

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

Invocation and Pledge to Flag

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Rhett Bullard, Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie, Councilpersons Helen Miller, Tonja Brown, Willie Jefferson, Attorney Meagan Standard, Interim Town Manager Shirley Heath, Chief of Police Tracy Rodriquenz, Finance Director/Town Clerk Pam Tomlinson and concerned citizens.

Suggested Motion:

Motion made by Willie Jefferson and seconded by Tonja Brown to add two applications for committee appointment to 9(a). 5/0

Citizens From the Floor:

Joe Griffin proposed a budget to the Town Council to cut the budget. One thing mentioned in his proposal was a \$15.00 a month decrease in the sewer rate for each customer.

Consent Docket:

Motion made by Walter McKenzie and seconded by Willie Jefferson to approve the agenda, the minutes of the August 10th, August 11th, August 17th and August 26th meetings, and to pay accounts payable as due and funds available. 5/0

Reports:

Planning and Zoning – None

Special Events – The Committee did not meet during the Summer. Dennis Price stated he will provide an agenda for the next meeting.

Police Department – Chief Rodriquenz presented the monthly written reports and citation reports for the month of July. The UCR Semi-Annual Report and the David Audit are complete. The U.S. Department of Justice Drug Take Back Day is September 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the White Springs Police Department. DUI Wave was September 4, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. until. Chief Rodriquenz and all officers will attend a Rural County Summit in Tallahassee on September 9, 2015 on Molly and Flakka.

Fire Department – None

Attorney – None

Manager – Suwannee River League of Cities Dinner Meeting is September 10, 2015. The Final Budget Hearing is September 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Senator Montford's Budget Request Forms must be submitted by November 30, 2015. The asbestos has been removed from Carver School. The Hamilton County School Board will need to be notified as Phase II is the removal of the old building. First Street

Paving project goes out to bid in October and the start date will be late December or January. A planning meeting for the US 41 Trail Corridor is Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EMS, the County and the three municipalities are working on the Local Mitigation Strategy. Shirley Heath added the need for box culverts on First, Kendrick and Jewett Streets. First Street is the first priority due to the fact approximately 50 citizens have no egress. School bus, EMS, Fire Department could not get in for assistance. A list of current projects and items that need to be addressed have been compiled for Stacy Tebo to assist her with a smooth transition. Shirley Heath thanked the Town Council and citizens of White Springs for the opportunity to serve as Interim Town Manager. Monthly counseling sessions for Town Manager evaluations will be held 6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. beginning in October.

Old Business:

A revised audit report was presented by Richard Powell of Powell and Jones, CPA. An error in the report regarding FEMA Tropical Storm Debby road work in the amount of \$92,662, in which the County was reimbursed. The County was paid directly, but the bill was not in the records. In the audit it was not listed as a payable. Correction on page 18. The Auditor work hard not to have errors and believe they have made the proper correction in the audit. Walter McKenzie would like to explore making changes.

Vehicle Use Policy – Shirley Heath recommend tabling the Vehicle Use Policy until the October Council Meeting. Motion made by Willie Jefferson and seconded by Walter McKenzie to table the Vehicle Use Policy until the October Council Meeting. 5/0

New Business:

Committee Appointments

Special Events – Motion made by Walter McKenzie and seconded by Willie Jefferson to accept the application of Becky Dieffenbach to serve on the Special Events Committee. 5/0 Motion made by Helen Miller and seconded by Tonja Brown to accept the application of Merri McKenzie to serve on the Special Events Committee. 5/0 Motion made by Tonja Brown and seconded by Walter McKenzie to accept the application of Lucinda Maynard to serve on the Special Events Committee. 5/0 Motion made by Walter McKenzie and seconded by Willie Jefferson to accept the application of Tom Moore to serve on the Special Events Committee. 5/0 Motion made by Tonja Brown and seconded by Walter McKenzie to accept the application of Mary Lou Bullard to serve on the Special Events Committee. 5/0 Motion made by Helen Miller and seconded by Walter McKenzie to accept the application of Nicole Williams to serve on the Special Events Committee. 5/0 Tonja Brown stated that the application for Karin Griffin to serve on the Special Events Committee not be accepted due to lawsuit against the Town. The motion died due to the lack of a second. Motion made by Willie Jefferson and seconded by Rhett Bullard to accept the application of Karin Griffin to serve on the Special Events Committee. 2/3 Application failed. Motion made by Helen Miller and seconded by Walter McKenzie to accept the application of Tom Brzuszek to serve on the Special Events Committee. 5/0

Planning and Zoning – Motion made by Helen Miller and seconded by Tonja Brown to accept the application of Tracy Woodard to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. 5/0 Motion made by Walter McKenzie and seconded by Willie Jefferson to accept the application of Mildred Harris to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. 5/0 Motion made by Willie Jefferson and seconded by Tonja Brown to accept the application of Dorothy Brown to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. 5/0 Motion made by Tonja Brown and Willie Jefferson to accept the application of Charles Smith to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. 5/0 Motion made by Tonja Brown and seconded by Helen Miller to accept the application of Cvnethia McKire-Williams to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. 5/0 Motion made

by Tonja Brown and seconded by Helen Miller to accept the application of Bernard Williams to serve as 1st Alternate on the Planning and Zoning Board. 5/0 Motion made by Willie Jefferson and seconded by Rhett Bullard to accept the application of Karin Griffin to serve as 2nd Alternate on the Planning and Zoning Board. 2/3 Application Failed.


Board of Adjustments – Motion made by Tonja Brown and seconded by Walter McKenzie to accept the application of Woody Woodard to serve on the Board of Adjustments. 4/0 Willie Jefferson left the room and returned after motion. Motion made by Tonja Brown and seconded by Walter McKenzie to accept the application of Harold Lumpkin to serve on the Board of Adjustments. 5/0 Motion made by Helen Miller and seconded by Tonja Brown to accept the application of Hylda Hurley Rogers to serve on the Board of Adjustments. 5/0 Motion made by Willie Jefferson and seconded by Rhett Bullard to accept the application of Joe Griffin to serve on the Board of Adjustments. 2/3 Application failed.

Recreation – Motion made by Helen Miller and seconded by Tonja Brown to accept the application of Nicole Williams to serve on the Recreation Committee. 5/0

Rhett Bullard stated the Development Authority have a \$160,000 grant for the Assisted Living Facility. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2015 to discuss possibly building the Assisted Living Facility on the Camp or the Woodard properties. October 20, 2015 – October 25, 2015 the County Landfill will waive dumping fees for all county residents. Residents must have a sticker issued by the County to dump. He will get a flyer to post at Town Hall and at the Fire Department for the community.. Stacy Tebo's contract will be discussed in October at the Council Meeting.

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Tomlinson, Finance Director/Town Clerk