

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2015
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, February 10, 2015 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Floyd V. Bennett, Mark Bryant, Sam Kitching, Cecil Horne Jr., and Council Secretary Stacy Mills.

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

Mayor Dopson recognized County Commissioner Mr. James Bennett to discuss a traffic issue in downtown Macclenny. Mr. Bennett stated his concern and many residents' concerns are at the corner of Highway US 90 and SR 228. Semi-trucks are traveling North on 228 trying to take a right turn to travel East on Hwy US 90 towards Wal-Mart Distribution Center. County Commissioner Bennett said he would like to propose a temporary fix until the Mid Pointe Parkway from Wal-Mart Super Center to Wal-Mart Distribution Center is built. With this being temporary, we are asking to restripe the east and west sides of US 90 to move traffic closer to the outside curbs. This would take away three parking spaces in the downtown area, where parking is already inadequate. Mayor Dopson stated in his own opinion this bad intersection would become worse. He feels it would encourage more semi-truck drivers to use SR 228 instead of SR 121. With the suggested changes Mayor Dopson felt there would still be inadequate room available for large tractor trailers to turn. Mr. Ed Barber owns the Crockett Building at 11 & 19 W Macclenny Ave. He thanked the city commission for placing the lighting downtown. Mr. Barber stated he is happy with the growth of businesses downtown and would like the city to get back to working on ways to make more parking available. Mr. Barber was not in favor of removing the three parking spaces. Mr. Fidel Lytle spoke about possibly placing signs on Interstate 10 near Baldwin and Sanderson stating truck route to Macclenny. Mr. Darryl Register from the Chamber of Commerce said he has had talks with Wal-Mart Distribution Center about trucks using Hwy 90 and for the most part Wal-Mart and Swift trucks use the correct routes, it is the other companies that have not been told and use 228 & 90. Mr. Steve Williams asked for a possible detour sign on 228 and route the trucks over to 121. Mayor Dopson stated any detour would have to be approved by D.O.T. Mayor Dopson stated this would also involve two turns at intersections that are both inadequate. This would have to be requested and is something Baker County or the City of Macclenny cannot do without their approval. Ms. Lynn Adams agreed that safety should be first and asked if anyone has met with DOT about this problem. She gave a few different suggestions about possible re-routes for the semi-trucks. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to not pursue at this time and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to do the first reading of **Ordinance 15-03**, A bill to be entitled an ordinance relating to amending the Macclenny unified land development regulations removing adult entertainment and service activities from the list of permitted uses within the commercial, central business district (CBD) and listing among those uses within industrial, warehouse (IW); findings of fact; severability; recordation and an effective date. City Manager Rhoden clarified this saying the city has to allow these types of businesses in an area without a special exception. There will be some stipulations such as it cannot be within 500 feet of a church, school or residential. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 15-03** and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Voting was unanimous.

City Manager Rhoden discussed the property owned by Sus Austill located at 137 Barber Rd, which was condemned in February 2013. Manager Rhoden stated there have been significant improvements to the home. The porch has been fixed, the lot has been cleaned, and the debris has been removed. Her criteria for the next thirty days are fixing the roof and pressure washing the house. The city's main concern is that Ms. Austill keeps it maintained after she does these repairs. The board would like an update every thirty days on the progress of this property at each regular meeting until further notice.

City Manager Rhoden discussed vacating the unpaved portion of First Street between Florida Ave and the railroad tracks. It is unknown when or why it was allowed to happen, but the city road right of way south of railroad tracks was covered with cement and used for years as part of the old cement plant operation. Manager Rhoden stated CSX is not going to grant the City the opportunity to have any more crossings. There is no reason for us to try and extend this street. The property to the east and west of this portion has just been purchased by LV Hiers and our street separates their properties. Their intent is to clean it up and use it for storage purposes only at this time. Manager Rhoden recommends to the board to vacate this property with all costs associated with it over to LV Hiers. The city will come back to the board on an individual basis concerning similar properties. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve vacating the property between Florida Ave and the railroad tracks and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

In other business was the approval of the minutes from January 13, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous. Corrections were made before printing on legal documents.

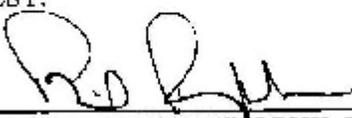
In other business was the review of the bills for January. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the January bills and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

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




MAYOR CARY DOPSON

ATTEST:


CITY MANAGER/ CLERK PHIL RHODEN