Regular Meeting of City Commission Minutes
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

Commissioner Milner opened the meeting with a time of 2.Voluntary Prayer and the 3.Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Redding asked for 4.Roll Call. Commissioner Dimple Overstreet was present, Commissioner Bob Milner was present, Mayor Andy Redding was present, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer was present, Commissioner Danny Nugent was absent. Additionally, City Clerk Chrissy Thompson was present, City Manager Drew Mullins was absent, and City Attorney Scott Walker was present. Also in attendance were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Building & Zoning Office Manager Lance Campbell, Fire Chief Jason Clemons, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Assistant City Manager-Finance James Hughes, Code Enforcement Officer Nick Krahl, Grants Coordinator Becky May, Captain Kevin Mueller, Sheriff Gordon Smith, and Assistant City Manager-Utilities David Sparks.

Mayor Redding asked for any agenda changes for the 5.Approval of the Agenda. City Clerk Allen-Thompson asked to move Deana DiSiena from 13.a.ii.Bradford Sports United Presentation to Item 7.a. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion as amended. Commissioner Overstreet seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the 6.Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of: 6.a.Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Commission Meeting and 6.b.Commissioner Bill Review. Commissioner Milner reported he reviewed the bills, and they looked good. He made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published. It was seconded by Commissioner Overstreet. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding asked for 7.a.Bradford Sports United. He thanked Bradford County Commissioner Danny Riddick for coming, and gave him the floor. Commissioner Riddick thanked the Commission for allowing him and Recreation Director Deana DiSiena to present at the meeting. He said this started in January of 2025 after talking with many citizens, having meetings with the City and the County, and putting together a very diverse board of seven hard working people with a common goal, to help all children have a chance to play sports in Bradford County. He introduced the board members: Treasurer Marty Shaw, Board Member Joann Jackson, Vice President Josh Davis, Board Member Clint Collins, Secretary Cathy Bradley representing the City, Board Member Gene Melvin representing the Tourist Development Council and himself, President Danny Riddick representing Bradford County. He praised the Bradford Sports United Board M embers for the time and work they have put in. Commissioner Riddick stated they had 40 applications for the Recreation Director. They interviewed six people and believe they have come up with the best Recreation Director, Deana DiSiena, and she is going to be speaking in just a minute. Sheriff Gordon Smith has been very supportive of recreation. He even said recreation is

