

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Council Meeting was held on March 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Zephyrhills Library.

President Knight called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were members Ken Burgess, Kenneth Compton, Alan Knight, Charlie Proctor, Lance Smith, and Mayor Whitfield. City Manager Steve Spina and City Attorney Matthew Maggard were also present.

Staff present: Police Chief Derek Brewer, Police Captain Reggie Roberts, Fire Chief Brian Swartout, Utilities Director John Bostic, Finance Director Brian Williams, Airport Manager Nathan Coleman, CRA Director Gail Hamilton, and Assistant City Clerk Jessica Carter.

W. Cliff McDuffie gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Lance Smith moved the minutes of the February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting and February 26, 2018 Workshop be approved. Seconded by Kenneth Compton. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEM

1. AmeriGas Lease Renewal
2. Jones Edmunds Task Assignment JE18-04 Preliminary Water Use Permit Renewal

Kenneth Compton moved to approve the Consent Items. Seconded by Ken Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Jones Edmunds – Wastewater Facility AWT Upgrade

Finance Director Brian Williams stated on February 1, 2018, the City of Zephyrhills Purchasing department published RFP 35-18-01, Wastewater Treatment Facility AWT Upgrade. Total cost of the project is about \$6.5 million dollars, partial funding coming from Pasco County as well as internal funds. Two companies attended our pre-conference but the City only received one response, which was from the City's Engineer of Record, Jones Edmunds. It is normal practice that an RFP receives three responses to review and make the appropriate evaluation in order to select the best candidate for the project. Staff recommends the City forgo evaluating Jones Edmunds response to this solicitation due to our experiences and partnerships on previous City projects. Staff recommends the City approve their selection for this project and move into negotiations instead of going out again for another RFP.

Councilman Compton asked City Attorney Matthew Maggard if there was any issues moving forward.

City Attorney Matthew Maggard stated the City did follow all the proper procedures in the RFP process; Jones Edmunds was the only party to file a response. The Finance Director is asking that instead of doing the evaluation and interview process for only one response, that the City skip that portion of the RFP process and go straight to negotiations.

Lance Smith moved to approve Business Item 1. Seconded by Ken Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Whitfield complimented all involved in the Founder's Day Celebration. Great atmosphere, fun, and entertainment.

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dr. Spina echoed the Mayor's comments about the Founder's Day Celebration, staff worked hard and a lot of teamwork was involved. Captain Jeffries Festival on Sunday at the Airport Venue was a good event, less attended, but it was its first year. Overall, it was a great weekend and everyone enjoyed it.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS – N/A

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilman Proctor said he had to chance to speak to quite a few people at the Founder's Day Parade and there was a great turn out. Great job to all the employees, police department, and fire department.

Councilman Burgess echoed the same comments as Councilman Proctor about the Founder's Day Parade. He especially liked the idea of the community picnic table.

Councilman Compton said he had a great time at the Founder's Day. Started with the 5K in the morning, parade was great, and a great chicken dinner from Rotary. Also had a chance to swing by the Captain Jeffries Festival on Sunday and really enjoyed the amazing bands.

Council Vice President Smith said he really enjoyed the Founder's Day Parade. He noticed a lot more people staying around all day to enjoy the food and festivities. He thought the community picnic table and the chalk contest were great ideas. He gave thanks to all employees involved.

Council President Knight echoed all the comments about the Founder's Day Parade. Overall good day between the parade, the speakers, the vendors, and all the festivities. He reminded everyone that tomorrow night, March 13, was the candidate forum. He asked Dave Walters to speak on this event.

Spoke from the floor: Dave Walters – 38440 5th Ave – Zephyrhills, Florida

Mr. Walters said the meet and greet is from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Alice Hall Community Center. Forum will start at 7:00 p.m. with the Cub Pack 72 presenting the colors; Council President Knight will offer the invocation and the pledge. The two candidates for seat 5 will go first. This is a great time to learn more about the candidates and where they stand on particular issues.

Spoke from the floor: Warren Earle – 3822 Florida Ranch Blvd. – Zephyrhills, Florida

Mr. Earle was introduced as Grand Marshal – Citizen of the year and said his daughter and himself had a blast at the Founder's Day Parade. It took 90 years to lead a parade and he wanted to give everyone a big thank you for the opportunity.

Meeting adjourned 6:20 p.m.