

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2015
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, December 8, 2015 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Mark Bryant, Sam Kitching, Cecil Horne Jr., and Danny Norton and Council Secretary Melissa Thompson.

Mayor Dopson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bryant opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a pledge to the United States Flag.

Old Business:

There were no items of old business.

New Business:

The first item of new business was the **Final Reading of Ordinance 16-01**. City Attorney Frank Maloney read the ordinance by title only. Commissioner Bryant asked if there were any significant changes from the first reading to this reading, and Manager Rhoden stated there were none. Commissioner Bryant made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance 16-01. There were no questions or comments. Voting was unanimous. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was **Resolution 16-02**, a resolution related to the Fire Station Loan Closing. The resolution authorizes the issuance of \$1,685,800 in aggregate principal amount of the City's Public Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2015; provides certain terms and details of said bonds; provides for the application of the proceeds of said bonds; and provides an effective date. Mark Mustian, Bond Counsel, explained that this resolution is necessary for the closing on the fire station. He stated the interest rate is 3.25% and the term is a thirty year maturity. There was discussion regarding the total cost of the new fire station and Manager Rhoden reported that costs were less than budgeted by about \$90,000. Mrs. Thompson added that the City will de-obligate those funds. Frank Maloney read the Resolution by title only. Commissioner Kitching made a motion and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve Resolution 16-02. There were no questions or comments. Voting was unanimous. Motion carried.

In other business was the approval of the minutes. The following minutes were submitted for approval:

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Commissioner Kitching made the motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Voting was unanimous.

In other business was the review of the bills for November. Mayor Dopson asked if the amounts paid for ad valorem taxes for the rental properties were included in the budget, and Manager Rhoden stated the amounts were budgeted. Commissioner Horne asked if the pest control services could be bid. Commissioner Norton asked if staff could provide a debt schedule outlining outstanding debt, monthly payments, etc. Mrs. Thompson stated she would send each of the commissioners a schedule. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Voting was unanimous.

Comments from the Board:

Commissioner Norton said he really enjoyed the parade and felt the day was a success.

Manager Rhoden reported furniture delivery would begin tomorrow at the fire station. His hope is to have the firefighters settled in by Christmas.

Mayor Dopson asked for an update regarding the project at the pond just east of Sam's Crystal Seafood. Manager Rhoden stated this is the beginning of the new transmission line under Turkey Creek and the lift station is scheduled to be set tomorrow. The project is being funded with appropriation funds, and will replace 900 feet of underground sewer line.

The City, County, and Winn Dixie are working together to pave, curb, and gutter Buck Starling Road. One of the inlet drainage boxes has already been set. Winn Dixie has agreed to provide approximately \$117,000 toward the project, as the repairs will help alleviate the drainage problems in their parking lot. The majority of the City's portion was paid from impact fees.

Manager Rhoden invited everyone to stop by the new fire station. The grand opening will likely be the second week in January if that works out for all parties involved. As soon as the date is selected invitations will be sent.

Mayor Dopson commented how well organized the activities were the day of the parade and the parade itself. However, the downside is that this is one of the many things that could have been put in the Times Union as a happening in Baker County. Mayor Dopson went on to say that events should be advertised in the Times Union and we need to do a better job of letting the surrounding counties know that we are active here in Baker County. There needs to be one person designated for making sure our events are placed in Times Union.

Commissioner Kitching expressed his appreciation for the City employees and the jobs that they do. The parade was well attended and there were a lot of booths. Manager Rhoden stated that credit goes to the firefighters, as they coordinate those activities.

Mayor Dopson stated if there is an arrangement in the future to house anyone at the fire station other than city employees there should be an agreement stating liability coverage will be furnished. Manager Rhoden stated barring an emergency situation, any housing arrangement would be brought before the board for approval prior to taking place.

With no further comments from the audience, Mayor Dopson adjourned the regular meeting.




MAYOR CARY DOPSON

ATTEST:


CITY MANAGER/ CLERK PHIL RHODEN