterans compiled by Town Hall.

d) Discussion regarding surplus property in Veterans Park Building – Council Member Moore

Councilmember Moore said he would do a photo inventory of the items in the building.

e) Discussion and possible action to issue RFP for auditing services – Mayor Miller

Motion made by Councilmember Tom Moore and seconded by Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie to advertise RFP for auditing services. 4/1. Voting against the motion was Councilmember Tonja Brown.

f) Consider of request to FDOT for crosswalk and red light on 41.

There was consensus to make two separate requests to FDOT to investigate the need for crosswalk near Dollar General and evaluate the safety at the intersection of 136 and 41 to determine if a red light is warranted.

g) Discussion and possible action on Town Attorney Contract- Helen Miller

Motion made by Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie and seconded by Councilmember Tom Moore to advertise RFP for legal services. Passed unanimously. 5/0

h) Selection of Voting Delegate for 93rd Annual FLC Conference.

Motion to approve Mayor Helen Miller as voting delegate by Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie. It was seconded by Councilmember Tom Moore. Passed unanimously. 5/0

i) Complaint by Joe Griffin against Council and Tonja Brown in particular for being silent on reasons for voting for/against items- Helen Miller

No action taken. Mayor Miller asked Mr. Griffin to provide the Council with a copy of the full case he referenced.

j) Complaint by Joe Griffin against Spencer Lofton for approaching school board for the lease of South Hamilton Elementary School – Helen Miller

No action taken. Mayor Miller suggested that the Council needs a legal opinion from the next town attorney who has expertise in local government law.

k) Complaint by Joe Griffin against Spencer Lofton for negotiations with Hamilton County Board of Commissioners regarding Fire Services Agreement- Helen Miller

No action taken. Mayor Miller reiterated that the Council needs the advice of legal counsel.

l) Vice Mayor McKenzie to sign paperwork for Rural Development in absence of Mayor Helen Miller

Motion made by Councilmember Tom Moore and seconded by Mayor Helen Miller to approve Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie to sign paperwork for Rural Development. Passed unanimously. 5/0

m) Accounts Payable for April and May 2019

Motion by Councilmember Tom Moore to approve accounts payable. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie. Passed unanimously. 5/0

10. Council Member Reports and Communications

11. Adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam Tomlinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Pam Tomlinson, Town Clerk/Finance