

Commission Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2020
6:30 pm

Vice Mayor Smith said before we begin the official meeting of the Starke City Commission, there will be a time of voluntary prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those willing to do so are asked to stand and Dan Williams will lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

This was the second regular meeting of the month. Members present included Vice Mayor Shannon Smith, Commissioner Chastain and Commissioner Danny Nugent. Also present were Director of Operations Scott Anaheim, City Manager John Holman, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Kyle Jerrels, Police Chief Jeff Johnson, City Attorney Clay Martin, Deputy Clerk Lisa Terry, City Clerk Ricky Thompson and Fire Chief Gary Wise. Mayor Wilbur Waters and Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer were absent due to illness.

Vice Mayor Smith asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Holman asked to move items 9.E, 9.G and 9.J. to a workshop before the next meeting and make item 9.H a voting item. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the changes to the agenda. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. The motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the March 3, 2020 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. The motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Smith asked if there were any emergency items. There were none.

Vice Mayor Smith read the statement for citizen requests "The City of Starke welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the city commission. This is not a question or answer time. It is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations or derogatory remarks to or about city personnel. If you would like to address the commission please complete a form, come to the podium when you are called, speak into the microphone and state your name and address for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than 3 minutes. Your participation is welcomed." Willie Brown of 1127 Larry Street addressed the commission regarding noise from a block party over the weekend. He said shots were fired and the police were called. Sheriff Gordon Smith said the party was spontaneous and dispersed once the shots were fired.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the City Clerk Report. Mr. Thompson said Commissioner Nugent met with the bond trustees and reviewed the bills. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Thompson addressed the second reading of Ordinance Number 2020-07 amending the Firefighters' Retirement System to include up to 250 hours of overtime per year. Attorney Martin read the Ordinance by title. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-07 as read by title on second reading. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2020-07. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Thompson addressed the second reading of Ordinance Number 2020-08 repealing Ordinance Number 2014-0713. Attorney Martin read the ordinance title. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2020-08 as read by title. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2020-08. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. The motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the City Manager Report. Mr. Holman addressed Resolution Number 2020-31 entering into a contract with Woodard & Curran for engineering of the wastewater treatment plant. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-31 by number. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve the Resolution Number 2020-31. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Holman addressed Resolution Number 2020-32 approving the contract with Woodard & Curran for engineering of the wastewater treatment plant collection system. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-32 by number. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-32. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Holman addressed Resolution Number 2020-33 bond attorney services with Nabors, Giblynn & Nickerson. Vice Mayor Smith asked if this needed to be put out for bids. Attorney Martin said both firms have reviewed the procedures and it does not need to be put out for bids. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approved Resolution Number 2020-33 by number. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-33. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Holman addressed Resolution Number 2020-35 confirming the award of emergency repairs to the sewer line on Andrews Street. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-35 by number. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-35. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Holman addressed Resolution Number 2020-34 declaring a local State of Emergency due to the threat of the coronavirus. Attorney Martin read the resolution by title. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-34 as read by title. Commissioner

Nugent made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-34. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain not to exceed \$30,000. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Holman asked to schedule a meeting for March 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm to discuss extending the State of Emergency.

Mr. Holman addressed approving a recreation budget of \$30,000 for equipment and uniforms. He said the money will be returned to the budget through dues paid by the participants. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the budget. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. The motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the Police Chief Report. Chief Johnson said the funds in the investigative fund need to be approved. He is looking at purchasing rifles with it. Chief Johnson said the Police Department generator is no longer working, the roof is leaking and an air conditioning unit is completely down.

Attorney Martin had nothing further.

Commissioner Nugent had nothing further.

Commissioner Chastain had nothing further.

Vice Mayor Smith had nothing further.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.