

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2015
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission met in a regular session, Tuesday, July 14, 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. City Attorney Frank Maloney was absent.

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

Old Business: Mayor Dopson read **Ordinance 15-06**. A bill to be entitled an ordinance relating to amending the 2025 future land use map which shall change the future land use designation for approximately 3.80 acres described herein from Commercial Medium Intensity (CMI) and Mobile Home (MH) to Commercial to Medium Intensity (CMI) related to a small scale development activity; rezoning the property as described herein from Residential Mobile Home (RMG) and Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Commercial General (CG); providing for intent; authority; findings of consistency; findings of fact; severability; recordation and an effective date.

Mayor Dopson stated as of the last meeting the two parties involved in the rezoning were supposed to get together and form an agreement on the fence. Mr. Williams stated he spoke to Mr. Jody Thrift in an attempt to swap land to square up the property and make it more beneficial for both of them, and cannot come to an agreement about the fence. Mr. Williams asked the City to make a decision and he will move forward with whatever the decision the City makes and do what is required. Mayor Dopson stated the City has always required a privacy fence between residential and commercial properties, at least six foot high and one that shields headlights. Mr. Thrift stated he would like to table this until the next meeting. He would like the agreement for the property and the fence in writing, and the agreement to be acceptable to the City and his renters. City Manager Rhoden stated he wanted the Commissioners and Mr. Williams to understand this is about two separate issues. The first being a zoning change and the second should be heard by the Zoning Adjustment Board about the fence setback issues. Mayor Dopson agreed the final reading should be tabled until August and suggested a written agreement between the two parties and to also involve the City.

Mayor Dopson read **Ordinance 15-07**. An Ordinance granting Florida Power and Light Company, its successors and assigns, an electric franchise, imposing provisions and conditions relating thereto, providing for monthly payments to the City of Macclenny. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the final reading of **Ordinance 15-07**, and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

New Business: Mayor Dopson recognized Mr. Clay Lyons from Lyons & Lyons CPA's to present the 2013-2014 audits. Mr. Lyons stated the City earned an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance you can render regarding the financial statements of the City of Macclenny. There are three findings, which two are the same as previous years. The first one is lack of segregation of duties and the second one is proposed material adjustments to the City's financial statements. Both of these findings are due to limited number of personnel. The third finding is payments to vendors for goods and services were not evidenced by someone with authority acknowledging receipt of goods and services. Manager Rhoden stated he reviews all purchase orders and signs all checks. He assured everyone nothing gets by him, and he has to approve everything. These findings are for services rendered and lack of communication. He feels strongly this area will be corrected for future audits. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the audit and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Dopson stated the City of Macclenny is pursuing condemnation of a home located at 283 Linda Street. Roger Yarborough stated he and Mr. Bagwell met with the potential buyer for this property. Mr. Bagwell advised the buyer the property does not meet today's Florida Building Codes. Manager Rhoden stated he advised staff to leave the condemnation in place so the buyer is aware and there are no surprises after the purchase. As of today no permits have been pulled.

Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the condemnation on the home and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Voting was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the TRIM figures. City Manager Rhoden stated we are in the early stages of the budget process and would like to bring in the budget at 3.6 mills. The City still has not received all notifications of what our revenues may be. Manager Rhoden made a recommendation of 4.0 mills. The TRIM process requires setting high and lowering if we can. Mayor Dopson stated the Board is committed to not going up on the millage. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to accept 4.0 mills and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Voting was unanimous.

In other business was the approval of the minutes from June 9, 2015 meeting. Mayor Dopson asked to add a sentence to the last paragraph. "The school impact fees within city limits are collected by the city for the school system." Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction and was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Voting was unanimous.

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

Comments from the Board: Manager Rhoden stated we are moving forward with the Turkey Creek Project, and hoping in mid-August to start the bidding the camera process for the sewer system. Mayor Dopson asked about putting together a plan of dates for the Budget meetings. Mr. Daryl Register thanked the City and Scott Crews for all of the help and fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. Mayor Dopson announced Mr. Danny Norton will take Commissioner Mr. Vernon Bennett's place in October as our new City Commissioner.

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




MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST:


CITY MANAGER/ CLERK PHIL RHODEN