

CITY HALL, SEBRING, FLORIDA, August 21, 2018

Minutes of regular meeting of Council held this date.

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

ABSENT: Tom Dettman, Pro-tempore; Scott Stanley, Councilman.

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

Mayor Shoop reported that he, along with Police Chief Hoglund and Sheriff Blackman met with citizens at the Bountiful Blessings Church in Washington Heights. Mayor Shoop stated a new building has been erected and the Youth for Christ will manage it for the kids in the community to have somewhere to go and something to do with Christian leadership.

Mayor Shoop also reported that there are a lot of things happening downtown. Mayor Shoop mentioned new owners of the ice cream shop, Daniel and Liz Barber and the new restaurant on the Circle called Southern Hospitality which opens tomorrow.

Mayor Shoop read a proclamation declaring October 13, 2018 as White Cane Awareness Day. Ms. Pam Elders, a Highlands County rehabilitation teacher for Lighthouses of Manasota was present to accept the proclamation.

Councilman Carlisle reported on the Florida League of Cities Conference he recently attended.

President Lowrance presented the consent agenda items. The items presented for approval were: minutes from Council's regular meeting on August 7, 2018 and the

enterprise fund budget workshop on August 9, 2018; announcement of upcoming meetings from August 27 – September 4, 2018; approve Resolution #2018-17 authorizing budget amendment #101 as presented for the purchase of a police vehicle; approve use of Circle Park on October 13, 2018 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for White Cane Law Day; approve Sebring High School Homecoming Parade on September 20, 2018 from 3:40 – 4:40 pm; approve budget amendment #108 as presented and payment in full to Bowen & Son Roofing for work completed at the Military Sea Services Museum.

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

Mrs. Kelly Dressel, Executive Director of the Children's Museum of the Highlands, came before Council to ask permission to hold a fundraiser on the Circle on October 20, 2018 for the Children's Museum. Ms. Dressel stated they are hoping to start construction and rebuild the downtown building which should take about ten months. The Mayor and Council stated how pleased they were that this was coming back downtown. Ms. Dressel stated since this is such an important fundraiser she is also asking for waiver of fees.

Moved by Stewart, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to approve event as presented conditioned upon providing the appropriate insurance of certificate showing at least one million dollars of coverage and naming the City as additional insured ten days prior to the event and waiver of fees.

Ms. Debbie Prouix, Operations Manager of the Highlands Art League, Inc, came before Council to discuss the Sebring Art, Wine & Jazz Festival. Ms. Prouix stated they would like to hold the event, which used to be called Highlands Art Festival, for two days

this year from November 3-4, 2018. Ms. Prouix is also asking for waiver of fees.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Stewart and the unanimous vote of Council to approve event as presented conditioned upon providing the appropriate insurance of certificate showing at least one million dollars of coverage and naming the City as additional insured ten days prior to the event and wavier of fees.

Dan and Liz Barber, new owners of Sebring Soda and Ice Cream Works on the Circle came before Council to discuss an event they would like to hold downtown on September 15, 2018 as the Show n' Shine Car Show. Mrs. Barber stated they are doing this event to try and keep this date going since this is usually the weekend of Sebring Thunder. Sebring Thunder will not be happening this year due to lack of the volunteers needed so they would like to do this event to still bring the cars downtown with hopes that Sebring Thunder will come back.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Stewart and the unanimous vote of Council to approve event as presented conditioned upon providing certificate of insurance showing liability insurance.

Mr. Lowrance stated that Council will now enter into a Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider an ordinance that, if passed, will increase the height of flag poles in C-1 and C-2 zoning districts. Council will consider 2nd and final reading of the ordinance following this Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive citizen input. Attorney Swaine explained the ordinance. Mr. Lowrance stated that he feels 110 ft. is too tall.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 26-173 AND 26-222 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING INCREASING THE PERMISSIBLE HEIGHT OF FLAGPOLES LOCATED IN C-1 AND C-2 ZONING DISTRICTS UP TO 110 FEET IN HEIGHT MEASURED FROM THE GRADE LEVEL; PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM SETBACKS FROM PROPERTY LINES FOR FLAGPOLES IN EXCESS OF 50 FEET IN HEIGHT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Stewart and with the unanimous vote of Council Ordinance #1428 was approved on 2nd and final reading.

