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**TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS**

*“On the Bank of the Suwannee River”*

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**MINUTES**

WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting - Town Hall Council Chambers**

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 6:30p.m.

1. **Called to Order/** **Roll Call –** Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Mayor Rivers, Vice-Mayor Jacqueline Williams, Councilor Nicole Williams and Councilor Mary Berry. Absent: Councilor LaRita McCallum.
2. **Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda –** Mayor Rivers added to New Business 7.a. Black History Month Celebration. Comm. Randy Ogburn was present and asked to be posted on the agenda referencing the Fire Department. Mayor Rivers called for a motion to accept the additions to the agenda and adding Comm. Ogburn to Old Business 6.b. Vice-Mayor J. Williams moved to accept the additions and Councilor Mary Berry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
3. **Citizens from the floor:** (request form needed- 5 min. limit)

Teri Siewert - Mrs. Siewert asked the council if the town would re-instate the police department? Mayor Rivers answered that the town has an interlocal agreement with Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office.

Thomas Brazil – Mr. Brazil stated that the town should update the website with the FB page on it and that he and his wife were blocked and because it’s an official FB page for the town, they could not be blocked. Mayor Rivers answered that she was unaware of who administers the FB page. Staff at Town Hall were unaware, as it was here when we arrived in November 2020.

Scott Siewert - Mr. Siewert complained that he had been waiting for financials from the town and had not received them. He asked did the Town Manger know what a financial statement was as she is paid $66K a year to operate the town.

Scott Gay - Mr. Gay about the 2020 Audit disclaimer. TM George will get him the information.

Joe Sheppard – Mr. Sheppard asked the council what he needed to do to get a “speed bump” for his street? TM George told him to get with Utilities Director, Ray Vaughn for more information.

Sara Richburg – Mrs. Richburg complained that the property next to her home was overgrown and in horrible condition. She asked that someone in code enforcement come by to look at the property. TM George told her that the town did not have code enforcement at the time, but someone would go by the property she mentioned.

1. **Presentations:** Robert Townsend – Mr. Townsend was not present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** August 9, 2022 – Town Hall Meeting – Mayor Rivers asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Vice-Mayor J. Williams made the motion and Councilor Mary Berry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
3. **Old Business** –
4. **Contract Approval for Event Permits/Fees –** Attorney Foreman presented the permit with his deletion’s corrections and additions. Eff. 10/01/2022. Mayor Rivers asked for a motion. Councilor Mary Berry made the motion and Vice-Mayor J. Williams seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Don Wilson asked if all vendors have to pay the fees? TM George stated that the event coordinator would be the one to pay the fees.

1. **Comm. Randy Ogburn (Fire Dept.) –** Comm. Ogburn asked the council to consider the term of the agreement sent by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners. Mayor Rivers stated that it was impossible for the town to agree with the terms set in the agreement. Comm. Ogburn asked the town to come to the September 20th meeting at the courthouse. TM George sated that she and Fire Chief Stith will be in attendance.
2. **New Business** –
3. **Approval of Calendar (2022-2023) Town Events** – Vice- Mayor J. Williams asked the council if she could add National Black History Month Celebration to the calendar of events for February 26, 2023; other details will follow. Councilor Nicole Williams, asked to add Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration to the events and details will come later. Mayor Rivers asked for motion to accept all the calendar of events presented.
4. **October 29, 2022 – Trunk or Treat**
5. **November 11, 2022 – Veterans Day Program**
6. **November 17, 2022 – Hosting the Florida League of Cities Dinner/Board Meeting**
7. **December 9, 2022 – Christmas Parade/Chili Dinner**
8. **April 15, 2023 – Wild Azalea Festival**
9. **May 20, 2023 – May Day Festival**

Councilor Mary Berry made the motion and Vice-Mayor Jacqueline Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

1. **Departmental/Administrative Comments**
2. **Public -** None
3. **Departments:**

Town Manager – Stated that staff is diligently working on CDBG postings, etc.

Utilities Director – Great news, the state’s “consent order” has been lifted from the town!!

Fire Department – will report at next meeting

1. **Council -** None

**Adjourn: 7:50p.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 SUCH 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 ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

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| Town Manager, Town Clerk, or Designee |

**Vanessa George, Town Manager – Audre’ J. Ruise, Town Clerk**

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