

Commission Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2025
5:30 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Commissioner Nugent opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, 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, Finance Director James Hughes, Administrative Assistant Becky Moore, Captain Kevin Mueller, General Manager Drew Mullins and Attorney Scott Walker. Commissioner Bob Milner was absent.

Mayor Redding called for any agenda additions or deletions. There were none. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Roberts made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the June 16, 2025 Commission Workshop, the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-36 State Revolving Fund Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement WW040201, recension of Amendment 4 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement, Amendment 5 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement, Amendment 6 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement, appoint Judy Gaines as Trustee to the Police Officers' Pension Board and the commissioner bill review. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Redding called for citizen's participation. Zachary Paul came forward to introduce his business, Paragon Protection and Investigations. John Williams came forward to request local match funding for the ARC of Bradford County.

Mayor Redding called for the general manager report. Mr. Mullins said we need to set the dates for budget hearings and his recommendation would be to move the commission meetings for September to the 9th and the 23rd at 5:01 pm with the commission meetings following afterward. The commissioners agreed. Mr. Mullins said the commissioners had voted to name the overpass Heroes Memorial Bridge and that was signed by the governor. Mr. Mullins said the county this morning committed \$150,000 for recreation for two years. Mr. Mullins said the city will receive \$2,000,000 for the bypass utility extension. It was signed yesterday in the governor's budget. He asked

Justin deMello with Woodard & Curran how much that brings the city for the project. Mr. deMello said \$20,000,000 to extend utilities and upgrade the city's water infrastructure. Mr. Mullins said he, Commissioner Nugent, Commissioner Mortimer and several others attended the FPPTA Conference and it was very informative. Mr. Mullins said FMPA implemented a rate stabilization program so the price for natural gas came down to \$3.40. Commissioner Mortimer asked about the Edwards Bottomlands Project. Mr. Mullins said he had attended the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council meeting because Tyler Winburn was there. Mr. Winburn was aware of the issues and put him in touch with the correct person who will be presenting at a commission meeting in the future.

Mayor Redding called for public hearings. Ordinance Number 2025-04: Attorney Walker read the ordinance by title for second read. An ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida, creating Chapter 22, Article XI of the City of Starke code of ordinances entitled International Property Maintenance Code to adopt the 2024 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code; providing certain amendments thereto to conform with Florida law; creating references to delete portions with respect to the 2024 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code; providing for codification, conflicts, severability, applicability, and an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass Ordinance Number 2025-04. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for Quasi-Judicial hearings. Ordinance Number 2025-10: Attorney Walker administered the oath to swear or affirm to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth to Mr. Campbell. Attorney Walker asked if any of the commissioners had any ex parte communications. Commissioner Nugent said no. Mayor Redding said no. Commissioner Mortimer said no. Commissioner Roberts said no. Attorney Walker read the ordinance by title. An ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida, amending the zoning map of the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 25-02, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Agricultural (AGR) to Highway Commercial District (B-3) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; providing an effective date. Mr. Campbell said this is the second reading for the Bradford County Board to rezone the Bradford County Health Department. Their intention is to add an additional building and it is not zoned appropriately. The recommendation is to allow the zoning change. Mayor Redding entertained a motion. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion that Ordinance 2025-10 be approved on second reading as read by title. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Mayor Redding asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. He asked for any public input. There was none. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Redding called for Ordinance Number 2025-11 regarding voluntary annexation on second reading. Attorney Walker asked if there has been any ex parte communications. Commissioner Nugent said no. Mayor Redding said no. Commissioner

Mortimer said no. Commissioner Roberts said no. Attorney Walker read the ordinance by title. An ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida providing voluntary annexation of properties beyond the city limits for utility services; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass the ordinance. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Mayor Redding asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. He asked for any public input. There was none. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for the attorney's report. He said last time we had some discussion on Pine Forest Apartments. Attorney Walker said he thinks the answer was complete at the last meeting, but he would get the commission something in writing.

Captain Mueller handed out the Law Enforcement Report.

Mayor Redding said the governor has decided to let state employees be off on the third. He entertained a motion to give city employees the day off on Thursday. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.