

Commission Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022
5:30 pm

Vice Mayor Shannon 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 I will lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

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

Vice Mayor Smith asked if there were any agenda changes. Clerk Crosby asked to remove number 4.B. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion approve the agenda changes. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Redding. The motion passed 4-0.

Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Redding made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. 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 November 1, 2022 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2023-10 ratifying an Administrative Declaration of a local state of emergency, Resolution Number 2023-11 approving the agreement with Teal Tile and Carpet to provide flooring products and installation services and the commissioner bill review. Commissioner Mortimer said she reviewed the bills and made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for emergency items. There were none.

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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 three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.” There was no citizen participation.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the City Clerk report. Clerk Crosby said the audit presentation will be on December 20, 2022. He said they need to hold a special meeting on November 22, 2022 on interim financing. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Redding. The motion passed 4-0.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the City Manager report. Mr. Mullins addressed Resolution 2023-12 declaring a public need to take property for the Call Street lift station as public domain. Mr. Mullins said it is to relocate the lift station out of a flood zone. Attorney Martin read the resolution by title. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve Resolution Number 2023-12. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commission Redding. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Mullins introduced Jay Penate as the new Utility Project Director.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the Police Chief report. Chief Johnson addressed Resolution Number 2023-08 approving the canine lease agreement with Michael Gillick. He said it is the same as the last contract. Vice Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve the reresolution. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2023-08. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

Chief Johnson said there was a large police presence on Bessent Road because of a subject on a stolen motorcycle who grabbed his four-year-old daughter and ran into the woods. Chief Johnson said the child is safe.

Vice Mayor Smith asked for the City Attorney report. Attorney Martin had nothing.

Commissioner Nugent had nothing further

Commissioner Mortimer had nothing further.

Commissioner Redding had nothing further.

Commissioner Smith had nothing further.

Commissioner Mortimer asked Pam Whittle with the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce about her presence at the meeting. Mrs. Whittle said she came here before the County Commission Meeting. She said the Tornado and Veteran Flags are up. Mrs. Whittle said Christmas on Call Street is going well. The lighting of the new Christmas tree will be at 6:45 pm on Friday night. Mrs. Whittle said Shop Small Saturday will be after Thanksgiving. She said after the Christmas Parade LeeAnn Purvis will lead a sing along and the Funtastic Fire Brigade will be taking people on tours.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.