

Commission Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024
5:15 pm

Mayor Roberts said before we begin the official meeting of the City of Starke City Commission there will be a time of voluntary prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those willing to do so are asked to stand and Commissioner Nugent will lead us in prayer followed by the Pledge.

Mayor Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Members in attendance included Mayor Scott Roberts, Commissioner Danny Nugent, Commissioner Andy Redding and Commissioner Shannon Smith. Also in attendance were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby, Deputy Clerk Lisa Heeder, General Manager Drew Mullins, Building & Zoning Official Kevin Powell and Attorney Scott Walker. Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer was absent.

Mayor Roberts asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. He said for the record Commissioner Mortimer is not with us tonight. He entertained a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Commissioner Redding made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Roberts called for the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the September 3, 2024 Commission Meeting, the Minutes of the September 5, 2024 Tentative Budget Hearing, the Interlocal Agreement with Bradford County for the Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant for a digital infrastructure assessment, Resolution Number 2024-51 approving that certain agreement with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for local government comprehensive planning services and the commissioner bill review. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Redding made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Roberts said 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

welcome. Mayor Roberts asked Joseph Davis to come forward. Mr. Davis Public Information Officer for the Small Business Administration spoke about the organization.

Mayor Roberts called for the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-16 on second reading. Attorney Walker said this is an ordinance of the City of Starke Florida amending the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended, pursuant to an application, LDC 24-02 by the City Commission, relating to an amendment to the text of the Land Development Code; providing for amending Section 1-12 entitled definitions by adding definitions for above-ground fueling station, electric distribution substation; providing for amending Section 4 by adding electric distribution substation as a permitted use in certain zoning categories in accordance with Section 163.3208, Florida Statutes as amended; providing for amending section 4 by adding above-ground fueling stations as an accessory use to electric distribution substations in certain zoning districts; providing for amending Division 4 entitled miscellaneous provisions by adding Section 4-219 entitled electric distribution substations by adding supplementary requirements consistent with Policy A.1.28 of the comprehensive plan providing for amending Division 4 entitled miscellaneous provisions by adding Section 4-220 entitled above-ground fueling, gas or chemical storage tanks by adding supplementary requirements for above-ground storage tanks; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. The appropriate motion is to pass Ordinance 2024-16 upon second reading by title only. Mr. Powell said this is a text amendment to our Land Development Code, bringing us more into compliance with State Statute on electrical distribution systems adding the verbiage fuel tank storage as an accessory to the electrical distribution system. This is the second reading. We have no additional information at this time pending any questions from the commission. Mayor Roberts asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-16. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-16. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Roberts said we have no quasi-judicial hearings.

Mayor Roberts asked for the general manager's report. Mr. Mullins said the collection system in the Laura Street and Redgrave Street area is being worked on Mondays through Saturdays to get the job done. Mayor Roberts said what is the estimated completion time. Mr. Mullins said they have until October 19th for substantial completion but there is going to be a bit of a delay.

Mayor Roberts said moving on to the chief administrative officer's report. Mr. Crosby asked Architect Paul Stresing to present the concept for the City Walk Park. Mr. Stresing presented the proposal that included a new pavilion and renovations to the existing pavilion. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Redding made a motion to approve for discussion. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Nugent asked how much space the other pavilion will take up. Commissioner Smith said it's very minimal. Mr. Stresing said because we're taking advantage of the corner. Commissioner Smith asked about handicapped parking

for Veteran's Park. We talked about using the road as access for parking for them to get back to the park. Mr. Crosby said we will need to make the sidewalk handicap accessible. Mayor Roberts called for a vote. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Roberts called for the city attorney's report. Attorney Walker invited the commissioners to visit their office on 8th Street in Gainesville.

There was no law enforcement report.

Mayor Roberts called for the commissioner's reports.

Commissioner Nugent said the Northeast Florida League of Cities Dinner is Thursday night in Palatka and starts at 5:30.

Commissioner Smith thanked the board, the city managers, and Mr. Crosby. He said it has been a pleasure to serve on this board.

Commissioner Redding said I'm good.

Mayor Roberts asked Commissioner Smith to come to the next meeting. Commissioner Smith said he will come back for a picture. Mayor Roberts said I appreciate serving with you.

Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Redding made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.