

Commission Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022
5:30 pm

Vice Mayor Nugent 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 Roberts will lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Nugent called the meeting to order at 5:48 pm.

This meeting was the first regular meeting of the month. Members attending included Vice Mayor Danny Nugent, Commissioner Scott Roberts and Commissioner Shannon Smith. Also present were Director of Operations Scott Anaheim, City Clerk Jimmy Crosby, Deputy Clerk Lisa Heeder, City Attorney Clay Martin and City Manager Drew Mullins. Mayor Janice D. Mortimer and Commissioner Wilbur Waters were absent.

Vice Mayor Nugent asked for agenda changes. Mr. Mullins asked to postpone the two public hearings. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Nugent entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Commission Meeting and the commissioner bill review. Commissioner Smith made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Attorney Martin asked who reviewed the bills. Commissioner Roberts said he did. The motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Nugent asked for any emergency items. There were none.

Vice Mayor Nugent 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." Mark Williams from Dink's came forward and asked for an update on the construction. He said he heard that the project will not be completed in April of 2023. He asked how local business owners can get updates. Mr. Mullins said he will provide updates. Mr. Williams asked what Thompson Street was going to look like once the construction is finished. Commissioner Smith said they asked the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for a beautification plan some time ago but have not received one. Mr. Williams asked about the parking lot. Mr. Anaheim said he would like to tear it out and put in asphalt and car charging stations.

Vice Mayor Nugent called for old business. There was none.

Vice Mayor Nugent called for public hearings. There were none.

Vice Mayor Nugent asked for the city clerk report. Clerk Crosby had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Nugent asked for the police chief report. Chief Johnson was not there.

Vice Mayor Nugent asked for the attorney report. Attorney Martin said he has nothing further.

Vice Mayor Nugent asked for the city manager report. Mr. Mullins addressed the park security cameras. He passed out a quote for around \$33,000. He said he is asking the commission to approve the quote in the packet for around \$15,000 from Norton Telcom. Vice Mayor Nugent asked who would monitor the cameras. Mr. Anaheim said the police department will have access to it and they can be monitored on smart phones. Commissioner Roberts asked if the cameras are going to be where they can't be damaged. Mr. Mullins said yes. Vice Mayor Nugent entertained a motion. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the quote for \$15,038. Mr. Crosby said the money will be coming out of the ARA funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Mullins asked Michael Heeder to come forward to talk about the Touch A Truck event. Mr. Heeder said they had one in 2019 at the fair grounds that was a huge success. He said this year he would like to have one downtown. He said he is asking for Call Street to be closed from Walnut Street east to Water Street along with a portion of Thompson Street. He is also asking approval to use the square for a concert. Vice Mayor Nugent asked when the event is. Mr. Heeder said April 9 and the road closures will be from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Vice Mayor Nugent asked about insurance. Mr. Heeder said the Chamber of Commerce will provide the insurance. He asked for the city to assist with garbage receptacles. Commissioner Smith said he believes porta-potties will need to be provided. Attorney Martin suggested a motion to approve the road closure and the use of the square subject to the city's special event policy and to direct staff to work with Mr. Heeder to facilitate trash receptacles. Commissioner Smith made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Mullins addressed the vac truck lease. He said this came before the commission at the last meeting but there will be about six months of interest. Mr. Mullins asked who the authorized signor is. Attorney Martin said the lessor has requested a resolution be approved by the commission. He said the appropriate motion would be to approve the resolution in the packet under exhibit D as resolution 2022-19. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve resolution 2022-19. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Vice Mayor Nugent asked what the warranty is. Mr. Anaheim said there are multiple warranties. Attorney Martin asked the commission to approve Mr. Mullins to be the authorized signor. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Mullins addressed Resolution Number 2022-18 the developer agreement for Welford Place. Attorney Martin said all parties are satisfied with the agreement. Commissioner Smith made a

motion to approve resolution 2022-18. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Mullins to introduce himself to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Commissioner Roberts had nothing further.

There being no further business Vice Mayor Nugent entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.