

Commission Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2022  
5:30 pm

Mayor Janice D. Mortimer 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 Attorney Clay Martin will lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mayor Mortimer asked for agenda changes. Mr. Mullins asked to add item 11.C. Barnyard Fantasy Football Annual Rib Cookoff and remove item 6. Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Smith made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the May 24, 2022 Commission Meeting, the Bradford Cowboy Athletic Association Downtown Square use and road closure from North Church Street to North Cherry Street for a 5K run June 11, 2022 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, a bucket truck purchase up to \$200,500 and the commissioner bill review. Mayor Mortimer said she reviewed the bills and recommends paying them. Commissioner Smith made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Commissioner Smith asked about the quarterly bill review. Clerk Crosby said he doesn't know anything about it. Attorney Martin said there was a change to the ordinance and he will go over it with Clerk Crosby. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Mortimer asked for emergency items. There were none.

Mayor Mortimer 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 Mortimer called for old business. Clerk Crosby said qualifying for the city elections will be June 13, 2022 to June 17, 2022.

He said the city will receive \$200,000 from the Governor for the Police Department roof. Commissioner Smith asked about bids. Chief Johnson said he will request bids from contractors who submitted them previously. Commissioner Waters asked if the roof would be flat. Chief Johnson said it will be a false foam roof with a pitched roof on top and guaranteed for 25 years. Mayor Mortimer asked if \$200,000 will cover the cost. Chief Johnson said he thinks it will cover the roof but not the generator.

Mayor Mortimer called for public hearings. There were none.

Mayor Mortimer asked for the City Clerk report. Clerk Crosby said that was it.

Mayor Mortimer asked for the City Manager report. Mr. Mullins addressed the Citizen Advisory Board appointments. He said there are five individuals and he recommends appointing them. Mayor Mortimer asked for the wishes of the board. Commissioner Waters made a motion to appoint all five of them. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Mullins addressed the rankings for the Building and Zoning Contractor. He said there was only one response from Inspection Solutions, LLC. He asked for approval to start negotiations. Commissioner Smith asked if this is a temporary solution. Mr. Mullins said it will be short term. Commissioner Smith asked how long. Mr. Mullins said about eighteen months. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the ranking and begin negotiations. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Mullins addressed the Barnyard Fantasy Football League square use for the Annual Rib Cook Off Contest. He said Florida Sheriffs Risk Management Fund provided the insurance and profits will go to Shop With a Cop. Mayor Mortimer said they are asking for use of large tents. Michael Heeder said he believes the tents belong to the Downtown Grill. Mayor Mortimer asked Mr. Mullins to let them know we can't provide the tents. Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to approve use of the square August 27, 2022 from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Commissioner Waters made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Mortimer asked for the Police Chief report. Chief Johnson said the Governor signed a noise ordinance. He said warnings will be issued initially. Mayor Mortimer said she is excited to move forward with this and she is in favor of warnings but not warning after warning. Commissioner Smith asked if the ordinance applies to exhaust systems too. Chief Johnson said that is different.

Mayor Mortimer asked for the attorney report. Attorney Martin asked Chief Johnson to provide him a copy of the noise ordinance.

Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Mullins about looking for another inmate supervisor. Mr. Mullins said one of them transferred to the warehouse.

Commissioner Waters had nothing further.

Mayor Mortimer said the board approved Juneteenth as a holiday for employees. She said there will be a Juneteenth Community Event on June 18, 2022 at the Tiger's Den from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. She encouraged the commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Waters asked about the packet on communication from the sheriff for \$142,278.36. He said it started out at \$70,000. Commissioner Waters said he would like it brought back up at the next meeting. Mayor Mortimer asked if he would like Chief Johnson to get more information. Commissioner Waters said he would.

Mayor Mortimer said she had the pleasure of visiting a citizen while the new vac truck was being used. She said Richard Vanorden stopped what he was doing and answered all her questions. Mayor Mortimer said Mr. Vanorden did a fantastic job showing her how the truck works and she encouraged the other commissioners to see it. She asked Mr. Mullins to pass her appreciation on to Mr. Vanorden.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.