

**CITY OF MACCLENNY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 11, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, February 11, 2014 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Floyd V. Bennett, Sam Kitching, Mark Bryant, and Cecil Horne Jr.

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

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read Resolution 14-04 by title only. A resolution authorizing the issuance by the City of Macclenny, Florida of its \$1,500,000 public improvement revenue bond, series 2014, in order to finance the cost of acquiring and constructing of a new fire station; pledging the monies received by the city from the guaranteed entitlement revenues to secure payment of the principal of and interest on said bond; providing for the rights of the holders of said bond; and providing for an effective date for this resolution. Mr. Will Weathers, who is an Independent Financial Advisor for municipalities, explained the resolution is needed to go through process for a Bond Validation hearing for the new Fire Station. Mayor Dopson stated if it gets to a point we can't afford it we will back out of the commitment. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve Resolution 14-04 and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized Mike Walker to recommend the condemnation of a mobile home located at 793 W. Macclenny Ave. Mr. Walker stated the mobile home is owned by Crews Rental and is vacant at this time. Mr. Bagwell inspected mobile home and is recommending condemning it. The property will change hands either to refinance or foreclosure. The City is giving the owner time to clear up the property so we do not have any money tied up in it. The owner of the property is aware and realizes it should be condemned. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to condemn the mobile home located at 793 W Macclenny Ave. Commissioner Kitching seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized Mike Walker to recommend the appointment of Mrs. Pam Lyons to the Zoning Adjustment Board. There were no comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to appoint Mrs. Lyons to the Zoning adjustment Board. Commissioner Kitching seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized Mr. Rock Rhoden to address the board regarding duplexes. Mr. Rhoden explained he was a local builder and built two houses in the City last year, paid the impact fees without any qualms, and doesn't have a problem with permit fees on single family homes. Mr. Rhoden is asking for relief on some of the fees for building a duplex such as water, sewer tap fees, or impact fees. Mayor Dopson stated he doesn't mind looking at other areas to see how their fees are handled, and will be very cautious about redoing the City's ordinances. The impact fees were designed for people moving in the city to cover future expenses. Mayor Dopson said he didn't want to change the ordinances on impact fees and suggest we look at other ways to possibly reduce the fees. Mr. Rhoden stated there are two lots that are approved for duplexes now, he owns one and Mr. Combs owns the other. Commissioner Bennett stated he felt everyone on the board would love to help Mr. Rhoden but there is a limit. Mayor Dopson stated the impact fees were raised on purpose, instead of raising the millage which has been 3.65 or less for at least the past 25 years. If there is a good way for the city to help without hurting the city, we will certainly take a look at it.

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

In other business was the review of the bills for January. Mayor Dopson asked for clarification for the payment on the Air Curtain Burner and Florida Medical Training. Mr. Mike Walker gave clarification on the agreement with the county and payment for the Air Curtain Burner. Chief Dugger explained this is EMT training for firemen and volunteers. Mayor Dopson

asked for an agreement for the firemen to sign that states they have to be employed for so long or have so many volunteer hours and if they decide to leave they training monies have to be repaid. Motion to approve the January bills was made by Commissioner Bennett and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

Mr. Roger Yarbrough informed the board about the Zoning Adjustment meeting for February was being challenged about an appeal. The meeting is null and void due to not having enough people on the board for a quorum. American Enterprise and Smoker Friendly have been notified and will hold another meeting in March.

City Manager Phil Rhoden stated the application for the city water and waste water grants are in. There is a grant through CDBG for \$700,000.00 and \$875,000.00 with the Legislative of Appropriations. It will not be enough to fix all of the problems; we might have to put \$50-\$75,000.00 to go with it.

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

  
MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST:



CITY MANAGER/ CLERK Phil Rhoden

