

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Hearing
December 10, 2013
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, December 10, 2013 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Floyd V. Bennett, Sam Kitching, and Mark Bryant.

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

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read the final reading of Ordinance 14-02 by title only. An ordinance of the City of Macclenny, repealing Ordinance 96-07 levying all insurers an excise tax for the firefighters officers retirement trust fund; providing for conflicts, severability, and an effective date. There were no comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to accept the final reading of Ordinance of 14-02. Commissioner Kitching seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read the final reading of Ordinance 14-03 by title only. 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; and providing an effective date. There were no comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to accept the final reading of Ordinance of 14-03. Commissioner Kitching seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read the final reading of Ordinance 14-04 by title only. A bill to be entitled an ordinance amending section 10-11 placement of utilities underground of the City of Macclenny unified land development regulations; to delete electric from underground utilities; creating a new section 10-12 underground electrical utilities; providing renumbering of section 10-12 to 10-13 and section 10-13 to 10-14; providing for an effective date. There were no comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to accept the final reading of Ordinance of 14-04. Commissioner Kitching seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read the final reading of Ordinance 14-05 by title only. A bill to be entitled an ordinance of the City of Macclenny, Florida, repealing ordinances 1996-07 and 2002-09, establishing a firefighters pension trust fund pursuant to chapter 175, Florida Statutes; providing for continuity of benefits; providing for acceptance of every active participants request to transfer to the Florida State retirement plan; providing for direction to the trust board of trustees to distribute the assets of the trust in compliance with section 175.361, Florida Statutes; providing for repeal of any conflicting ordinances or resolutions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. Mayor Dopson pointed out it reduced what the City has to pay from 33% to 19 %, and will benefit the Firemen more in the long run. There were no comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to accept the final reading of Ordinance of 14-05. Commissioner Kitching seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read Resolution 14-02 by title only. A resolution of the City of Macclenny, Florida: Relating to membership into the Florida retirement system and providing for an effective date. There were no comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve Resolution 14-02. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized Mr. Mike Walker to give a report in reference to pursuing a condemnation of a home located at 314 South 4th Street owned by Home Opportunity LLC. Mr. Walker stated that Mr. Bagwell inspected this home and made a recommendation of tearing it down. Mr. Walker stated this is a foreclosed home, no one is living there and we are not making someone move out. No representative from Home Opportunity LLC was present. No one in the audience opposed of the condemnation. There were no comments from the Commissioners.


Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the condemnation. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

In other business was approval of the Minutes from the month of November. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

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

City Manager Phil Rhoden expressed his appreciation and spoke about what a great parade the City Fire Department put together. He also spoke about some new ideas for Heritage Park. Mr. Rhoden stated the City and the Sheriff's office are working together to clean up the Park and Duck Pond from vagrants, and are looking into putting video cameras in place.

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


MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST: 
CITY MANAGER/ CLERK Phil Rhoden

