

CITY HALL, SEBRING, FLORIDA, January 2, 2018

Minutes of regular meeting of Council held this date.

PRESENT: John Shoop, Mayor; Mark Stewart, President Charlie Lowrance, Pro-tempore; Lenard Carlisle, Tom Dettman and Scott Stanley, Councilmembers; Jocelyn Skipper in for Bob Swaine, City Attorney; Scott Noethlich, City Administrator and Kathy Haley, City Clerk.

The invocation was given by Mayor Shoop followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Shoop thanked Jon and Judy Spiegel for another great year of the Christmas Carousel of Lights.

Mayor Shoop presented Mr. Robert Walker, Public Works employee, a Proclamation and watch on his retirement on serving 28 years with the City.

President Stewart presented the consent agenda items. Agenda Item 8E regarding the Firefighters' Pension Plan is being moved under the City Attorney's business and Agenda Item 8H regarding the Race Gala is being taken off of consent for discussion. The items presented for approval were: minutes from Council's regular meeting on December 19, 2017; announcement of upcoming meetings from January 8 – January 16, 2018; approve 35th annual Roaring 20's Arts & Crafts Festival on February 10, 2018 as presented conditioned upon providing general liability insurance of at least one million dollars of coverage and naming the City as additional insured five days prior to the event; approve Resolution #2018-01 and budget amendment #18 regarding Hurricane Irma building damage; approve appointments to the Code Enforcement Board as presented; reappoint Meredith Keiber, Bruce Behrens and Lazaro Martinez to the Planning & Zoning Board; approve Mayor Shoop's recommendation to the Historic Preservation

Commission as presented; authorize execution of the Consent Agreement from Amtrak to make ADA improvements to the Sebring Rail Station.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Dettman and with the unanimous vote of Council the consent items were passed.

Agenda Item 8H having to do with the Race Gala was discussed. Ms. Lindsey Damon, Highlands Art League Operations Manager, came before Council and explained the event. Mr. Dettman asked for clarification if they would be providing insurance for this event. Ms. Damon stated that would not be a problem.

Moved by Dettman, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to approve Race Gala on March 14, 2018 as presented conditioned on the Highlands Art League providing the necessary insurance documents.

Mr. Clayton Farrar, representing the Sebring Bridge Club, came before Council to discuss handicapped parking adjacent to the City's basketball courts. This issue had been tabled from Council's last meeting until a cost could be determined. The cost has been estimated to be around \$1,800.00.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Lowrance and the unanimous vote of Council to approve request as presented with the money to come from the City's Infrastructure Fund.

Mr. J. C. Shoop, representing the Sebring Firemen Inc., came before Council to ask permission to use the City stage for a Firemen BBQ event. Mr. Shoop stated they will pay the \$150.00 rental fee. The City would be responsible for setting up and taking down the stage. Mr. Lowrance stated he would be abstaining from voting since he is a member of Sebring Firemen Inc.

Moved by Dettman, seconded by Carlisle and with Carlisle, Dettman, Stanley and Stewart voting aye and Lowrance abstaining, the motion passed as presented.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA, FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY OF SEBRING MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION PLAN, RESTATED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1307, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 4, FINANCES AND FUND MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read.

Moved by Stanley, seconded by Lowrance and the unanimous vote of Council to pass ordinance on 1st reading and schedule 2nd and final reading for January 16, 2018.

Mr. Noethlich reported that the CRA is requesting a joint workshop with the Mayor and City Council on January 29, 2018 at 5:30 pm to discuss certain topics. Mr. Lowrance and Mr. Stanley both stated that they would not be able to attend this meeting. It was decided to go ahead and approve the date for this workshop.

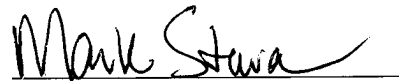
Mr. Noethlich reported Ms. Debbie Mullen of Republic Services will be able to come before Council and do a presentation of the state of recycling. Mr. Noethlich is looking for dates when everyone would be available. Council discussed dates and agreed that a date would better work if it could be at 4:00 pm. Mr. Noethlich stated he would contact Ms. Mullen to see if this time would work and bring a date back to Council.

The City bills were presented for payment as follows:

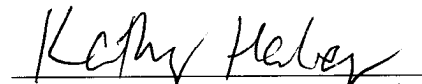
General Fund	\$ 48,159.34
CRA	\$ 1,880.00
Infrastructure	\$ 467.00
Water & Wastewater	\$ 92,815.81
Solid Waste	\$ 17,441.73
Golf Course	\$ 10.58
P-Card	\$ 38,720.86

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Stanley and with the unanimous vote of Council,
the motion passed to approve the paying of the bills as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Mark Stewart, President

ATTEST:


Kathy Haley, CMC, City Clerk