



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

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WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge Allegiance to Flag** - Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. TC Ruise gave the invocation as the council lead the Pledge.
2. **Roll Call** - Mayor Rivers called the roll. Members present: Mayor Rivers, and Councilors Burch and Pope.
3. **Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda** - None
4. **Approval of Minutes: March 19, 2024** : Minutes were approved. Motion by Councilor Burch and seconded by Councilor Pope.
5. **Financial Report:** Richard Powell of Powell Consulting - see attached
6. **Administrative / Departmental Reports:**
 - a) **Town Manager: Vanessa George** - No report. TC Ruise acknowledged a letter of interest from Randolph Williams.
 - b) **Public Works: Ray Vaughn** - Ray acknowledged 3 invoices needing approval. 1- Barneys Pumps: \$2,950 - Soft Starter. 2- Police were contacted about a break-in at the sewer plant and a \$2300 pump was stolen. (see attached) Barney’s Pumps sent a quote for (\$2300) to replace. The town needed to buy an additional pump as well. The total quote was for \$4600.

3- Purchase a power pump from Power and Pumps for \$3100. TM George asked for an approval at the meeting. Mayor Rivers quoted the 3 invoices individually and the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Williams each time and seconded by Councilor Burch each time (3X). Approved 3-0.

c) Fire: Chief Steve Stith - None

- 7. Presentation: May Day 2K24** - Donsha Brown - Ms. Brown gave a brief overview of the May Day progress. May Day 2K24 will be held on May 18, 2024 from 10:00am to 7:00pm.

Private Security - Lucas Barber/Owner- Yah Security - Mr. Lucas gave a presentation to the council on his security company. Acknowledging rave reviews on his security team. He was proud of his success as a young Black entrepreneur. Mr. Lucas and his team brought in several pieces of fire arms and gun detection devices. (NONE of the larger guns were loaded per TC Ruise)

- 8. Citizens from the floor:** (Request form needed - 5min. limit)-

1. Randolph Williams - Sated that the community will have a recreation program for youth 5-15 years of age. The program is set to begin in May. TM George stated that Councilor Burch would be a good resource for their group. Councilor Burch stated that she was available to assist in any way that she could.

2. Nicole Williams - Stated that she was starting a recreation committee. She asked if the town had started the HOPE Program? Councilor Burch stated that she is willing to help. Ms. Williams also stated that she and several citizens are planning to start a school in the town and needed the support of the council. The name of the school is South Hamilton Preparatory Academy and can be found on the DOE site. There is no location at this time.

- 9. Old Business: None**

10. New Business:

a) May Day - Mayor Rivers - Stated that the town was not the primary sponsor this year; but the town would donate to the porti-potty's (6 with 2 being ADA) and general security by HCSO. May Day is May 18, 2024.

b) Community Unity Day - Mayor Rivers - Stated that the town will host another Community Unity Day event this summer at the Fire Department. Giving the community an opportunity to meet with our FD and staff. Hamburgers and Hot dogs along with drinks will be served. TM George will get with Chief Stith on scheduling the date.

11. Council Comments: *Mayor Rivers* stated there were 3 council seats available for qualification of the 2024 town election. Qualifications ended on March 19, at 12n. She was the only one to qualify, leaving 2 seats open. Those who are interested will need to write a letter of interest and send it to town hall by May 6th at 4:00pm deadline. The term limit is two (2) years. *Councilor Burch* stated that there will be a Clean-Up and Beautification Day on April 28, 2024 at 1pm sponsored by the Historical Preservation Society and Garden Club. She will also host her Ice Cream Social on August 10, 2024 beginning at 10:00am.

Adjourn: 7:32pm

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

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