

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2014
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, April 8, 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 arrived late and Commissioner Bennett called the meeting to order. Commissioner Kitching opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a pledge to the United States Flag.

In old business, City Manager Phil Rhoden stated that after researching for the last thirty days, there is no doubt the City is higher than surrounding counties on permits and impact fees. Mr. Rhoden feels if the fees were lowered it could cause a risk of having to increase taxes, and doesn't recommend it to the board at this time.

Commissioner Bennett recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read Ordinance 14-06 by title only. A bill to be entitled an ordinance relating to annexation; providing for the annexation of certain lands contiguous to the City of Macclenny; providing for acceptance of a voluntary annexation request from James and Teresa Donovan of parcel 31-2S-22-0021-0004-0040. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 14-06 and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Voting was unanimous.

Mr. Roger Yarborough recommends the appointment of Brian Kazmierczak to the Zoning Adjustment Board. Commissioner Bryant made a motion to appoint Mr. Kazmierczak to the Zoning Adjustment Board and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

Chief Buddy Dugger recognized Mr. Dalton Alexander for his bravery and saving the lives of his family members from a house fire on the morning of March 23, 2014. Chief Dugger then recognized Mr. Richard Diggs for reviving a patient at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab on March 20, 2014.

Firemen Mr. Richard Diggs spoke about a Public Appreciation Day scheduled for Saturday June 7, 2014 from 10am-4pm located in front of Firehouse Subs. This will be a free event to thank the citizens of Macclenny and show our appreciation. The firemen will have demonstrations of how equipment is used, safety booths and volunteer information.


Chief Dugger spoke about the ISO rating, and as of July 1, 2014 the City will be rated at a (3). Mr. Dugger put together a report to share with the board members and is working diligently to achieve an ISO rating of a (2) next year. By achieving this goal will reduce homeowner's insurance rates.

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

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

City Manager Phil Rhoden gave a brief update on the sewer break on 121 South, stated the emergency repair will cost around \$90,000. An update on the grant the City has applied for; we requested \$875,000 and the Senate reduced to \$400,000, we met with Representative Porter asking her to hold her ground for the \$875,000. Daryl Register gave a brief summary of how well the Farmers Market went on Saturday April 5, 2014 at Heritage Park.

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


MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST: 
CITY MANAGER/ CLERK Phil Rhoden

