

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS

May 26, 2015

TIME: 6:00PM

The Council of the City of Headland was called to order in the City Hall on May 26, 2015 with the following members present: Ray Marler, Mayor; Councilmembers: James Williams, Jr., Jody Singleton, Michael Roland, Joe Falkner, and Kendrick Spurling.

Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Falkner, the Council voted as follows to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as read:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Comments:

None.

Fire Chief, Glenn Temples, gave an update on the Golden Peanut fire noting we received significant help from Kinsey, Dothan, Shorterville, and Screamer Fire Departments. He commended Captain Hughes on a job well done.

Chief Temples gave an update on the Airport Fire Station stating that the architect was working on the plans. He also updated on the Fire Code stating he was waiting on the state to adopt the current code.

Chief Temples requested permission to buy a Ram TLS-50 TNT tool. This is a hydraulic tool that will aid in accidents. The cost is \$3,600. Councilman Falkner asked if we had the funds to purchase this tool. City Clerk, Heather Bond, stated there were restricted funds in the Fire Advalorem account specifically for these types of purchases and there is enough to cover. Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Williams, Jr. the council voted as follows to approve the purchase of the Ram TLS-50:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Captain Chad Hughes requested permission to run a job announcement for part time labor. Hughes explained that the part time help is a must to keep both ambulances running and is needed due to the lack of volunteers and will help manage the Overtime. Singleton stated that since hiring falls under the duty of the mayor he would support whatever decision he made. Mayor Marler approved the request to advertise for part time help.

Jason Singletary, Water and Wastewater Supervisor, presented the mayor and council with a water rate study with findings suggesting increases in rates. With the last water rate increase being in 2009, Singletary proposed a 3% rate increase which would average \$3.58 per month for a household. This increase would help fund any unforeseeable repairs to the lagoon, well houses, and wastewater treatment plant (which currently isn't designed to treat the wastewater).

The council agreed to table the discussion until the June 2, 2015 meeting.

Singletary ended by noting that the increase would still put our rates below the average cost across the state.

E-911 Director, Chad Sowell, requested the city to purchase a natural gas, automatic start generator to keep the dispatchers, Police Department, E-911 and servers running in the case of a power outage. Currently these departments are run on a manual start county-wide generator. The city received a quote from Headland Plumbing & Electric for \$6,612. Sowell stated he was going to approach his E-911 board about paying half of the cost up to \$3,300. Singleton made a motion to approve contingent to the E-911 board paying half. Kendrick Spurling gave the second. The council voted as follows to approve:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, Mark Jones, thanked Ronnie Dollar for allowing them to use the county-wide generator.

Ronnie Dollar, EMA Director, proposed that the city adopt a policy stating that the emergency sirens would be activated for tornado warnings AND winds in excess of 75mph. Chief Jones stated the city already has a policy in place and would need to amend our current policy to include the excess wind verbiage. Upon a motion by Spurling and a second by Williams, Jr. the council voted as follows to amend the current policy:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Jolly requested to plant a tree and have a plaque erected in Douglas Park as a memorial contribution to Matt Fair. Singleton made a motion to approve the request contingent on the mayor approving the location of the memorial.

Spurling gave the second. The council voted as follows to approve the memorial:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Ann Bottoms with the Headland High School All Class Reunion was present to advise the council of the need for 10-12 RV hookups and water for the carnival food. Mitchell Brothers and Sons is the carnival company they are using. They provide their own generators for rides. The council requested that a representative from the Mitchell Brothers and Sons be present at a council meeting to explain their set up needs. They also suggested that Deanco Auction be contacted about using their grounds.

Mayor Marler presented Resolution No. 2-2015 approving the levy taxes the Henry County Probate and Revenue Commission offices. Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Williams, Jr. the council voted as follows to approve:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Sundown Cinema will be held Friday, May 29, 2015 on the square at 7:45. "Night at the Museum" will be showing.

A Public Hearing was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> for a CDBG public grant for water line improvements. This would affect streets including Cleveland, Adams Dr., and Mitchell Street. The grant is an 80/20 match.

The mayor thanked the public for shopping Headland; sales taxes are up approximately \$75,000 from last year.

Mayor reported that a quote from Mike Goodson has been received on the Headstart roof. Marty Robbins has been contacted for a second estimate.

Mayor and Councilman Spurling will inspect the sidewalk on the square near the Domino Hut for improvements needed to be made to broken concrete due to tree roots.

### **Council Comments:**

Spurling – the signs on Church Street are still needing to be removed

Falkner – thanked Steve Pitts and his crew for the clean up after the storm damage

Williams Jr. – the speed bumps on Valleyview Terrace need to be cleaned

With no further business Singleton made a motion to adjourn. Williams, Jr. gave the second. The council voted as follows to adjourn:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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Heather Bond, City Clerk

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Ray Marler, Mayor