Crime Prevention 101 and they appreciate all his help. School Superintendent Will Hartley has been helpful. Athletic Director Samson Jackson has been very helpful. He has been involved right from the start, coming to a lot of the meetings, and providing a lot of good input. The Tourist Development Council donated $150,000 to help get this program going. The community's support has been unbelievable. All positive and very good. The importance of the City of Starke and Bradford County coming together and joining forces is what is making this happen. The first project they did was the restrooms at the Edwards Road Pickleball Court. They had two weeks to get this done before the Rotary Pickleball Tournament. Mark Williams with M & R Construction of North Florida started tearing everything out. It had the old jail toilets, the back wall was just a sheet of plywood, but they put in all new doors, new locks, completely re-wired the building, installed all new plumbing, and painted everything. The ceilings were just open rafters with spiders in them. They cleaned all that up, put in new ceilings in both bathrooms and the front porch area. Once they started tearing it apart, they realized there was only a three-quarter inch water line. They got in touch with Public Works Supervisor Danny Griffis for the City of Starke who came out and they told him what they needed. He asked when they needed it. They said in about three days to have it done for the Rotary Pickleball Tournament. Mr. Griffis was surprised, but two days later, he came and ran a two-inch water line, and it was ready to go. Commissioner Riddick stated he cannot say enough about Mr. Griffis. Commissioner Riddick added the project cost was $14,733 total, but Jackson Building Supply donated $660, Prestige Electric donated all the electrical work at $2,190, Philip McDonald Plumbing donated all the plumbing work at $3,140, and M & R C onstruction donated $4,631 in labor, making the total cost $4,112. The next phase is a current work in progress; the concession stand building. It has been totally gutted and the new trusses are ready to go. The plumbing has been done. Josh Davis from Swamp Cutters was there with a machine and jackhammered the old foundation. The girls' bathroom will expand from two toilets to eight. The boys' will expand from two toilets and one urinal to three toilets and five urinals. They are adding thirty-two feet to the front of the building that will be the new proposed concession stand, and then the other area will be for picnic tables. It will have scissor trusses in that area with fans. They are adding twelve feet to the back where a lot of the cooking will be done. Commissioner Riddick showed a slide with an elevation view of the project that will be the brand-new building. He thanked everyone involved, and turned the presentation over to Recreation Director DiSiena. Mrs. DiSiena shared that she is originally from Pennsylvania, and played sports all her life. She stopped playing direct sports her junior year of high school, because she wanted to focus on field hockey, which she played four years of Division One Field Hockey in college. She went to a small school in Pennsylvania called Washington, where she got her Master's Degree in Sports M anagement. She was also the Graduate Assistant for the Recreation Center, and ran all of the I ntramural Sports. She has been very busy, but moved here when she got married in July. She plans to work with Bradford Sports United for the greater future. The plan for Bradford Sports United is to create an environment for families to want to be a part of. They want it to be a clean and safe space that kids want to go to, whether it be after school or on the weekends, even if it's just something fun for families to go to. They want Bradford Sports United to be a headline in Bradford County and plan on it being affordable for everyone in the community, and for all ages. Although their leagues for the kids will be between the ages of four to seventeen, there will also be adult leagues that will take place later in the evenings, that will also help fundraise for future projects. So anyone that wants to come play, they are opening the doors to them. Fundraising wise, once they have teams come in who want to use the fields, there will be an expense. Also, if they have golf outings as planned and partner with local people in the community that want to help and want to donate money, then they are happy to do that to give back to the community as much as they can. With baseball and softball at Edwards Road Park, it will be for ages four to seventeen for spring and fall. They are heading into their spring season now. There will be a $100 registration for baseball and softball, ages eight to seventeen. Ages four to six will be in T-ball with a $75 registration fee. However, if a family has financial issues, they can contact Mrs. DiSiena directly, and she will be happy to help because they want all kids to be able to play. If a family has four kids, they are not going to charge them $400, there will be a discounted price. Hats and jerseys will be provided with the sign-up fee, and sign-ups will go live by Thursday. There will be racquetball at Edwards Road Park all year round. pickleball will be for all ages, and they are hoping to host tournaments. If there are any pickleball professionals, she would be happy to get them out there for clinics with the kids after school. Flag football will be for ages six to seventeen, but the start date is yet to be determined. They want to be in stride with all of the neighboring counties, because they do not want Bradford County kids going somewhere else. Basketball will be at both Edwards Road Park and Thomas Street Park during winter and spring. They are working on logistics for a soccer program for children ages four to seventeen at both Edwards Road Park and Thomas Street Park. Registration will be $100, but if a family has more than one kid they will be happy to work with them. If families are unable to pay, they have resources already in place that can get everything through. Mrs. DiSiena's 90-day plan is to meet with Bradford High School and members of the community to ensure they are creating an inclusive environment that is affordable for everyone in the community. They do not want any kids or families left behind. The Recreation Program is currently being promoted on Facebook. However, once registrations start there will also be a website and an Instagram Page so parents can follow along and be up to date with everything that is going on. Volunteer work will be mainly for the concession stand. They will need cooks to grill food. They are hoping to get parents or persons from the community willing to give up an hour of time on a weekend or a weeknight to come see the kids and volunteer. They would like to get with Bradford High School so that students can get service hours volunteering. Her goal is to allow kids and families to have a safe space to play and learn character building skills to help them live successful lives on and off the fields. She shared her contact information as 830 Edwards Road, Starke, Florida 32091 and email address info@bradfordsportsunited.com. She would be happy to share her phone number as well. She asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Mortimer expressed excitement about moving forward and thanked Mrs. DiSiena . Commissioner Milner inquired about the short-term plans for Thomas Street Park versus Edwards Road Park. Mrs. DiSiena said since it is baseball and softball season, Edwards Road Park is the main focus. Once that is underway and self-sustainable in about two months, she will be ready to start focusing on soccer and flag football, so that both parks are being used full-time. C ommissioner Milner said he is very impressed and they have a great committee. The City has had the facilities for many years, but they are in dire need of improvements and that is getting done. He is excited about what Bradford Sports United is doing. Commissioner Riddick said by next week they will be leveling all six fields. Josh Davis from Swamp Cutters is going to be helping with that. They will be skimming the sand off the top of the clay, leveling out the outfields, hauling in new clay, and installing new bases which will be a major upgrade. They put in for a $150,000 Appropriations Grant. Hopefully, Senator Jennifer Bradley and Representative Chuck Brannon will be able to help them receive it. If they do, they will fence the entire facility. Mayor Redding thanked Commissioner Riddick and Mrs. Disiena for the great things on the horizon and everything that comes with it. He thanked them for the presentation.

