

**White Springs Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Town Hall Conference Room**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**1. Invocation & Pledge Allegiance to Flag**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Rhett Bullard, Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie, Council Member Tonja Brown, Council Member Willie Jefferson, Council Member Helen Miller, Attorney Meagan Standard, Town Manager Stacy Tebo, Police Chief Tracy Rodriquez, Fire Chief Kevin Pittman, Finance Director/Town Clerk Pam Tomlinson, Grant Consultant Ronald Vanzant and concerned citizens

**3. Additions, Deletions, or Amendments to the Agenda**

None.

**4. Citizens from the Floor:** (Five-minute time limit per speaker) After recognition from the Chair, please state name and address.

Joe Griffin requested that he address his complaints as an agenda item. Council Member Miller moved to add an item to New Business 8F for Mr. Griffin. Council Member Jefferson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. 5/0

**5. 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) Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting and January 17, 2017 Workshop
- c) Accounts Payable for January 2017

Council Member Jefferson moved to approve the Consent Docket, and Council Member Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously. 5/0

**6. Reports:**

- a) Police Department
- b) Fire Department
- c) Recreation
- d) Special Events
- e) Planning and Zoning
- f) Attorney
- g) Manager

**7. Old Business**

None.

**8. New Business**

- a) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Second Public Hearing  
Council Member Brown moved to open the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Jefferson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. 5/0

Mr. Vanzant explained the CDBG application process and briefly explained the community center

project. He noted that there was a minor modification to the project in the addition of a small park improvement, which would reduce the amount allocated for the building construction. He stated that the application would be on file at Town Hall for review by the citizens. He added that the notice was published in the Lake City Reporter on February 8, 2017.

Nicole Williams questioned why the advertisement was not published in the Jasper News. Mayor Bullard answered that the Jasper News only publishes once per week, and that presents a problem when trying to meet advertising requirements. He added that the Gainesville Sun is published daily; that the Lake City Reporter is published six times per week; and that both are papers of general circulation that are found in Hamilton County and White Springs.

Ms. Williams asked why the notice of the public hearing was not posted in town in the places where the Council agendas are usually posted. Ms. Tebo responded that the agendas for the first public hearing, the workshop, and the second public hearing were posted on the bulletin boards outside of Town Hall and outside of the old fire station, which are the same locations that all Council agendas are posted for the public to see.

Joe Griffin voiced concern that the advertising requirements were not met. Mr. Vanzant responded that there is a requirement that the ad be published a minimum of five days in advance of the hearing, and the requirement was met.

Vice Mayor McKenzie moved to close the public hearing at 7:51 p.m., and Council Member Jefferson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. 5/0

- b) Resolution #17-01 — Authorizing the Mayor to Make Application to DEO Small Cities Community Development Block Grant FFY 2016

Mayor Bullard read Resolution #17-01 aloud to the audience. Vice Mayor McKenzie moved to approve the resolution, and Council Member Jefferson seconded.

Council Member Miller voiced concern that the first public hearing had not been properly noticed because it appeared in the Gainesville Sun. She did not wish to vote on the motion and briefly left the Chambers at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Bullard asked for a vote on the motion, and it passed unanimously. 4/0 (Council Member Miller was not present for the vote, and she returned at 7:56 p.m.)

- c) Request for Sponsorship from Florida Trail Blazers Chapter of the Florida Trail Association for IDIDAHIKE Event on March 4th - Vice Mayor McKenzie moved to approve sponsorship for the IDIDAHIKE Event. Council Member Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. 5/0
- d) Approval of Quit Claim Deed for Old Fire Station — Council Member Jefferson moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Old Fire Station. Council Member Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. 5/0
- e) Waste Pro Contract Extension — Council Member Brown moved to approve the Waste Pro Contract. Council Member Jefferson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. 5/0
- f) Joe Griffin Citizen Complaints — Council Member Miller moved to review complaints from Joe Griffin. Vice Mayor McKenzie seconded for the sake of discussion on the matter. 1/4 Against the motion were Mayor Bullard, Vice Mayor McKenzie, Council Members Brown

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and Jefferson.

9. Council Member Reports and Communications

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pam Tomlinson", written over a horizontal line.

Pam Tomlinson, Finance Director/Town Clerk