

CITY HALL, SEBRING, FLORIDA, March 20, 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; 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 commended everyone on all of their hard work to make all of the race festivities a success, which included the transporter parade and the event held at the Sebring Historical Society.

Mayor Shoop also recognized the firefighters and all of their hard work in putting out the fire in one of the historical buildings on North Ridgewood. Mr. Shoop stated not only did they put out the fire they were able to spare other buildings and all lives were protected. Councilman Carlisle agreed and commended both the police department and fire department for a great job.

Councilman Dettman stated that today is his mom's 95th birthday.

Councilman Lowrance stated that he is a retired firefighter and explained the job that the firefighters did the other day in their point of attack in fighting the fire with protecting the surrounding buildings. Mr. Lowrance also commended the police department in supporting the fire department and for traffic control.

Mayor Shoop presented a Proclamation declaring the month of March 2018 as American Red Cross Month.

President Stewart presented the consent agenda items. The items presented for approval were: minutes from Council's workshop and regular meeting on March 6,

2018; announcement of upcoming meetings from March 26 – April 3, 2018; approve Woodlawn Elementary School Soaring Eagle 5K event on April 21, 2018 as presented; authorize staff to proceed with the proposed water and sewer infrastructure upgrades for Sebring Parkway and accept Polston Engineering proposals; approve bid from Spires Contracting for the removal and replacement of the CaddyShack/Sebring Golf Club roof as presented and instruct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary contract for the completion of this project and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City; approve candlelight peace vigil on the Circle on March 24, 2018 as presented;

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

Mrs. Vicki Jarvis, Secretary and Mr. Jim Pollard, Vice President of the Sebring Historical Society asked if the Council would help pay for software that will inventory and categorize Sebring Historical Society records. Mr. Pollard explained about the software package and what it contains. Mr. Lowrance asked if this would have to be updated. Mr. Pollard stated yes but it is less expensive to do the updates. Mr. Stewart asked how they are funded. Mrs. Jarvis stated through membership and fundraisers and they are a 501C-3 organization. Mr. Dettman asked if they had money aside in their budget for this expense. Mr. Pollard stated they really don't have a budget they just work with the money that comes in to pay for things. Mrs. Jarvis stated they are trying to do more fundraising and are trying to recruit younger members. Mrs. Jarvis who also owns a business downtown also thanked the fire and police departments on the job they did in putting out the recent fire.

Moved by Lowrance, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to pay 50% of the software package with the money coming from contingency.

Mr. John Lesousky, representing Stone Ridge Development, came before Council to request a change in the side yard requirements for all of the lots at Stone Ridge. The space between the exterior side walls of each house was originally 10 ft. The requirement was changed in 2007 to 10 ft. between the roofs. Mr. Lesousky is requesting the side yard requirements be changed back to a minimum of 10 ft. between the exterior side walls of any two homes as originally approved. This will allow them to continue with all of the completed house plans they have. There are 188 lots in Stone Ridge. Mr. Lesousky stated that fiber optics is hooked in to every home which is the 1st development in Highlands County do to this. Mr. Stewart asked why this change was made. Mr. Noethlich stated he did not remember. Fire Chief Border was asked if he had any objections to this change. Chief Border stated he did not have any objection. Mr. Stanley stated this change, if granted, would only be for the Stone Ridge Development. Mr. Swaine stated yes.

Moved by Stanley, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to approve change and amend development agreement as presented.

Ms. Audrey Ascitutto, Committee Chair of Highlands County Solar Outreach, came before Council to discuss proposed Resolution #2018-04 in support of solar purchasing co-ops. Ms. Ascitutto is also asking to use Circle Park on April 18, 2018 for the official launch of the solar energy co-op or Council Chambers in event of bad weather. Ms. Ascitutto stated there are 27 co-ops to date. Mr. Stanley this can be supported without a resolution from the City. Ms. Ascitutto stated yes but was looking for

official support. Mr. Stanley stated he thinks solar is great but doesn't feel we need a resolution. Mr. Dettman agreed and stated he does feel the City should support clean energy and use of Circle Park to support the event. Ms. Ascutto stated she would like the City to be a community partner. Mr. Dettman stated he will support the idea but not as a community partner and not the use of the City logo. Mr. Lowrance stated he agrees with the use of solar energy and support of the co-op and may become an individual member. Mr. Stewart agreed with Mr. Lowrance and stated he may also become an individual member.

Moved by Dettman, seconded by Lowrance and with Carlisle, Dettman, Lowrance and Stewart voting aye and Stanley voting nay, the motion passed to support clean energy and for the use of Circle Park or City Hall on April 18, 2018 as presented.

Mr. Stewart stated we will now enter into a Public Hearing.

Mr. Stewart stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input concerning the City purchasing the Hammock Mobile Estates sewer system. Following the Public Hearing, Council will consider Resolution #2018-06 which, if passed, will determine that the purchase is in the public's interest and authorize the purchase to be closed. Mr. Swaine gave an overview of Statement Under F.S. 180.301.

There being no comments from the Council or the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBRING,
FLORIDA DETERMINING THAT THE ACQUISITION OF THE CUSTOMER BASE
AND TERRITORY OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM FROM
HAMMOCK ESTATES ROC, INC. IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION TO BE CLOSED was read.

Moved by Dettman, seconded by Carlisle and with the unanimous vote of Council Resolution #2018-06 was passed as presented.

Mr. Bob Boggus, City Utilities Director, reported that at a previous meeting the framework of an agreement to acquire the sewer customer base of the Hammock Estate ROC Park was approved. Council instructed staff to prepare an Invitation to Bid for the Hammock Estates interconnection. The bids have been received. The approved 2017/2018 budget does not include funds for this sewer interconnection project. Council has received a budget amendment transferring \$121,721.00 from the Utilities Department Retain Earnings/Fund Balance to the Capital line item for this project. Mr. Boggus thanked the board members from Hammock Mobile Estates that attended tonight's meeting. Mr. Dettman asked is there any reason why there is a \$100,000.00 difference between the two bids that were received. Mr. Boggus stated that he and Dale Polston from Polston Engineering have reviewed the bids and feel that maybe Excavation Point may know a little more on what is required and sharpened their pencil on the bid.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Stanley and the unanimous vote of Council to approve Excavation Point's bid, Resolution #2018-05 and budget amendment #30 as presented.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-49 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING; PROVIDING FOR REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO A NON CONFORMING DOCK OR BOATHOUSE CAUSED BY A SUDDEN ACT OF GOD CASUALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was

read.

Moved by Stanley, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to approve Ordinance #1423 on 2nd and final reading as presented.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-436(6) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING; AMENDING THE EFFECT OF FINAL ORDERS ISSUED IN LIEN REDUCTION HEARINGS BY THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Dettman and the unanimous vote of Council to approve Ordinance #1424 on 2nd and final reading as presented.

Mayor Shoop reported that annually members of the Fire Department select the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Firefighter of the Year. This year, Senior Engineer Carlos Rivera, Jr. was selected. Mayor Shoop read a brief bio on Mr. Rivera and presented him with a plaque.

The City bills were presented for payment as follows:

General Fund	\$ 53,477.38
CRA	\$ 11,463.85
Infrastructure	\$ 2,288.00
Water & Wastewater	\$112,978.65
Solid Waste	\$ 49,122.38
Golf Course	\$ 11,140.11

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Dettman 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