Mayor Redding asked if there were any other 7. Emergency Items. There were none.

Mayor Redding asked for 8. Citizens Request. Mayor Redding called for Brian Grant here in regard to City-sponsored events. Mr. Grant had a written statement he read from. *"Good Afternoon Mayor, City Commission. My name is Brian Grant. I live at 6665 County Road 21B in Bradford County. My purpose here is to express my concern for the ongoing relationship that Bradford County and the City of Starke have with Jimmy Clark and his band Clark Hill. You have allowed a convicted child molester to be represented on the stage of the Bradford High School in 2016 and now, 10 years later, at the City of Starke Pavilion on New Year's Eve. It more than troubles me that this continues to be condoned, especially when everyone in this room and in this County knows his reputation with children. The optics alone are condemning. The leaders of this community are okay with him because of his long running ties, family or otherwise, to elected officials, the Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Corrections. I am here to speak to the moral blinders of whoever's actions granted a known pedophile to continually be allowed to be in direct contact with our kids. Who do we hold accountable? The City, the County, the Sheriff, the School Board, the people in this audience? The leaders in this County, then and now, are not innocent. You are and have been complacent accomplices. The actions of his crime were not a simple August-September relationship as two naive teenagers. He as an adult, had an ongoing heinous sexual relationship with an 11-year-old girl. His abominable actions, charges, and convictions are public record. Have you ever read the reports verbatim of what he actually did to her? They have been in the press and on social media. What has she suffered? This is not the first time you have heard of his perversions, nor will it be the last. Now that more and more of your constituents are learning of how you protected him, swept it under the rug, and let him off with a slap on the wrist, I need my elected officials to have the fortitude and morals to end this relationship commercial event or otherwise, and actually vet who is performing at County, City, and School sponsored events. I don't care if he holds an event at a private entity, but when elected officials and leaders of this community permit this on public property, it certainly looks like an endorsement of a predator being allowed to walk alongside our children. Thank you very much."* Mayor Redding said his recommendation is that the Commission consult with legal counsel and the Sheriff, and then we address this matter at a later time that way policies can be reviewed. He stated that the proper permitting requirements were met. There were no known legal prohibitions to keep that entity or that individual from being able to utilize the venue. He wanted it to go on record that a utilization of the venue is not an endorsement of the event. Mayor Redding said if an entity wanted to use the venue that is adverse to someone's political beliefs or their individual beliefs, one thing that comes along with the First Amendment is someone has the right to their opinion and their ability to speak, and the others can represent themselves equally as well. Mayor Redding said he spent time speaking with Mr. Grant yesterday on the phone, and he appreciates Mr. Grant's involvement. He does not want anybody to think adversely of Mr. Grant. We can all work together to form the best management practices and policies so we serve everyone equally and adequately. Mayor Redding t hanked Mr. Grant. Mayor Redding said you have 30 seconds remaining if you would like to respond, I would just ask that you do not make any accusations or derogatory remarks about other individuals. Mr. Grant said we spoke yesterday, and it was his understanding that all the City did was permit it. They did not promote it, but it was promoted in the Press, with the City talking to a reporter for the announcement of the Starke New Year's Eve Bash. He understood that it was not a City event, but when an event is at the High School, and it involves a child molester, and it is allowed to be held on the stage and promoted by the City and the County, it is an issue. He did not think a molester should have that venue. He did not understand how that happened. Mayor Redding said he understood, and thanked him for his comments. Mayor Redding said he was not sure about the accuracy of all of it, but he did appreciate Mr. Grant's time. Commissioner Mortimer agreed the City needs to get legal to give them specific direction on what they can legally do and cannot do. Mayor Redding included that they may need a policy review. Obviously, the safety of our community and individuals is paramount, because that is who the Commission is here to serve further Mayor Redding. Commissioner Milner suggested having a Workshop before a Commission Meeting, along with the attorneys, about a Facility Use Agreement. Mayor Redding said he believed they needed to do that anyway. There has been an upgrade at the Pavilion and money has been spent. Mayor Redding called for the next person for Citizen Participation, Deanna Williams from 707 North Street. Ms. Williams started by thanking the City for giving her mother the house at 707 North Street. She then stated that she was at the meeting to discuss what used to be Bradford Cowboys Football. She said that she thought football was being left out stating that "if Bradford County is all about foot on Friday night, why can't we get help on Saturdays?" She informed the Commission of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the organization. She stated that all she was asking for was to help us with the kids. Every two years the kids have to have new helmets. They also need shoulder pads. She advised they are on Thomas Street, but cannot have a home game without having to pay Bradford High School. She stated that her son came from there, graduated from there, and went on to college. They have been trying their best raising money. They have tried asking on the side of the road – but cannot anymore, went to different organizations – but get turned down. She said she understood that the Cowboys had a bad reputation, but she advised they were going to change the name and that what they need is help at Thomas Street. She advised that she had put a brand new water fountain out there, and someone tore it up in the town. She stated they had to clean the bathrooms. She advised the City has different people come to clean it, but it's not done properly for little kids to get on the toilets. She said like out at Edwards Road, her son played basketball, football, baseball, and everything else out there. She asked that the Commission give each and every one the same opportunity as they give the other recreation centers. She pleaded by stating that they have to turn down these little kids because they do not have the money. She continued explaining that they don't have anything out there and that everything is old. She said Mr. Willie B has been out there almost 45 years. He, herself, and others have put in money out of their own pockets. She asked the Commission not to leave them out this year and to please help. Mayor Redding thanked her and asked City Clerk Allen-Thompson if she would be willing to communicate with Ms. Williams regarding this matter and get you in contact with the Rec Director. City Clerk Allen-Thompson gave Ms. Williams her business card with her cell number and advised she would get her in contact. City Clerk Allen-Thompson also advised she would get Ms. Williams the grant process. Mayor Redding advised that the City has a new grant process that has been updated where the applications are submitted, everybody gets together, and then they decide on how to make things happen equally. Mayor Redding inquired how the organization was setup, was it as a 501c3? Ms. Williams advised that is what she is in the process of trying to do. Mayor Redding advised that Bradford Sports United just completed this process. Ms. Williams interjected that they left football out. Mayor Redding went on to explain that they have just navigated through the process of getting the 501c3 status, and he feels like there may be some great opportunities there for some parallel cooperation and then through this grant process that has potential there to grow over time. Commissioner Mortimer stated that her son came up through the Pop Warner Program under Mr. Willie B, but echoed what Mayor Redding said about partnering with Bradford Sports United. She elaborated saying that every sports should be included that they can that way no child is left behind. She reminded Ms. Williams to take advantage of the grant process in order to get some funding, possibly quicker than waiting for all the i's dotted and t's crossed. Commissioner Milner stated that he did not purport to speak for Bradford Sports United as there were members present, but he didn't think there was an intent to leave out football.

