

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2014
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, December 9, 2014 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Floyd V. Bennett, Mark Bryant, Sam Kitching, and Cecil Horne Jr. Council Secretary Stacy Mills.

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

Old Business: City Manager Rhoden stated the final reading for Ordinance 15-01 will need to be tabled. This is a two-step process, zoning and parking variance. The Zoning Adjustment Board asked for further information before they made their decision. That meeting is tabled until Monday December 15, 2014. We will be coming back in January for the second reading. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to table Ordinance 15-01 and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to do the final reading of **Ordinance 15-02, An Ordinance of the City Of Macclenny, Florida amending the capital improvements element to update the five- year schedule of capital improvements; providing for conflict with other Ordinances; providing for severability.** Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 15-02 and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

New Business: Mr. Richard Gibson who resides at 255 Owen Acres Drive spoke to the council about his concerns about the speeding vehicles driving down this road. Mr. Gibson discussed several instances when vehicles using this road as a cut through to Miltondale and nearly hit children who were playing in the neighborhood. He also stated several animals have been hit and killed. There was discussion regarding the Sheriff's department and possible actions to reduce the speed in the area. There was also some discussion about the speed bump which was installed some time ago on Christie Court which was supposed to be temporary. Mayor Dopson expressed his concern over installing speed bumps due to liability issues with vehicle damage. Mayor Dopson asked to make the motion to allow the City Manager and staff to place a temporary speed bump on Owen Acres. He stated both speed bumps should be removed within four to five months. Commissioner Kitching made a motion and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

In other business was approval of the minutes from November 10, 2014 regular meeting. Mayor Dopson pointed out the following changes:

Page 1 Paragraph 4 which refers to the well improvements. Mayor Dopson asked to add the wording "The City had been told & (see below). Change the word borrowing to barring, and "we do" to "we should"

Page 2 Paragraph 6 which refers to the rezoning. Mayor Dopson asked to add "Somewhere in the future"

The changes were made before the printing of minutes on numbered paper.

Mayor Dopson asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

In other business was the review of the bills for November. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the November bills and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

Manager Rhoden updated the Council on the Fire Station project. He said the preconstruction meeting was very productive and believes we will have a great working relationship with the contractor. Construction is scheduled to begin January 5, 2015 and the contract allows for 240 days to complete the project. Mayor Dopson said there have been questions about why we demolished the old fire station when we did instead of waiting closer to the start of construction; he said it was required by USDA for the site to be ready.

He stated Kathy Womack Vice President of Asset Management for YMCA will be issuing a purchase order for repair work on the pool during their off season. Manager Rhoden praised all of the hard work from the Fire Department, City Employees, Red's crew, Sheriff Department and anyone else that was involved in making the Christmas Parade a success.

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


MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST: 
CITY MANAGER/ CLERK Phil Rhoden

