



TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS  
“On the Banks of the Suwannee River”

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**MINUTES**

WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting**

Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

6:30 p.m.

1. **Roll Call** - Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:33p.m. Town Clerk Ruise gave the invocation as the council lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Mayor Rivers, Vice-Mayor J. Williams, N. Williams, and M. Berry.
2. **Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda** - Mayor Rivers moved to remove Item 6. a. (Old Business) Water Rate Study, as the presenter was absent, and to add Resolution 2022-004 to Item 6. a. She also moved to add Item 7. b. (New Business) Ashley Bryant to request use of the park for the “Back to School” event. Vice-Mayor J. Williams made the motion and Council member M. Berry seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 vote.
3. **Citizens from the floor:** (Request form needed - 5min. limit)
  1. Barbara Fryefield - Ms. Fryefield wanted to follow-up on the sewer/septic tank issue at the hotel on Spring St. She stated that the State approved, but the council did not approve the issue. She read the LDR book and found that the town can go back and rectify the issue.
4. **Presentations:** None
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Vice-Mayor J. Williams made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Council member L. McCallum seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 vote.

## 6. Old Business

- a) **Atty. Foreman - Res 2022-04 - CDBG Housing Assistance Plan** Atty. Foreman read the title of the Res 2022-04. Council member L. McCallum made the motion and Vice-Mayor J. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 vote.
- b) **Community Movie Night/Saturday, July 30th** - Vice-Mayor Jacqueline Williams stated that the sponsors for the event needed to move the date to July or August and wanted to get the feedback from the citizens on what would be a good date. The consensus of the room was to have the date of July 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m.

## 7. New Business

- a) **Application Process for Sweepstakes** - Town Manager George stated that the applications are completed and can be picked up at Town Hall. Each application will be numbered in the order received. Deadline will be two weeks later on July 26, 2022.
- b) **Back to School Give-Away** - Ashley Bryant requested the use of the Bailey Ogburn Park for supplies up to 100 youth from 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2022. Donations are welcomed and can be dropped off at Town Hall by July 29, 2022.

## 8. Departmental/Administrative Comments

a) **Public - None**

b) **Departments:**

**Town Manager** - Town Manager George also stated that there would be an emergency meeting on the CDBG process on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

2019-20 Audit will be complete by July 14. She stated that it could be later. She stated that the town will be ready for the 2020-21 shortly.

Town is in a position to apply for a "Clean Water Grant", we are working on the preliminaries now.

Utilities Director - None

Fire Department - Chief Stith stated that he is working on updating fire gear getting them cleaned, repaired, and decontaminated. Working on Breathing Apparatus as some parts are still under warranty. He sent of AED equipment last month. He stated that the inventory list from the FD and Town differed but he is working on updating them. The town needs to check on the new Fire truck on whether it is 2005 4-man or 2004 3-man. Gargae doors are being repaired this week. Pick-up truck is still in need of repair and will check on the insurance next week.

Town Manager George stated that the Auction will end on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and not go into August. The auction is scheduled from 12noon to 2:00p.m. Al bids will be opened at 2:01p.m. The three locations are: Town Hall, Water Plant, and the Veterans Park Building.

She also asked Atty. Foreman to update the council on the Phones and Internet. Atty. Foreman stated that he would advise the town to initiate what he calls: an Efficient Breach as the town cannot afford o be held to a contract that is not meeting the needs of the town. This breach may not be favorable, but legitimate. He also would advise to have a 30 day "OUT" clause on all future contracts.

**Council** - As a citizen Nicole Williams stated that she and others are planning a "Community Unity Day" event in recognition of the town's unity on love and not hate. A white supremacist group has bought property in the town and will have aan event on the same date t show unity in the community. Further details will follow.

Citizen asked ow many firefighter did the town have. Chief Stith stated, one.

**Adjourn: 7:02p.m.**

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR PURPOSE THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICPATE IN THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

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