

April 19, 2022

Regular Commission Meeting

Graceville City Commission met in regular session Tuesday April 19th, 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), Eugene Adams, Rod Adams, Bob Lemons, Sharon Lemons, Tommy Dennis, Chester Padgett, Edward Crutchfield, Joan Trautman, Tom Lawson, Shane Williams, Tony Watkins, David Hughes, Jake Barley, Lloyd Laycox, Dennis Sapp, Troy Williams, Dorothy Padgett, Madelyn Crutchfield, Norman Mcleod, and Kim Pollock.

Watkins stated she needed to add a modification to the agenda, item #4 American Rescue Act Funds.

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

Watkins stated the election for Group 2 and 4, the results are as followed

Group 2

Walter Olds-220 votes 80.59 %

Velma Wright-53 votes 19.41 %

Group 4

Marshall Davis-209 votes 76.28%

F Faith Jones Davis-65 votes 23.72%

Watkins stated the canvassing board meet yesterday at the supervisor of elections office in Marianna and certified the elections. These are the final results, and you will be sworn back in, in the reorganization meeting in June.

Rod Adams discussed Mill Creek project bids.

Davis made motion we authorize the rebidding of the project with the understanding they are going to change the project some. McClendon seconded. All voted in favor.

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Watkins stated that we had gotten a request from fire chief Dennis about the surplus of 12 air packs that we had in inventory to donate to Chipola College's Fire Department.

Dennis stated the county bought 13 air packs and bottles for the city and we won't have to do maintenance to them, so it won't cost the city any money.

McClendon made a motion to surplus the air packs. Davis seconded. All voted in favor.

Watkins stated the American Rescue Plan, which we would get a total of 1 million dollars, and we have gotten half so far. It is put in a special funds. The federal government opened up a comment period, communities nationwide reached out to them. The final rule and staff recommendation is to take the option where if you get less than 10 million dollars. The option is called the standard allowance. We can take the standard allowance and we must disclose this by April 30, 2022. And this information has just come out the past few weeks. Florida League of Cities is recommending communities that fall within the eligibility take this standard option because it allows us a little more latitude for the use of these funds within our community. Watkins stated she is looking for approval to notify the federal government by April 30th that we are going to take the standard allowance, which will reduce the paperwork related to this money.

Davis made a motion to approve taking the standard deduction and notifying the federal government by April 30th, 2022. McClendon seconded. All voted in favor.

Watkins stated there is \$532,000 in this account and it is very specific about what this money can be used on. Water, Sewer, Stormwater is not a gray area. The day tank and generator which are essential to operating our wwtp. We went ahead and purchased this equipment and completed the project. The total on this project is \$58,162.90.

The second project is Dekle St project. We still must come back and pave. The total on this project right now is \$9480.43.

McClendon made a motion to approve reimbursement to city in the amount of \$67,643.33. Davis seconded. All voted in favor.

Watkins stated the CDBG project is at about 65% complete. In about 30 days we should complete with the project.

Watkins stated she had gotten 3 quotes on a/c units in the commission chamber. The low bid was around \$8000.00.

Watkins stated the blood drive will be held on May 6th from 9-2pm.

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Watkins stated we held family movie night, and we felt it was a success. We had an estimated 50 people. We are having some other dates coming up.

Barley stated the cleanup crew was present on 5386 Brown St on the previous day (Monday April 18, 2022). We had an incident with the tenant, but we got it straightened out. Angerbrandt and his crew cleaned up the property in about 12 hours or so.

Watkins stated Nick Angerbrandt had brought his invoice in and the cost was \$5000.00. We will bring a resolution back next meeting to put a lien on the property and have it recorded at the courthouse.

David Hughes stated Terry Nichols property on Brown St needed to be cleaned up.

Barley stated that by state law we must receive a complaint from someone with their name and address before we can start any kind of enforcement action. Hughes stated to put his name on it.

Dorothy Padgett thanked the city and staff for their hard work.

Kim Pollock stated Unity 13 did a fantastic job on Tiger Park. Pollock also stated we need to do things to make our city grow and beautify our town.

Chester Padgett thanked the city for putting up children at play signs and thanked the recreation department for trimming crape myrtles. Padgett also thanked Barley for cleaning up Brown St property.

Norman MacCloud stated he looked at some websites, and it says Graceville has one of the highest crimes in the US and we need to do something because these reports are off.

Edward Crutchfield stated he is running for county commissioner district 2.

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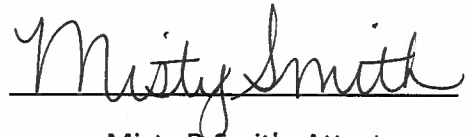
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The commission thanked everyone for coming out.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Arthur PW Obar Jr, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Misty D Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Misty D Smith, Attest