

March 8th, 2022

Regular Commission Meeting

Graceville City Commission met in regular session Tuesday March 8th, 2022, at 6:00 pm with the following commissioners present Curtis Pinkard, Arthur Obar (by zoom), Walter Olds, John McClendon, and Marshall Davis.

Also present were Michelle Watkins, Misty Smith, Frank Bondurant (by zoom), Jason Barley, Sonny Fortunato, Ricky Williams, Bob Lemons, Sharon Lemons, Bill Morrow, Ruby Ellis, J Faith Davis, Velma Wright, Eugene Adams, David Hughes, Tom Lawson, Kim Pollock, Dorothy Padgett, Chester Padgett, Jon Sims, Tony Watkins, and Tommy Dennis.

Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. McClendon seconded. All voted in favor.

Watkins stated the commission needed to appoint a canvassing board for the upcoming election. Walter Olds recommended Carol Dunaway, Misty Smith, Michelle Watkins, and Arthur Obar. Davis, McClendon, and Pinkard voted in favor.

Watkins stated she would like to schedule a code enforcement meeting for March 17th to discuss the property at 5386 Brown St. If there was no improvement by the 17th, we would schedule clean up around the 23rd of March.

Olds stated a little cleanup was not enough. Barley stated complete abatement was needed, the city would cleanup and place a lien. Pinkard made a motion to clean up the property and McClendon seconded. Davis, McClendon, and Pinkard voted in favor.

Watkins stated we needed to move next month's regular commission from the 12th to the 19th of April due to the election. M Davis made a motion to move meeting. Pinkard seconded. Davis McClendon, and Pinkard voted in favor.

Watkins stated we needed approval of Hurricane Michael Award Agreement pending final legal review. McClendon made a motion to approve. Pinkard seconded. Davis, McClendon, and Pinkard voted in favor.

(Obar jointed by zoom) Watkins stated that citizens on Mill Creek stated there was an issue with dumping. Watkins stated at night there was several dark areas and she had reach out to West Florida Electric and they took a look at situation. It is going to require placement of transformers to get lighting over there, but we need to do that. Watkins stated she is requesting authorization to explore addition lighting. M Davis made a motion to explore additional cost and details. McClendon seconded. All voted in favor.

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Watkins stated we had really been working on Tiger Park, getting ready for spring. One of the engineering firms come by and stated in October we would have a FRDAP cycle open. This is strictly for parks and recreation. Watkins stated we could apply for a splash pad with this money and not CDBG as previously discussed. Watkins stated you make a fall application and by spring you will know if you get funded. Watkins stated it would be quicker than CDBG. Pinkard made a motion to approve. McClendon seconded. All voted in favor.

Watkins stated Mr. Sid Riley has recently written a book about Graceville. The book talks about Wayne and Margie Mixon. He wants to have a book signing on April 19th at City Hall and they sent a proclamation that April 19th be designated as Margie Grace Mixon Day and have that in connection with the book signing. Davis made a motion to approve the proclamation. Pinkard seconded. All in favor.

Watkins stated we have had activity with the Mill Creek project. The construction bids were \$300,000 over the construction about DOT had us approved for. The staff and Rod Adams discuss at length the bids. There may be some storm and water work we can back out and subcontract them out ourselves and save a little bit of money, but we are still not going to be there. DOT stated they had no addition funding for this project. So, at this point it appears we need to reject the bids. DOT ask that we do some redesign work and resubmit plans to them. McClendon made a motion to reject the bids. Pinkard seconded. All in favor.

Watkins stated we had over 14 million in grants we were working. We have the lift station project at the plant \$650,000, the effluent pipe at the plant going out to the creek \$95,000, the legislative appropriation that is \$650,000, SCOP Brown St is \$1,231,319, Mill Creek and 6th Ave is \$756,742.00, SCOP Cliff and 2nd is \$1,059,992.48, the fire station is 2.4 million and wastewater improvements is 6.3 million. The Cares monies are \$350,596.41 and the American Rescue Plant Act a little over 1 million dollars. We have applied for legislative appropriation for improvements to grounds at wwtp and pw for \$515,000, \$700,000 for inflow and infiltration. And we applied for fire department, but we got that with the Hurricane Michael monies. Cooperative grant agreements- state dot resurface project are stated road 2 from Holmes County line to state rd. 77. McClendon questioned the parking lot behind Hardees and potholes. State Rd 77 from Prim Ave to 6th Ave, and Baptist College of Florida Sidewalk.

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Watkins stated Jason White is planning to be here the last week in March to do the paving that is coming out of general fund.

Watkins stated booking closing date is March 14 and if anyone needs to change voter information needs to contact the Jackson County Supervisor of Elections. Vote By Mail ballot must go thru the JVSE office and you must call them to request that. And the city election will be held April 12.

Watkins stated Amnesty Day will be March 25th and 26th from 8-4pm.

Watkins stated we wanted to try a family movie at the park.

Watkins stated we had huge baseball turnout this year, over 100 kids signed up.

Watkins stated parks and recreation had worked hard on Tiger/Martin Parks.

Watkins stated Unity 13 was having a workout at Tiger Park for April 2nd.

Watkins stated the Garden Club will be hosting the annual Easter Egg hunt at Tiger Park on April 16th.

Barley stated that the commission had received a copy of the code enforcement situation report. Barley stated the properties that were currently being worked on.

Lina Miller requests taps for water and sewer for 1163 8th Ave and 1099 8th Ave.

Velma Wright stated that people run stop signs on Sanders Ave and Cliff St and needed speed bumps.

Timothy Welborn commented on the splash pad and Patterson Circle. Welborn asked that the commission and administration debate him.

Sonny Fortunato state he was running for District 2 county commissioner.

Dorothy Padgett stated she appreciated the commissioners and Michelle Watkins hard work.

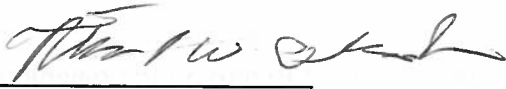
J Faith Davis commented she was concerned with the need for after school programs.

Chester Padgett he also appreciated the hard work. Requested Children At Place signs on 12th Ave.

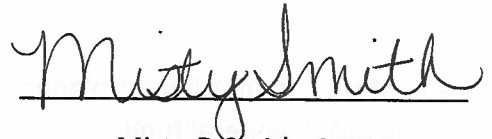
V Wright and F Davis stated they also needed signs.

The Commissioner thanked everyone for coming out.

The meeting was adjourned.



Arthur PW Obar Jr, Mayor



Misty D Smith, Attest