

Commission Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025
5:30 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 Attorney Danielle Adams, Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder and General Manager Drew Mullins.

Mayor Redding asked if there were any agenda changes, additions or deletions. Hearing none, Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the consent agenda. Mr. Crosby asked that item B. be removed from the consent agenda and placed under public hearings item 8.A. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the January 7, 2024 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-10 authorizing the Bradford County Supervisor of Elections to conduct a referendum for the April 8, 2025 election using mail-in ballots, Resolution Number 2025-11 approving the agreement with the Bradford County Supervisor of Elections for municipal elections management services and the commissioner bill review. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. 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's participation. There was no citizen's participation.

Mayor Redding called for public hearings. He said for the record, 8.A. which was 4.B. is Resolution Number 2025-09 approving the agreement with Andy Easton and associates for performance of the CDBG grant program administrative services for the CDBG-CV grant. Commissioner Mortimer said when I was reviewing this document, I saw on page four, item I, the project representative and we no longer have a city manager. So, I reached out to Mr. Crosby and asked him to check with the attorney because this allows us to make this type of change. Attorney Adams said all you are doing is changing the authorized signatory. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to change our authorized representative to the Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Jimmy Crosby. Commissioner Mortimer asked Attorney Adams for the appropriate language. Attorney Adams said to approve resolution 2025-09, understanding that Mr. Crosby will be designated as the signatory and the project manager. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve

Resolution Number 2025-09 with the modification that has been requested. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

There were no quasi-judicial hearings.

Mayor Redding called for the general manager's report. Mr. Mullins said the City of Starke's electric rate was the 8th lowest among FMPA members. Commissioner Milner asked Mr. Mullins to respond to the Telegraph article about the county going to solar to save money on electricity.

Mayor Redding called for the chief administrative officer's report. Mr. Crosby said the county has requested an update on the bypass water and sewer project that they are participating in with us. We will be presenting March 5th at 9:00 am. Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering will bring back a draft report on impact fees the middle of June. City hall will be closed tomorrow from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Mayor Redding called for the attorney's report. Attorney Adams said we engaged in an eminent domain matter for a lift station. We put \$8,000 down but a settlement offer has been made for \$12,000. We recommend that you authorize us to settle for \$12,000. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to settle for \$12,000. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the commissioner reports. Commissioner Nugent said he has discussed it with the Legion and they are 100% for naming the overpass the Veteran's Memorial Overpass. Commissioner Milner said he is not against it. Commissioner Roberts said he is not against it. Commissioner Mortimer said it is a well-deserved honor. Mayor Redding said he would like to include first responders and corrections officers and maybe name it Heroes Overpass. Commissioner Milner said he likes heroes. Commissioner Mortimer said she likes Heroes Memorial Overpass. Mayor Redding said what we need at this point is a motion to direct the city attorney to fashion a resolution for Heroes Memorial Overpass that designates who those heroes are to include all military and public safety personnel who have served. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Mr. Crosby asked for clarification on the exact motion for the record. Mayor Redding said we have a motion for a resolution for Heroes Memorial Overpass and the city attorney will articulate those veterans and public service members that will be included in being honored through the Heroes Memorial Overpass. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding said the MLK Banquet was very nice. Commissioner Mortimer thanked everyone for their participation and specifically Mayor Redding for his participation in the program. She thanked Commissioner Nugent, Commissioner Roberts, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Mullins and Ms. Bradley for their attendance. She said Commissioner Milner could not be there because he had a prior out of town engagement. She said your support of the event and the Concerned Citizens is priceless. There is no way they could achieve their goals without their partnership with the city.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.