He stated that where football may be Ms. Williams' priority, theirs had to be an overall priority of the facilities and the seasons as they come along and those who can participate the most, and that's why they chose the route they did. He reiterated as Mayor Redding said that in addition to working with City Clerk Allen-Thompson on the limited amount of grants, there is a potential bright future for football. Mayor Redding and Commissioner Mortimer stated they feel it would be a welcomed venture. Ms. Williams again asked for help so they do not have to pay for things out of pocket. Executive Assistant Bradley said she did contact Mr. Willie Brown today to invite him to the meeting as to not forget about them, but he was in Jacksonville and unable to attend. Commissioner Mortimer asked Executive Assistant Bradley to get Mr. Willie Brown the meeting schedule so he can start attending. Commissioner Mortimer advised Ms. Williams that she can also attend those meetings as they are open to the public.

Mayor Redding asked for [9.]New Business. There was no New Business.

Mayor Redding asked for [10.]Old Business: [10.a.]Charter Review and [10.b.]Impact Fees. He called for the [10.a.]Charter Review. Clerk Allen-Thompson said the Charter Review Committee will meet on January 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm. It is progressing. The attorneys, herself, and staff are doing what they need to do. Commissioner Mortimer asked if that will that be the organizational setup meeting. Clerk Allen-Thompson replied yes. Mr. Walker reported his partner attended the first meeting, and said it went very well. Mayor Redding asked for [10.b.]Impact Fees. Clerk Allen-Thompson reported they have nothing new on the impact fees.

Mayor Redding asked for [11.]Public Hearings. There were no Public Hearings.

