

Commission Meeting Minutes
April 21, 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. Those willing to do so are asked to stand and Commissioner Mortimer will lead us in prayer.

This was the second regular meeting of the month. Members attending via GoToMeeting included Vice Mayor Shannon Smith, Commissioner Tommy Chastain and Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer. 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 Wilbur Waters was absent due to work.

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

Vice Mayor Smith asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

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. Vice Mayor Smith polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Vice Mayor Smith voted yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the April 7, 2020 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. Vice Mayor Smith polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Vice Mayor Smith voted yes. The motion passed 4-0.

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." There was no citizen participation.

Vice Mayor Smith asked if there were any public hearings. There were none.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the City Clerk Report. Clerk Thompson said Commissioner Chastain and Commissioner Nugent reviewed the bills. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Vice Mayor Smith polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Vice Mayor Smith voted yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Thompson addressed the zero power cost adjustment for utility bills due in May and June 2020. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to approve the zero power cost adjustment for bills due in May and June. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. Vice Mayor Smith polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Vice Mayor Smith voted yes. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Thompson asked if Jacob Williams with Florida Municipal Power Agency had anything to add. Mr. Williams said there is a projected power cost savings and this will be giving a portion of that back to the customer.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the City Manager Report. Mr. Holman addressed Resolution Number 2020-38 statement of participation between the Florida Department of Transportation, CSX Transportation and the City of Starke. Mr. Holman said this formalizes the closing of the East Adkins Street and East South Street railroad crossings once the overpass project is completed. Attorney Martin said this resolution addressed the issues that were In question. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-38 as read by title. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-38. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. Vice Mayor Smith polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Vice Mayor Smith voted yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Holman addressed advertising for bids for a biofermentation medium. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the advertisement. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve the advertisement. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. Vice Mayor Smith polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Vice Mayor Smith voted yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Holman addressed the surplus of equipment related to the upgrade of the Pine Street lift station. Mr. Holman said the property is of no value. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the surplus of equipment. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve the surplus of equipment. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. Vice Mayor Smith polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Vice Mayor Smith voted yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Holman said the planned power outage went well but it did take 25 minutes longer than anticipated. He said another outage is planned for May 4th from 12:05 to 2:00 am. This will be to take care of the transfer bus and jumpers. Mr. Holman said there will be a third shutdown at a future date. Mr. Anaheim said the third shutdown will be more time consuming.

Mr. Holman addressed the update on the COVID-19 emergency. He said he is waiting for direction from the Governor. Mr. Holman said there are currently 42 cases in Bradford County. There have been 2 deaths and 9 hospitalizations. Mr. Holman said there are 3 pending tests.

Attorney Martin had nothing further.

Commissioner Nugent had nothing further.

Commissioner Chastain had nothing further.

Commissioner Mortimer had nothing further.

Vice Mayor Smith had nothing further.

Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Vice Mayor Smith polled the commissioners for a vote. Commissioner Chastain voted yes. Commissioner Mortimer voted yes. Commissioner Nugent voted yes. Vice Mayor Smith voted yes. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.