

Commission Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025
5:30 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He said for the record Commissioner Nugent is not here this evening because he had a medical condition. We just want to keep him and his family in our prayers.

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner Bob Milner, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer and Commissioner Scott Roberts. Also in attendance were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Fire Chief Jason Clemons, Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Finance Director James Hughes, Captain Kevin Mueller, General Manager Drew Mullins, Sheriff Gordon Smith and Attorney Scott Walker.

Mayor Redding asked if there were any agenda changes, additions or deletions. Mr. Crosby asked to add a memorandum of understanding between Bradford County and the City of Starke under public hearings. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-15 declaring certain property listed under the assets of the City of Starke surplus, the prayer walk starting at Allen Chapel AME Church April 12, 2025 at 8:00 am and the commissioner bill review. Mayor Redding entertained a motion for the consent agenda. Commissioner Milner made a motion and said he reviewed the bills and all is good. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for old business. Carolyn Spooner came forward and asked the commission to consider naming the overpass to include all ordinary citizens whose lives were lost for being blocked by the trains. Mayor Redding said there may be an opportunity to have a memorial underneath the overpass. Mrs. Spooner said there is a cancer walk April 26th at 9:30 am starting at Mt. Pisgah AME Church.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Redding called for citizen's participation. There was no citizen participation.

Mayor Redding called for public hearings. He said we have Ordinance Number 2025-03 updating investigation fees for false alarm calls and this is the first reading. Attorney Scott said I'll read this by title only. This is Ordinance Number 2025-03 an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Starke updating investigation fees for false alarm calls from alarm systems within the City of Starke; providing for suspension of alarm systems;

prohibiting automatic telephone dialing systems; providing for appeals; allocating revenues generated by investigative fees; providing for severance; and providing an effective date. The appropriate motion would be to pass ordinance number 2025-03 upon its first reading by title. Mayor Redding said Chief Clemons is here to answer any questions. Chief Clemons said we are trying to encourage people to fix their alarms. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-03. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-03 on first reading by title only. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Crosby said the MOU is between Bradford County and the City of Starke. It allows for draws of the \$4,000,000 when we are at parts of the project. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to go forward with the MOU. Commissioner Roberts made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. The motion passed 4-0.

There were no quasi-judicial hearings.

Mayor Redding called for the general manager's report. Mr. Mullins passed out the Electric Modernization Presentation and reviewed it. Mr. Mullins said there was a theft at the yard and the Sheriff's Office found and charged the individual. Mr. Mullins said once the testing comes back correctly the wastewater treatment plant will be fully operational. He said a wastewater treatment plant operator is now dual certified in both water and wastewater. Mr. Mullins attended the APPA Rally last week in Washington DC and had very productive meetings with our Congresswoman Kat Cammack, along with Senator Scott's office and other legislators across the state along with other municipalities in Florida.

Mayor Redding called for the chief administrative officer's report. Mr. Crosby said we are going to start closing Wainwright Park after dark and we are going to put signage up accordingly and we are working with the Sheriff's Office on cameras for the parks.

Mayor Redding called for the attorney's report. Attorney Walker introduced Tom Robinson as a part of their team.

Mayor Redding called for the law enforcement report. Sheriff Smith presented the 2024 Annual Report.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The meeting was adjourned at 6 :46 pm.