

Regular City Commission Meeting (Tuesday, April 19, 2022)

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A. MEETING OPENER

- The Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Jack Schenck on April 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Procedural: 1. Call To Order - Roll Call

- Present: Commissioner Stegall, Commissioner Beasley, Commissioner Sirmones, Vice Mayor Redman, Mayor Schenck, City Manager Dale Walker, and Attorney John Maines IV.

Procedural: 2. Opening Prayer

- Opening Prayer was led by Vice Mayor Redman.

Procedural: 3. Pledge of Allegiance

- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Schenck.

Action: 4. Approval of The Agenda Format

- A motion to approve the agenda format was made by Vice Mayor Redman and seconded by Commissioner Stegall.
- Unanimous Approval.

B. CITIZEN INPUT

Information: 1. Provision for Citizen Input

- Bo and Monica Bayer of 255 NW 2nd Street, Lake Butler, Florida
 - Mr. and Mrs. Bayer requested an update on when Comcast will complete its project within the city so that yard repair can be completed. Mrs. Bayer raised concern that the boxes covering the wires are open and unsettled across town.
 - It was discussed that the company is now working outside the city limits as well and Mayor Schenck will reach out to his contact for updated information and to express these concerns.
- Valerie C John of 785 SW 8th Place, Lake Butler, Florida, and Bonnie Jenkins of 120 SW 8th Place, Lake Butler, Florida
 - Ms. John and Ms. Jenkins expressed concern regarding the recent incident in their neighborhood where a party was held and a young man was killed. They asked if anything can be done to prevent these situations with large gatherings in people's homes.
 - The commission suggested that Ms. John and Ms. Jenkins help their community get together with the Sherriff's department and discuss a response to these events and that community involvement is key.

C. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

Action (Consent), Minutes: 1. Consent Agenda

- A motion to approve the Consent Agenda in one motion was made by Commissioner Stegall and seconded by Commissioner Beasley.
- Unanimous Approval.

Action: 2. Financial Reporting for Period Ending March 31, 2022

- The financial report was presented by Director of Finance, Mike Cotter.
 - The fiscal year is 50% complete and operating expenses and supplies are showing accelerated stress.
 - Public Works has more than 50% stress on the budget. Inflation, logistics, supply chain, and fuel are all contributing to higher expenses.
 - Revenues are ahead of schedule.
- A motion to approve the financial report for October 1, 2022, through March 30, 2022, was made by Commissioner Sirmones and seconded by Commissioner Stegall.
- Unanimous Approval.

Information: 3. Lake Butler FFA Agriculture Issues Team Presentation

- Students from the Lake Butler FFA Agriculture Issues team made a presentation on the mental health decline and lack of access to care services for agricultural workers. Their goal is to bring local awareness to the issue so new resources can be pursued as a community.

Action: 4. National Historic Preservation Month

- A motion to proclaim May 2022 as National Historic Preservation Month was made by Commissioner Stegall and seconded by Vice Mayor Redman.
- Unanimous Approval.

Information: 5. Certified Local Government

- The city has been named a Certified Local Government and received both state and national recognition. This will open new pathways for training and special grant benefits.

Information: 6. Article from ROVA Magazine

- Mr. Walker provided an article from ROVA Magazine showing the bike path through Lake Butler and Palatka.

Action: 7. Land Purchase

- Mayor Schenck presented information to see if the Commission is interested in considering the purchase of the TNT property on SR 121, with the intention of using it to build a new Public Works building.
 - The asking price is \$390,000.
 - This would allow a Main Street garage business to move to the current Public Works building.
 - This would be an action item on the May 2022 agenda.
- A motion to express interest in the purchase of TNT was made by Commissioner Sirmones and seconded by Vice Mayor Redman.
- Unanimous Approval.

Information 8. Downtown Revitalization Efforts

- Monica Bayer presented information on the downtown revitalization project.
 - Phase 1 includes B Squared Bakery and the Robert Driggers building on Main Street.
 - Phase 2 includes a proposal concept to present to building owners to encourage them to agree to the improvements.
 - Donors are currently being sought to fund further revitalization.

D. REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY

- No Report

E. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Information: 1. City Manager's Report

- Mr. Walker provided his report to the Commission showing the plans for downtown improvements as well as an update on the drag boat races.

F. COMMENTS OR REMARKS BY COMMISSION

- Vice Mayor Redman
 - Thank you to all volunteers and JROTC for helping with farmshare. 244 families were served. The next farmshare will be May 14th.
- Commissioner Stegall
 - There was a turnout of 60 boats for the race on April 9th and a 100% turnout of vendors and food trucks.
 - The man injured during racing practice is recovering.
 - The Southern Outlaw Dragboat Association is considering having a two-day event in October, but that has yet to be confirmed.
- Mayor Schenck
 - The commission will split the cost of an advertisement for the graduating class. \$20 per Commissioner and \$100 total for the ad. Each Commissioner agreed.
 - There are three locations in town using shipping containers as storage and another business has questioned if they could add more shipping containers. There is no ordinance prohibiting or permitting it.
 - Mr. Walker will reach out to the Planning Council to see if they have worked with this situation previously.
 - This will be an item on the May 2022 agenda.
 - Regarding the Interlocal Agreement and CRA money.
 - A decision must be made by the end of May 2022.
 - This will be an Action Item on the May 2022 agenda.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 1. Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Redman and seconded by Commissioner Stegall.
- Unanimous Approval.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.