

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

December 1, 2015

TIME: 6:00PM

The Council of the City of Headland was called to order in the City Hall on December 1, 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 Roland, the Council voted as follows to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as follows:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Erica Freeman expressed her issues with trying to open her special events business on Boynton Street. Mayor Marler stated he would get in touch with Ray Bickley and contact her.

Chad Hughes, Headland Fire & Rescue, informed the Mayor and Council of upcoming federal ambulance regulations and informed them that we have an ambulance that is 15 years old and about to roll over 100,000 miles indicating it will need to be replaced in the near future. Three ambulance options were presented including a Gas Burning Ford Sprinter costing approximately \$122,000 and two diesel box-type ambulances which he stated would be more economical. The initial cost of the box type would be approximately \$172,000; to remount the box is approximately \$100,000. Councilman Singleton asked Hughes to let the Mayor and Council look at the budget for avenues where they may be able to fit this in the budget.

Police Chief, Mark Jones, requested that James Durr be appointed to the Police Advisory Board. Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Falkner the Council voted as follows to approve:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Rhonda Harrison, Headland Area Chamber of Commerce director, reported that the Christmas “Parade of Lights” is next Thursday at 6:00pm. Lineup is at 4:45 and will follow the same route as last year. Santa Claus will be in the middle so he can get back to the gazebo. Johnny Lee will be the Grand Marshal.

Mayor’s Report:

The Newville Parade will be Saturday at 11:00.

Abbeville’s Christmas Parade is the 14th at 6:00.

The mayor announced that the city was awarded a Land & Water Grant of \$50,000 with a \$50,000 match to renovate tennis courts, basketball courts and playground equipment along with 2 batting cages.

The City also received an ADECA CDBG Water Improvement grant of \$446,000 which will improve water conditions for 297 residents.

Council Comments:

Councilman Spurling stated the signs on Church Street still need to be cleaned up.

Councilman Falkner advised on the status of the attorney letter needing to be written. Mayor Marler stated he will follow up with an address.

With no further business Singleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second by Falkner. The council voted as follows to adjourn:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Heather Shippey, City Clerk

Ray Marler, Mayor