White Springs Town Council met Tuesday, February 19, 2013 for the second planning workshop.

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order. Present were Mayor Miller, Vice Mayor McKenzie, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Marshall, Councilman Price, Town Manager Farley, Town Clerk Heath, Finance Director Tomlinson and concerned citizens.

The Town Manager stated the purpose of the workshop was additional planning information, opinions, and Council direct input.

General Administration:

1. Special Events
   - Mr. Farley conveyed possible liability issues.
   - public buildings, property,
   - town sponsored events,
   - non town sponsored events,
   - deposits
   - charges

TULIP Insurance is very easy and affordable for non-town sponsored events and rentals of facilities. Discussion followed by Council and staff in regard to the liability issues, insurance and closing of town streets, permitting process and written policy for non-town sponsored events.

Farmers Market state property use issue if we should renew it or cancel the Farmers Market all together. Council remarked that it should not be a town sponsored event. It originally started off with the Special Events Committee, but it is now down to one vendor and the town does not receive any money from the event.

Suwannee Bicycle Association should get insurance for all of their events.

The new park pavilions were discussed and the citizens should not bear the brunt of the electrical and water expenses. The manager will get a fee schedule and policy for use of the pavilions to be presented at the next meeting. It was noted by council and citizens that we should not make it too hard for people to use our facilities.

Discussion focused on the naming of the park and pavilions. Mayor Miller presented Council with Native American names.
   - Park Name: Ahmoglee Okalee Park (Seminole words for “My Home”)

   - Pavilion names
     1. Apalachee
     2. Timucuan
     3. Calusa

Rationale: The Greater White Springs area surrounding the Suwannee River and the White Sulphur Spring was home to Native American peoples for thousands of years. We now have an opportunity to celebrate our Native American heritage.
Consensus of Council was to proceed with the above mentioned names for the park and pavilions.

2. Recreation Department
Mr. Farley reported the Town does not receive any money from the county to support recreation in White Springs. The Town does not own the property where the ball fields and tennis courts are located and this creates problems for the Town.

Councilman Marshall noted the voters are frustrated because no one knows who has the authority to use the fields.
Mr. Farley suggested Council grant him permission to contact the county requesting cost sharing from the county or turn it all over to the Hamilton County Recreation Board.
Discussion followed for team sponsors and fund raiser for recreation.

Consensus of Council was to authorize the manager to contact the County Coordinator Mr. Johnson for assistance with recreation in White Springs.

3. Old Town Hall Building
Mr. Farley asked Council for their suggestions. Discussion to sell the building, rent the building, use it for town operations, get appraisal and list it on the web site. Problems with the plumbing and electrical were noted. Council consensus was to take no action at this time.

Councilman Price suggested a special called meeting for the discussion of the HOPE Programs, and Councilman Marshall agreed. Special meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Shirley Heath, Town Clerk