

**CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
SENIOR CITIZEN BUILDING
314 N 3rd STREET
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2023
6:00 PM**

The City Commission met on this date, January 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Senior Citizens/Community Building, 314 N. 3rd St, Wewahitchka, Florida. **Mayor Gaskin** called the meeting to order, asked **Sheriff Harrison** to lead a prayer and everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Mayor Gaskin
Commissioner Fisher
Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Cox
Commissioner Pettis

Sheriff

Mike Harrison

City Manager

Michael Gortman

City Clerk

Rachel Jackson

City Finance Director

Brittney Proctor

City Parks & Rec Director

David Paul

City Finance Clerk

Misty Robbins

Utility Billing Clerk

Jennifer Wright

Public

Tom Wynn
Christopher Wynn
Hunter Baumgardner
Gary Adkison
Pam Palmer
Royce Watkins
David Buzier
David Brown
Chris Bryan
Wendy Weitzel

Approval of Agenda – **Commissioner Cox** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes – **Commissioner Paul** made a motion to approve Regular Commission Meeting 11/29/22 **Commissioner Pettis** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Recognition – **James Watkins** a resident @ 593 Corn Griffin Street inquiring about getting the road paved. **Mr. Watkins** stated the County did come and fill in dirt, but still rough spots. **Commissioner Paul** asked **City Manager Michael Gortman** what did he find out from the County? **City Manager Michael Gortman** stated that they have not given him an answer about paving, but the county was supposed to grate and crown the road.

Following discussion, the board directed **City Manager Michael Gortman** to contact Gulf County Commissioner David Rich and request that he come to the next meeting to see what can be done.

Agenda

1. DEO CDBG-DR M0163 Storm Sewer Repairs Grant Agreement – City Clerk Rachel Jackson requested approval of and signature on Storm Sewer Grant Agreement DEO CDBG-DR M0163. **Commissioner Cox** made a motion to accept the Storm Sewer Grant Agreement DEO CDBG-DR M0163. **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Approval of Bills

1. Fisher's – Following review, **Commissioner Cox** made a motion to approve Fisher's Building Supply bills (\$1,768.43) **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, with **Commissioner Fisher** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

2. Charlie Pettis Pest Services – Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve payment of Charlie Pettis Pest Services invoice (\$90.00) **Commissioner Fisher** seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, with **Commissioner Pettis** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

3. Wewa Outdoors – Removed from agenda, no bills.

4. Regular Bills – Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the regular (\$51,992.38) with removal of Charlie Pettis invoice (\$90.00) that was included in error, recurring (\$56,423.08), and additional bills (\$26,563.49). **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business/Open Items

1. Fire station/old City Hall

(Original Substantial Completion Date 9/4/21, Original Work Completion Date 10/11/21)
(Change Order #3-7/29/21-Changed Substantial Comp. Date 11/17/21, Work Completion Date 12/25/21)

CHANGE ORDER #4-10/28/21 – SUBST. COMPLETION DATE 12/9/21, WORK COMPLETION DATE 1/15/22

City Manager Michael Gortman stated that he had talked to **City Attorney Michelle Jordan**, there are no updates at this time because the mediation had to be rescheduled.

2. Delinquent Utility Bills – Mayor Gaskin stated that they are down about a \$1,000.00

3. Water Losses – None

4. SEWER INFILTRATION AND INFLOW – None

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- 5. Ray Dickens Fish Fry for the Sr. Citizens (October 6, 2023) – None**
- 6. Lift Stations – City Engineer Hunter Baumgardner** stated they are waiting on a panel, but they do have it plumbed.
- 7. Overtime Report broken down by pay periods – None**
- 8. County LDR – City Engineer Hunter Baumgardner** stated that Ray Greer would be at the workshop to discuss the comp plan.
- 9. Employee Water/Sewer License Testing – City Manager Michael Gortman** stated Blake is working on his, David is working on his, and Michael is trying to find a work around for Kyle because testing is now computer based.
- 10. Senior Building – City Parks & Rec Director David Paul** stated the freezer has been moved off of back porch and are ready to purchase new freezer.
- 11. Cemetery Committee & Buckhorn Decorative Fencing – None**

Other Comments

City Manager Michael Gortman – Provided an update on the Old Panama Hwy easement/road that Jodi Rustin brought to the board at the previous meeting. **City Manger Gortman** stated the county property appraiser has not been able to determine if it was a road or easement. **City Manager Gortman** also said that he had discussed the issue with **City Attorney Michelle Jordan**; she hasn't found anything showing that the city accepted the subdivision because it is unrecorded, so the issue would need to be resolved by the owners.

City Parks & Rec Director David Paul – Stated we will have new lobby finished by middle to end of next week.

City Parks & Rec Director David Paul stated that he had received quotes back for a new mower and requested approval to purchase. The lowest quote was from Ushery's Associate Store in Marianna for \$10,957.40

Following discussion, **Commissioner Fisher** made a motion to approve the purchase of the 72" mower from Ushery's Associate store for \$10,957.40. **Commissioner Pettis** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Sherriff Mike Harrison – None

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City Engineer Hunter Baumgardner – Provided an update on the Waterline Project, stating all surveys are back, plans and design completed for Jehu line. Lake Ave. and E

River Rd. plans and designs are being worked on, once design is completed they will present to board for review.

City Clerk Rachel Jackson – stated that we received the annual Ferrovial Contract and requested signature.

City Finance Director Brittney Proctor – None

City Finance Clerk Misty Robbins – None

City Utility Billing Clerk Jennifer Wright – None

Mayor/Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cox – Stated the street signs at Red Bull Island need to be checked because there are missing signs.

Commissioner Cox also stated that we need to get inmates in the residential areas to clean out ditches and row's.

Commissioner Cox stated that he felt that the Christmas tree should not be taken out of lake until lights are removed from poles.

City Parks & Recs Director David Paul stated the pontoon started sinking and that's why the tree had to be removed prior to the other lights being taken down.

Commissioner Paul- Discussed the Triumph funds, following discussion **Commissioner Paul** asked **City Manager Michael Gortman** to check on it

Commissioner Pettis – Asked about the ball park lights. **City Manager Michael Gortman** talked to Kenny, they are waiting on light bulbs to come in.

Commissioner Pettis asked what about the poles. **City Manager Michael Gortman** stated we have to buy them and get the co-op to put them up. **Commissioner Pettis** said they have a meeting with TDC coming up and to get something for TDC agenda for February for cost of poles.

Commissioner Fisher – asked when will the workshop be held next week. **City Clerk Rachel Jackson** stated it will be Thursday, January 12, 2023 @ 9:00 am at the Annex.


Mayor Gaskin – None

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Adjournment


Commissioner Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. **Commissioner Cox** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Phillip Gaskin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rachel Jackson, City Clerk