

Commission Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2024
5:30 pm

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

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner Bob Milner, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent and Commissioner Scott Roberts. Also in attendance were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby, Deputy Clerk Lisa Heeder, Finance Director James Hughes, General Manager Drew Mullins and Attorney Scott Walker.

Mayor Redding asked if there were any agenda changes, additions or deletions. Mr. Mullins said in Resolution Number 2025-04 city manager was changed to general manager. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-03 amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and continuing through September 30, 2024, Resolution Number 2025-04 DEP Agreement Number WG118 Change Order 1, the Code of Core Values for Civility and Ethics and the commissioner bill review. Commissioner Milner said in the minutes where Paul Still came before us it should say Bradford Soil and Water Conservation and with that he made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 5-0.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Redding called for citizen requests. Patricia Evans came forward and stated her address as 17148 North East 5th Avenue in Starke. She requested support for the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation and Rural Counties Day. Judith Young came forward to talk about the damage being done in the historic district by trucks and speeding.

Mayor Redding called for public hearings the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation Membership. Commissioner Milner said he asked for this to be put on the agenda because the city has a lot to gain. Mr. Crosby said it could be funded with ARA money. Commissioner Mortimer said she supports economic development but wants to table this until they get answers to their questions. Mayor Redding entertained a motion

to table it. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Milner opposed the motion.

Mayor Redding called for the general manager's report. Mr. Mullins said Christmas decorations will be going up next week. Complications with the collection system will extend the project another two to four months. The DOT Landscaping project has started.

Mayor Redding called for the chief administrative officer report. Mr. Crosby said part of the issue with trucks on side roads is the maps on phones and we are working on that issue. Most of you have signed up for Rural Counties Day but if you haven't let us know ASAP. We have been working with the Northeast Florida Rural Economic Corporation even though we are not a member. Mrs. Shepherd has had a couple of companies come in and talk with me about the town and the community. She is very good at what she does and I would like to work with her on customizing our benefits.

Mayor Redding called for the city attorney report. Attorney Walker said their ethics training is December 18th.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Roberts made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.