

CITY HALL, SEBRING, FLORIDA, February 6, 2018

Minutes of regular meeting of Council held this date.

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

ABSENT: Scott Stanley, Councilman.

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

Mayor Shoop announced that the Roaring 20's Festival will be held in downtown Sebring this weekend.

President Stewart presented the consent agenda items. The items presented for approval were: minutes from Council's regular meeting on January 16, 2018; announcement of upcoming meetings from February 8 – February 20, 2018; approve purchase as sole source and to approve the purchase of two 2017 Dodge Charger Police vehicles from the City of Okeechobee and authorize payment in the amount of \$41,000; approve Alzheimer's Association Memory Mobile Unit to park in the parking lot adjacent to the City office on March 19, 2018 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. as presented; approve Recreation Interlocal Agreement with Highlands County for FY 2017/2018 as presented.

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

Mr. Jack Cunningham, resident on Hawthorne Drive, came before Council to request to vacate a portion of undeveloped property on Hawthorne Drive. Mr. Cunningham was at Council's last meeting to discuss this and for Council to be able to look into this issue. Mr. Cunningham stated that if vacated he would improve this

area. He stated there is a water line and a power pole so there would probably have to be an easement. He stated that he was told the road may be used in the future for emergency vehicles to get through but would not be able to with the current condition of the road.

Mr. Cunningham suggested the road could be paved between Elizabeth and Simpson.

Mayor Shoop stated if the City vacates this property that comes right off the Parkway and if the church were to later develop on their vacant lot it would force them on S.R. 17.

Mayor Shoop stated he likes the paving idea and not vacate it since it is not a dead end road. Mr. Stewart stated he is not supportive of vacating the property. Mr. Carlisle also stated he supports paving the road. Mr. Lowrance agreed. Mr. Stewart stated that barriers could be put on the other street so it is not a thorough fare and this would address Mr. Diaz-Flores concerns. Mr. Cunningham stated he feels this will resolve the issue.

Mr. Lowrance asked Mr. Noethlich to get cost on paving the road on Hawthorne and Elizabeth.

Mrs. Kristie Vazquez, CRA Executive Director, came before Council to explain the 12 Hour Fan Fest event proposed for March 13, 2018. Mrs. Vazquez stated the Pace car will also be on display. She also explained about the transporter semi-trucks coming down the parkway. Council stated they felt this was a great idea. Mayor Shoop expressed how excited the sponsors were to bringing in these trucks. Mayor Shoop also commended Mrs. Vazquez on a great job she has done. Mr. Lowrance asked if this is the first time they are coming to Sebring. Mrs. Vazquez stated yes and discussed how she has received permission for the staging to take place at the Mall. Mrs. Vazquez stated she will heavily advertise this event. Mrs. Vazquez is also asking for waiver of fees.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Lowrance and the unanimous vote of Council to approve event as presented and waiver of fees.

Mrs. Kristie Vazquez came before Council to explain the Circle of Speed event proposed for March 16, 2018. Mrs. Vazquez stated along with historic race cars there will be a DJ set up in Circle Park and food will be provided by adjacent restaurants.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Dettman and the unanimous vote of Council to approve event as presented.

Mrs. Kristie Vazquez reported that Ms. Laura Wade was to be present tonight to ask for an alcohol variance for the Roaring 20's event to be held February 10, 2018 in downtown Sebring. Since Ms. Wade is not present, Mrs. Vazquez is asking for the variance on her behalf. Mr. Dettman stated that there are certain restrictions with businesses that hold liquor licenses and that they need to make sure they adhere to their permit and not be in violation because of this waiver. Mr. Stewart stated they will need to make sure this is included on their insurance certificate.

Moved by Lowrance, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to approve the approve alcohol variance as presented conditioned upon providing the necessary insurance.

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ORANGE GROVE DRIVE LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SUMMIT DRIVE AND BETWEEN LOT 13, BLOCK C, THE GROVE FIRST ADDITION AND LOT 1, BLOCK G, OF THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF THE GROVE, LYING IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SHOWN ON HIGHLANDS COUNTY TAX

MAP 68C, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read. Attorney Swaine stated that all utility easements have been signed.

Moved by Dettman, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to approve Ordinance #1421 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading as presented.

Attorney Swaine stated that Council has been provided with a Permission to Enter Property Agreement. Mr. Swaine explained the agreement is between the City and Advanced Environmental Technologies, LLC granting permission to install an injection wall on the eastern right-of-way of Lakeview Drive near the Gate Station.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Dettman and the unanimous vote of Council to approve agreement as presented.

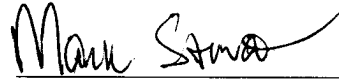
The City bills were presented for payment as follows:

General Fund	\$115,901.92
CRA	\$ 9,415.93
Infrastructure	\$ 12,543.00
Water & Wastewater	\$100,359.39
Solid Waste	\$ 13,748.65
Golf Course	\$ 3,289.82
P-Card	\$ 36,788.62

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

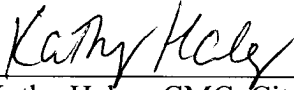
Clerk Haley reported there is a vacancy on the Code Enforcement Board. The applicant must be a resident of the City of Sebring. Anyone interested can fill out a City Board Member Application Form that can be found on the City's web site and submit it to the Clerk's office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Mark Stewart, President

ATTEST:



Kathy Haley, CMC, City Clerk