Mr. Lowrance stated that Council will now enter into a Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Ordinance #1426 which, if passed, will amend and restate the City's sign regulations. The ordinance was passed on 1st reading at Council's August 7, 2018 meeting. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed ordinance. Following public input, it is staff's recommendation that Ordinance #1426 be tabled to Council's October 2, 2018 meeting. This would allow Council to consider a companion ordinance on the same day. Ms. Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, representing the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, explained the ordinance and stated that she is requesting the ordinance be tabled until October 2, 2018. Mr. Lowrance stated he would like Sebring to be business friendly and feels this ordinance will put a lot of restrictions on businesses and feel the ordinance still needs work or businesses may relocated into the County.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 17 REGARDING SIGNS BY DEFINING TEMPORARY, PERMANENT AND OFF-PREMISES SIGNS AND BY SETTING FORTH THE CRITERIA FOR PROHIBITED AND EXEMPT SIGNS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read.

Moved by Stewart, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to table Ordinance #1426 to Council's October 2, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Lowrance stated that Council will now enter into a Public Hearing. Mr. Lowrance stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider Ordinance #1431 which, if passed, will revise certain elements of the Comprehensive plan. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public input. Following the Public Hearing, Council will consider the ordinance for first reading and transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Ms. Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, representing the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, explained changes in the Florida Statute and this ordinance reflects those changes and other minor changes. Ms. Codo-Salisbury stated that the Planning & Zoning Board met last week and approved the changes.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SEBRING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, REVISING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT AND DEFINITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE 2017 EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR) LETTER; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read.

Moved by Stewart, seconded by Carlisle and the unanimous vote of Council to approve Ordinance #1431 on 1st reading and transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Mr. Lowrance stated that Council will now enter into a Public Hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider Ordinance #1430 which, if passed, will amend the City's Comprehensive Plan to provide consistency with the Heartland Regional Transportation Organization. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public input. Following the Public hearing, Council will consider the ordinance for first reading and transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Ms. Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, with Central Florida Regional Planning Council, explained the amendments and stated she would like to remove 8.1.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SEBRING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, REVISING THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT, AND DEFINITIONS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE HEARTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read.

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Stewart and with the unanimous vote of Council, Ordinance #1430 was passed on 1st reading with the removal of 8.1 and transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Mr. Lowrance stated that Council will now enter into a Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider Ordinance #1429 which, if passed, will amend the elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan based on the ten-year water supply facilities work plan. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public input. Following the Public Hearing, Council will consider Ordinance #1429 on first reading and transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Ms. Jennifer Codo-Salisbury went over the amendments and the update required. Mr. Bruce Behrens, Vice Chair of the Planning & Zoning Board stated their Board went over the 5-year per capital demand and would like to recommend this be reviewed every year instead of waiting five years. Mayor Shoop asked what happens if the numbers go over. Ms. Codo-Salisbury

stated these are averages and is a guide to use as a long range planning tool

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SEBRING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, REVISING THE INFRASTRUCTURE, CONSERVATION INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENTS BASED ON THE CITY'S TEN-YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN INCORPORATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read.

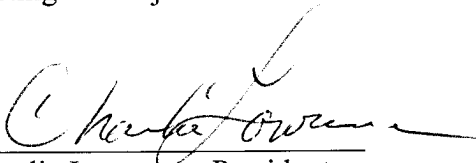
Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Stewart and the unanimous vote of Council to approve Ordinance #1429 on 1st reading and transmittal to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The City bills were presented for payment as follows:

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| General Fund | \$ 28,616.53 |
| CRA | \$ 20,437.00 |
| Water & Wastewater | \$ 43,662.70 |
| Solid Waste | \$ 43,878.71 |
| Golf Course | \$ 272.72 |

Moved by Carlisle, seconded by Stewart 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.


Charlie Lowrance, President

ATTEST:


Kathy Haley, CMC, City Clerk