

**TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS**

*“On the Bank of the Suwannee River”*

**MINUTES**

WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 – 6:30pm

1. **Council Letter & Discussion – Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She acknowledged that the town clerk emailed an agenda to all 5 councilors. The town clerk also advised that she received individual responses from the following councilors; Mayor Rivers, Vice-Mayor Williams, and Mary Berry confirmed their attendance. LaRita McCallum advised that she could not attend. Nicole Williams did not respond to the clerk of her attendance, but texted her to see if the Mayor “could call a meeting in 24 hours”? The town clerk responded to her text with the charter’s section 2.05 paragraph a. Atty. Foreman also confirmed his attendance.**

**Mayor Rivers called the roll as: herself being present, Vice-Mayor J. Williams, and Councilor M. Berry present. Absent: Councilors L. McCallum and N. Williams. Mayor Rivers quoted that there is a qourom to continue the special meeting and the town’s attorney was present.**

**Mayor Rivers asked the council to look at the letter she wrote and read it in it’s entirety. (attached)**

**Mayors Rivers also stated that that the recording of the 911 call was played at the last regular council meeting. (see written copy of the 911 call attached) Mayor Rivers also stated that the Water Rate Study was completed by Andrew Greene in August 2022, wherein the council members voted to pass the study. Councilor N. Williams was in attendance at the budget hearing and her vote was cast to pass the study.**

**Mayor Rivers read a few excerpts from a letter she received from the Joint legislative Auditing Committee that mentioned prior audits that were behind when the current staff’s date of hire began and that it was the current staff who brought these audits forward. (letter is attached)**

**Mayor Rivers asked the council to make a motion to remove Councilor N. Williams for the charges of “malfeasance and misfeasance”. She also stated that she would like to hear the individual vote of each member after the motion is set. The motion was raised by Vice-Mayor J. Williams. Councilor M. Berry seconded the motion. Mayor Rivers, then called the individual names to vote “I or Nay”. Mary Berry voted: I; J. Williams voted: I; and A. Rivers voted: I. The council vote was unanimous to remove Councilor N. Williams; and passed 3-0.**

**Atty. Foreman stated that there will be a written notice sent to her on tomorrow, March 29, 2023 via USPS “Certified/Returned Receipt”. Councilor N. Williams will be given 7 days to request a hearing and then another meeting will take place and the council will vote again. There is also another option after this hearing if the council does not change it’s vote. The councilor will then have the opportunity to take it to the circuit court.**

**Mayor Rivers moved to adjourn at 6:44pm.**

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.

Town Manager, Town Clerk, or Designee

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

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