

Commission Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2020
6:30 pm

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

This was the first regular meeting of the month. Members attending via GoToMeeting included Mayor Wilbur Waters, Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer and Commissioner Shannon Smith. Commissioner Danny Nugent attended in person. Also attending via GoToMeeting were Operations Director Scott Anaheim, Finance Director John-Paul Ledford and City Attorney Clay Martin. Also attending in person were City Manager John Holman, Deputy Clerk Lisa Terry, City Clerk Ricky Thompson and Assistant Dan Williams.

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

Mayor Waters asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Clerk Thompson asked to add item 8.B. request for use of the square. Mr. Holman asked to add item 9.C. support for Senate Bill 410 supporting home rule and item 9.D. support for local businesses. Mayor Waters entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Waters polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Waters entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the April 21, 2020 Commission Meeting. Mayor Waters entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Waters polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Waters asked if there were any emergency items. There were none.

Mayor Waters 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." There was no citizen participation.

Mayor Waters called for public hearings. There were none.

Mayor Waters asked for the City Clerk Report. Clerk Thompson said Commissioner Chastain and Commissioner Nugent reviewed the bills. Commissioner Chastain asked about a bill with sales tax. Clerk Thompson said it has been taken care of. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Mayor Waters polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Thompson addressed the request for use of the square. He said restaurants in the downtown area would like for customers to be able to use the square to eat because of restrictions on occupancy on restaurants. Clerk Thompson said the Downtown Grill and the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce will provide the liability insurance. Mayor Waters asked what dates the square use would be for. Clerk Thompson said from May 6th to May 20th. Mayor Waters entertained a motion to approve the use of the square. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. Mayor Waters polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Waters asked for the City Manager Report. Mr. Holman addressed the surplus of lighting fixtures replaced during the Edwards Road LED project. He said the fixtures would be posted for sale on govdeals.com. Mr. Holman said any fixtures that did not sell will be scrapped. Mayor Waters entertained a motion to approve the surplus of the light fixtures. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve the surplus of the lighting fixtures. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Waters polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Holman addressed the update on the COVID-19 emergency. He said phase I of re-opening Florida is now in being phased in. Mr. Holman said city employees can be voluntarily tested on Thursday. Mr. Holman said there are currently 48 cases in Bradford County.

Mr. Holman addressed the letter of support for Senate Bill 410 regarding growth management. This bill supports home rule. Mayor Waters entertained a motion to approve the letter of support for Senate Bill 410. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Waters polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Holman addressed the letter of support for local businesses allowing 50% capacity for local restaurants, gyms and fitness centers and personal service businesses including cosmetology, barber shops and nail salons. Mayor Waters entertained a motion to approve the letter supporting local businesses. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve the letter supporting local businesses. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Mayor Waters polled

the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Attorney Martin had nothing further.

Commissioner Nugent had nothing further.

Commissioner Chastain asked if Attorney Martin could be prepared to talk about exempt and nonexempt employees at the first in person meeting.

Commissioner Mortimer had nothing further.

Commissioner Smith asked if there were any city employees in unmarked trucks. Mr. Holman said there are not.

Commissioner Smith asked about Orange Street and State Road 100. Mr. Anaheim said the Department of Transportation will begin repaving around Memorial Day.

Mayor Waters asked about the cul-de-sac at Randall Street. Mr. Holman said it will be repaired next week.

Mayor Waters entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Mayor Waters polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted yes. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.