

**CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
SENIOR CITIZEN BUILDING
314 N 3rd STREET
SPECIAL MEETING
September 1, 2021
5:00 PM**

Attendance

Mayor Phillip Gaskin
Commissioner Ralph Fisher
Commissioner Brian Cox
Commissioner Johnny Paul
Commissioner Charlie Pettis

Public Present

Jack Husband (SCE)
Hunter Baumgardner (SCE)
Tony Gainer
Henry Flack

City Attorney

Michelle Jordan

City Manager

Michael Gortman

City Superintendent

Chipper Wade

City Clerk

Rachel Jackson

Finance Director

Brittney Proctor

1. Resolution 2021-1177R – Variance John Hudnell-295 Beeline St. – City Clerk Rachel Jackson presented the variance request along with the letter requested from the board at the previous meeting. **City Attorney Michelle Jordan** stated that she was comfortable with accepting the emailed letter. **Commissioner Cox** made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1177R. **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Code Enforcement Ordinance – City Attorney Michelle Jordan presented and discussed in detail the proposed code enforcement Ordinance 2021-1215L. **City Attorney Jordan**, stated that the ordinance nearly mirrored the county code enforcement ordinance since Gulf County would be enforcing the rules that were laid out. The main difference is the appeals process, the County appeals goes to their Board of Commissioners, where appeals within the City would come before City Commissioners. **City Attorney Michelle Jordan** added that a fee for appeals would need to be set, however it would be best to set fees in a resolution rather than within the Ordinance. Following discussion, the board directed **City Clerk Rachel Jackson** to make a draft of the ordinance available to the public for inspection. **Commissioner Paul** to have **City Attorney Michelle Jordan** draft a code enforcement appeals processing fee resolution, with the fee being set at \$400.00. **Commissioner Fisher** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0, as **Commissioner Pettis** arrived during the discussion at 5:07 pm.

3. American Rescue Plan Act Agreement – City Clerk Rachel Jackson presented and explained the American Rescue Plan Funding Agreement and requested that the board accept the funding and approve signature of the agreement. Following discussion, **Commissioner Cox** made a motion to accept the funding and approve signing the agreement. **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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4. Attorney Hourly Rate – City Attorney Michelle Jordan presented and discussed a proposed increase to her hourly fee from \$150.00 per hour to \$175.00. Following discussion, **Commissioner Pettis** made a motion to accept the increased hourly rate. **Commissioner Fisher** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to adjourn at 5:19 p.m. **Commissioner Pettis** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA



Phillip Gaskin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rachel Jackson, City Clerk

