

Commission Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025
5:30 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Mortimer opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Building & Zoning Office Manager Lance Campbell, Fire Chief Jason Clemons, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Code Enforcement Officer Nick Krah, Administrative Assistant Becky Moore, General Manager Drew Mullins, Sheriff Gordon Smith and Attorney Scott Walker.

Mayor Redding called for any agenda changes, additions or deletions. There were 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 entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Commission Workshop, the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Commission Meeting, the Great Pumpkin Escape \$500 candy donation, the Chalk Up an Appetite \$250 paper goods donation, the Chalk Up an Appetite road closure, Resolution Number 2025-34 use property delivered by quit claim deed from the State of Florida Department of Transportation for public purposes only, Resolution Number 2025-35 agreement between the city and Master Pyro Display, LLC for professional fireworks display services for the July 4, 2025 celebration and the commissioner bill review. Commissioner Roberts made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the special presentation by Commissioner Danny Riddick from the Bradford County Commission. County Commissioner Riddick said the vision is to create a connective, active, and thriving Bradford County by providing high quality recreation programs and maintaining safe, inclusive parks that enhance the well-being of all residents and visitors in both Bradford County and the City of Starke. He asked Sheriff Gordon Smith to speak. Sheriff Smith said recreation is crime prevention 101. He asked for consideration. County Commissioner Riddick said Braxton Britt got in touch with Southeastern Fast Pitch Softball and has already put on 4 tournaments. He said the Thomas Street Park is a lit facility. He advised putting together a 5 member board: one from the county, one from the city, one from the TDC and then two citizens appointed by the three standing members. They would need to hire a full-time recreation director to manage all the fields (soccer, football and baseball) and an assistant for the director. The proposed budget for one year Bradford County would put in \$150,000 the city would put in \$150,000 and he's trying to get \$150,000 out of the TDC board. This is for "our" kids, that's what this is all about. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to accept the

county's offer to partner on recreation and make a 2-year commitment. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. The motion passed 5-0.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Redding called for citizen's participation. Paul Still came forward and stated his address as 14167 South West 101st Avenue in Starke. He said the Edwards Bottomland Project is in terrible shape. He thinks that it will contribute significantly to flood risks in the City of Starke. He suggested the city convince the Swanee River Water Management District to do some corrections on that site. Mr. Mullins said he would reach out to them. Eulinda Russ came forward about the lift station. Mayor Redding said he didn't know if the commission has gotten a firm answer on the legal description but at this time, my understanding is, that the city does not own that lift station. Attorney Walker said he will do an official search.

Mayor Redding called for the general manager report. Mr. Mullins asked Architect Paul Stresing to come forward. Mr. Stresing presented the proposed architectural site plan for the music pavilion. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to move the pavilion to this location. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Mullins said Starke Fire Rescue applied for the S AFER Grant last year but did not receive it. They are going to apply for it again this year. In the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026 there are going to be 3 firefighters on a shift. The SAFER Grant would allow for 4 firefighters per shift. Mr. Mullins said the Badcock parking lot is finished. Mr. Mullins said the FMPA video has been filmed and the city will be able to market it. He would like to show it during a meeting in August.

There were no public hearings.

There were no Quasi-Judicial hearings.

Mayor Redding called for the attorney's report. Attorney Walker said he's looked at the boundary line agreement and it talks about Starke Homes Limited. That is not the city of Starke. Mr. Mullins indicates that Danielle's already looked at the tax parcel numbers on this, so it should be easy for them to see who's on the tax parcel number as the owner of the land. The piece of the puzzle they need is the developer agreement. Attorney Walker asked Mr. Mullins to look at the records to see if he could find the developer agreement but will get the commission a written opinion on that.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Milner made a motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.