

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Meeting
May 13, 2014
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, May 13, 2014 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Floyd V. Bennett, Sam Kitching, and Cecil Horne Jr., Mark Bryant was absent.

Mayor Dopson called the meeting to order. City Manager Phil Rhoden opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a pledge to the United States Flag.

No old business.

Coby Adams, Assistant for Representative Porter, informed the City about being awarded a grant of \$1,000,000 for appropriation for the waste water treatment plant. The City requested \$875,000 to begin with, and the Senate proposed to reduce it to \$400,000. Mr. Adams stated they are waiting on the Governor to sign.

Madison Bechtel and Collin Crews, representatives from SWAT (Students Working against Tobacco) stated they are a group dedicated to educating youth about the dangers of tobacco. The students put together a well-rounded presentation showing comparison percentages of tobacco use between the State of Florida and Baker County. Mayor Dopson stated this Resolution has no legal bearing it is to urge stores not to sell and hope it will be a step in the right direction. The Commissioners spoke very highly of the student's presentation.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read Resolution 14-05, a resolution of the City of Macclenny, Florida urging tobacco retailers to adopt a voluntary retail policy to prohibit and or restrict the sale and marketing of candy flavored tobacco in Macclenny, FL. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read Resolution 14-06 by title only. A resolution between the City of Macclenny and the State Department of Transportation whereas the State will pay the City an annual fee of \$40,800.00 for maintaining the right-of-way on State maintained highways. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Kitching. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson recognized City Attorney Frank Maloney to read Resolution 14-07 by title only. A resolution of the City of Macclenny, FL and the State Department of Transportation whereas the State will pay the City pursuant to S215.422, Florida Statutes for traffic signal maintenance. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

City Manager Phil Rhoden spoke about the mischief and ongoing issues in the City Park. There was discussion regarding possible hours and what charges could be tied to violators. He said in order for Law Enforcement to legally ask people to leave, the City needs to post hours for the walking track and park. Mayor Dopson and City Commissioners decided to leave the decision up to City Manager as far as the times. City Attorney Maloney stated if rules are not followed, violators will be charged with trespassing.

In other business was approval of the Minutes from the month of April. Mayor Dopson asked for it to be noted in the minutes he arrived late. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, and was seconded by Commissioner Horne. Voting was unanimous.

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

Comments from the Board: City Manager Phil Rhoden stated the City was working on the Bio Solid Waste site doing repairs when the call came in there was a sewer line caved in on Michigan and 1st Street. While that was being looked upon, another call came in that a Semi had run over the fire hydrant at the Econo Lodge. Mr. Rhoden complimented the City staff and the community for all their efforts in helping fix both of the issues. Mayor Dopson mentioned making an effort to get Macclenny, Baker County into a column in the Times Union called "Around the Region." Commissioner Kitching suggested doing an Employee Appreciation Day.

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


MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST:



CITY MANAGER/ CLERK Phil Rhoden

