

Special Commission Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2021
5:30 pm

Mayor Shannon Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present included Mayor Shannon Smith, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer and Commissioner Wilbur Waters. Also present were City Manager John Holman, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Kyle Jerrels, City Attorney Clay Martin and Deputy Clerk Lisa Terry. Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Danny Nugent and City Manager John Holman were absent.

Mayor Smith said City Manager John Holman asked to have item 3 removed from the agenda. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve the change. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Smith opened the floor for discussion on the city manager applicants. Commissioner Mortimer said she asked Operations Director Scott Anaheim to take a look at some of the applicants. Mr. Anaheim felt that some of the candidates that were not recommended had more to offer than Seth Lawless. Mayor Smith said he questioned that as well. Commissioner Waters said some have electric utility experience. Attorney Martin said Kenneth Griffin had inconsistencies between the resume he submitted and one that was submitted during the last city manager search. Attorney Martin said there were questions about Mr. Lawless' roles played since 1989 and his education. Attorney Martin said the advisors recommended the commission decide who they want to interview and hold the interviews within the next 30 days. He suggested July 22nd and 23rd with a special meeting on the 24th. Mayor Smith entertained a motion to set the interview dates for July 22nd and 23rd with a special meeting on July 24th. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Attorney Martin suggested having a reception on July 22nd at 3:30. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Smith asked who the commissioners would like to interview. Commissioner Waters suggested Leonard Housley. Commissioner Mortimer suggested Paul White. Mayor Smith suggested Seth Lawless. Commissioner Mortimer said there is a lack of detail on his resume. Commissioner Waters said Mr. Lawless did not put much effort into his resume. Mayor Smith said to scratch Mr. Lawless. Mayor Smith suggested Drew Mullins. Commissioner Mortimer said he has utility experience but no electric but she would like to interview him. Mayor Smith asked about Michael Foote. Commissioner Waters said he has a lot of budget experience. He would like to interview him. Mayor Smith suggested interviewing 5 candidates. Attorney Martin asked for a motion with the names of the 5. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to bring in Mr. Housley, Mr. Mullins, Mr. White, Mr. Foote and Mr. Griffin July 22, 2021 to July 24, 2021 with their spouses at the expense of the city. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Mayor Smith asked Attorney Martin if background checks will be done. Attorney Martin said yes. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Mortimer asked if the process will move forward whether or

not there is a full board. Mayor Smith said it can't be delayed. Attorney Martin said he will notify Commissioner Chastain and Commissioner Nugent of the selections and dates.

Commissioner Waters said he received a call about leasing the property on the southside of the bypass. He said there is debris that needs to be cleaned up by the contractors. Mr. Jerrels said there is limited public access because of the sprayfield. He said the Florida Department of Transportation needs to be contacted regarding the clean-up. Attorney Martin said it would have to go through the bid process in order to lease it out.

Commissioner Mortimer expressed concern about shoddy work done at the Thomas Street Park. She said the Recreation Board has not met in 4 months. Commissioner Mortimer said the building at the Thomas Street Park needs air conditioning and the ice machine should have been replaced. She said this needs to be addressed. Mayor Smith asked to have the recreation department on the next agenda for discussion.

There being no further business, Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.