Mayor Redding asked for [12.]Quasi Judicial Hearings: [12.a.]Ordinance Number 2026-04 and [12.b.]Ordinance Number 2026-05. He said these were pertaining to the same parcel of land, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Starke and amending the Zoning Map of the City of Starke Land Development Code. Attorney Walker said if anyone anticipated speaking about either of the next two items to raise their right hand and swear or affirm to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Mr. Campbell and Leonard Nicks were sworn in. Attorney Walker asked if he could have a statement as to whether or not there have been any ex parte communications. Commissioner Milner said no. Mayor Redding said no. Commissioner Mortimer said no. Commissioner Overstreet said no. Attorney Walker read [12.a.]Ordinance Number 2026-04 by title. "An Ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Starke C omprehensive Plan, as amended, relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an Application S250903A, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Section 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for a change in the Land Use Classification from Commercial and Low Density, R esidential (less than or equal to 2 units per acre) to Industrial on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date." Mr. Campbell said this was the second reading; they have no new notes. Nothing has changed since the first reading. He was there to answer any questions. Mayor Redding asked if the recommendation was still that everything is good. Mr. Campbell said yes. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass Ordinance Number 2026-04 on second reading. Commissioner Milner made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-04 as read by title only by Attorney Walker. Commissioner Mortimer seconded the motion. Mayor Redding asked for any further comments. There were none. He asked for any public comments. There were none. Motion passed

4-0. Mayor Redding asked for [12.b.]Ordinance Number 2026-05. Attorney Walker read Ordinance Number 2026-05 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 10 or more contiguous acres of land; pursuant to Application Z 25-03, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Single Family, Very Low Density (R1-A) and Community C ommercial District (B-2) to General Industrial District (I-2) 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." Mayor Redding confirmed with Attorney Walker that they were all still under oath before proceeding. Mr. Campbell said this is the same as the last; they have no new notes and still think this should be approved. He was there to answer any questions. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-05 on second reading. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion that Ordinance Number 2026-05 be approved as read by title, by the attorney on second reading. Commissioner Overstreet seconded the motion. Mayor Redding asked for further discussion. There was none. He asked for public comments. There were none. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding asked for [13.a.]City Manager Report. Mr. Mullins was not in attendance, but [13.a.i.] Justin deMello from Woodard & Curran was there regarding Resolution Number 2026-15. Attorney Walker read [13.a.i.1.]Resolution Number 2026-15 by title. "A resolution of the City of Starke, Florida, relating to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program, making findings; authorizing the Loan Application; authorizing the Loan Agreement; establishing pledged revenues; designating authorized representatives; providing assurances; providing for conflicts, severability , and effective date." Mayor Redding said they heard the reading of the resolution, and now they will hear from Mr. deMello. Mr. deMello introduced himself as a Principal Professional Engineer and Vice President with Woodard & Curran. They have been the City's partner on all things water, wastewater, and wet utilities for about six years. Also, their team partners with the City on funding, planning, utilities, and design. They operate the City's water and wastewater infrastructure as well. He was there to talk about a funding opportunity that they identified following the 2024 storm events of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. At the end of the Summer of 2024 within two weeks of each other, Florida was impacted by both Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, affecting the Gulf Coast, parts of Starke, and most of Florida; and wildly considered two of the most impactful storms to hit the West Coast in the last 100 years. Their Operations Team said the storms were approaching so they needed to do things to harden the infrastructure, make sure they have adequate fuel and generators and full water pressure tanks. Also to remind them while in the state of crisis to document any things that come out of the event like power outages, trees down, and sewer overflows in order for them to take that information and turn it into a Subsequent Funding A pplication; because pictures and real time live events are worth millions of dollars when it comes to some of these supplemental appropriations. City Staff did a great job during the event and immediately following the event of making sure power was restored and other things to position themselves for these grant opportunities that subsequently came out of it. In total, they submitted three applications on behalf of the City: one for drinking water, one for wastewater, and one for stormwater. Ultimately, only one of those was funded, but that funding was fairly substantial. C ongratulations is due for the team because the City was placed on the Intended Use Plan. That is an IUP by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and amounted to about $23 ,000,000 for drinking water system improvements that carry a loan, but it also carries a 100% principal forgiveness. So there will be no out of pocket money. The City will basically receive a $23,000,000 grant to improve their drinking water system. Many of those improvements have been identified in their previous planning documents, and are moving forward in design, some of which are ready for construction, but because of this they are going to have to pause the construction process that they are currently on to make sure all the planning documents that they have developed, as well as the designs, meet the intent of the grant that has been secured in order to move forward with the grant money. He added that most of the project they were in the process of designing for the City's water system upgrades amounting to around $16,000,000 to $18,000,000 would qualify for this grant. The water meter replacement will not, and they will have some pieces that will still need to be funded elsewhere. Mr. deMello is thankful that the City has allowed them to be their partner and proactively seek these kinds of opportunities. The City and their staff, City Manager Mullins, Assistant City Manager-Finance Hughes and others in the room, General Council & Director of Human Resources Stephanie Mann have done a tremendous job of support ing them. The City has great team and staff, and Miss Bradley. All of the staff has done an incredible job to help position the City for this success. Mr. deMello asked for any questions. Commissioner Milner said the Bradford County Commissioners are specifically interested in the extension to the bypass. Mr. deMello said the extension to the bypass, from a water perspective, has been designed 100%. The wastewater extension to the bypass is in progress. That was a task order that the City Commission authorized late last year, and Woodard & Curran are moving that forward. They feel like the wastewater extension could be completed design-wise probably by this Summer. They are still on track. He stated that they are doing what they can to expedite the process the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) related to this grant. DEP is used to funding projects that start with planning, move into design, and then get construction. This project has already identified vulnerabilities, completed planning, and are in the design phase now. They are going to have to modify those documents to make sure that they meet the intent of the rule. The City has some commitments moving forward: getting utilities out to the bypass, getting new elevated storage, and getting the water plant upgrades. What they conveyed at the end of last year to the County is that they were likely looking at bidding the drinking water and the wastewater system projects this year in 2026. Mr. deMello stated he thinks they are still on that path but instead of Spring bidding, they are probably looking at Fall bidding. Commissioner Mortimer asked for confirmation that this grant would not cover the Septic-to-Sewer Project. Mr. deMello said they did not award the City any money for wastewater projects that they had submitted or stormwater. Mayor Redding said that they had through the County $4,000,000 in preparation for the wastewater, and they have made further requests to Tallahassee. Having heard the resolution related to Mr. deMello's presentation, Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-15. Commissioner Milner made a motion for the approval of Resolution Number 2026-15 as read by title by the attorney. Commissioner Overstreet seconded the motion. Mayor Redding asked for further comments. There were none. He asked for any public comments. There were none. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Redding thanked Mr. deMello.

Mayor Redding asked for the [13.b.] City Clerk Report. Clerk Allen-Thompson said the Northeast Florida League of Cities Dinner is January 15, 2026 at the Rod and Gun Club. If anybody would like to go, please let her know. Mayor Redding asked Clerk Allen-Thompson to sign him up. R ural Counties Day is January 21, 2026 and January 22, 2026 in Tallahassee. She thinks everybody that is going already has their arrangements, but if anyone else would like to go please let her know.

Mayor Redding asked for the [13.c.] Public Safety Report. Sheriff Smith gave the December 2025 R eport: 24 traffic crashes, 29 disturbances with eight that are mentally handicapped/Baker Acted, 91 needed legal advice, 65 suspicious incidents, two funeral escorts, 18 burglar alarm or panic, 1296 extra patrol checks, three DUIs within the City limits, one burglary, and five thefts. What is astonishing is only two shopliftings. They were able to host three hundred kids this year for H olidays with Heroes. Sheriff Smith said they changed this title from “Shop with a Cop” because they cannot do it just with the law enforcement. They have firemen, schoolteachers, line crewmen, and others. Captain Brad Witt and staff raised a lot of money, and were able to give each kid up to $150 tax free. He said there were two sex offenses and three missing people. They are working on a future grant, trying to find bracelets or some way of monitoring people missing from nursing homes. He continued that there were ten juvenile complaints, two threats or harassments, and 11 drug/narcotics investigations. He advised that hopefully by February, Captain Mueller will have their annual report.

Mayor Redding asked for the [13.d.] Attorney Report. Attorney Walker said he wanted to say thank you to Woodard & Curran. If any of the Commissioners attended their ethics presentation, Woodard & Curran underwrote the Cowboys meal that they had. Attorney Walker wanted to say Mr. deMello and his team, Morgan French, keeps all of the records on track. He has never seen anything like it. Other cities that he represents are getting tremendous grant opportunities.

Mayor Redding asked for the [14.] Mayor and Commissioner Reports. [14.a.] Commissioner Overstreet said she thinks the City of Starke is blessed beyond means to have a fantastic group of people who take their time to actually work and do things and have a vision to make this community better. So, thank you. [14.b.] Commissioner Milner said he sees more deputies around his neighborhood. T hank you so much. [14.d.] Vice Mayor Mortimer said she agreed with what Commissioner Overstreet said. [14.e.] Mayor Redding said he thankful for the crowd that they have had, the involvement that they have had and the fruitful exchange of ideas, and the progress again that they are making forward.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.