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CITY OF ARCHER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 2015 Time: 7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER:	Mayor Doug Jones
PRAYER:	Commissioner Fletcher Hope
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:	Mayor Doug Jones
Quorum Present:	
Mayor	Doug Jones
Commissioners:	Frank Ogborn
	Fletcher Hope
	Gabe Green
 Absent:	 Vice Mayor Marjorie Zander
 Staff:	
City Manager	Al Grieshaber Jr.
Assistant City Manager	John Mayberry
Assistant City Attorney	Courtney Johnson
Minutes Recorder	Mary T. Flickinger

I. EXCUSE OF ABSENCE

MOTION

Commissioner Green moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Marjorie Zander.

MOTION FAILED

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes from the January 12, 2015, City Commission Meeting.

B. Approval of the Bill Payments.

MOTION

Commissioner Ogborn moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

Commissioner Hope seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

III. STATEMENT BY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER JOHN MAYBERRY

Assistant City Manager Mayberry read the following statement: Recently many in our community, people I consider my neighbors, came before this commission to express their anger and dismay at specific postings I have made in the past on Facebook. As a man of strong personal political opinions, I tend to express myself bluntly, sometimes too bluntly. I don't apologize for my conservatism, but I do, however, want to apologize for anything I have posted that has hurt anyone here in Archer. It was never my intention to be hurtful, or divisive, but it is clear to me now that some of the things I posted to Facebook did in fact hurt people and for that I am truly sorry and

wish to apologize. If my Facebook postings were read by any of you as racially motivated then I take full responsibility for that and ask you to forgive me for any hurt they caused.

As an employee of the City of Archer, I am committed to working for ALL the people of Archer. I want everyone in Archer to know that I am committed to this community, and committed to helping EVERYONE in whatever way I can, no matter what race, ethnicity, or gender they are. I promise to be more sensitive to how my social media usage reflects on the people I serve here in Archer. I recognize that it is my responsibility to promote unity and community here in Archer. I welcome the opportunity to speak with any of my neighbors about this matter.

IV. GUESTS

A. Evelyn Foxx - NAACP

Evelyn Foxx stated that it was good to hear an apology from Mr. Mayberry. The apology is accepted by her, but it is now up to the citizens of Archer who invited the NAACP to take part in what they felt was their offensive event. PUBLIC COMMENT: Reverend Thorpe, Pastor Herring, Pastor Green, Reverend Milford Griner, Gilbert Meens, Reverend Nelson, Pastor Marilyn Green, Annie Pearl Curtis.

B. Lizzie Robinson Jenkins – Black History Month Presentation

Ms. Jenkins read a proclamation explaining the history of Archer and Rosewood and featuring her great aunt, Mahlda Gussie Brown Carrier, who was a resident of Rosewood, Florida. Through the authority vested in her by the Rosewood Foundation, Ms. Jenkins proclaimed January 1, 2015, as a day of recognition for the City of Archer in appreciation and for preserving Mahlda Gussie Brown Carrier historic plaque.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Hall Parking Lot: No Change in Status

B. Retention Pond Update: No Change in Status

C. Public Works Activity Report – January 7, 2015 through February 5, 2015.

City Manager Grieshaber presented a sampling of the daily activities performed during the above period by the Public Works Department, as follows:

- Monthly preventive vehicle maintenance completed.
- Monthly meter readings.
- Leak detections/meter re-reads.
- Trimming trees and debris removal.
- 185 Touch Read Meters Installed.
- Bush Hog WWTP Property.
- Completed Gate Repairs at WWTP.
- Street Repairs 139th Ave, 176th St.
- Completed Pump Install at Well 1.
- Completed Analyzer Mother Board Replacement at Well 3.
- City of Archer Public Service Announcement Phone Line: 352-353-4841.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Event Application: HOPE Poker Tournament, March 8, 2015, Presenter: Travis Harvey.

MOTION

Commissioner Hope moved to approve the special event application for the HOPE Poker Tournament.

Commissioner Ogborn seconded the motion.

AMENDED MOTION

Commissioner Hope moved to approve the special event application for the HOPE Poker Tournament contingent upon favorable review by legal counsel.

Commissioner Ogborn seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

B. Special Event Application: Yulee Day Festival, March 28, 2015, Presenter: Rance Braley.

MOTION

Commissioner Ogborn moved to approve the special event application for the Yulee Day Festival.

Commissioner Green seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Frank Batey, Mary Hope.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

C. Public Notices for April Elections: Designated Poling Place: The Archer Community Center

City Manager Grieshaber stated that the Public Notices will be published for four consecutive weeks in Alachua Today. Pursuant to the Code of Ordinances Section 10-1, the City of Archer Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for Seat # 4 and for Seat # 5 for a term of 4 years each. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for Commissioner for either Seat #4 or Seat #5, a run-off election will be called and held in the City of Archer, Florida on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for that seat. On the election date, April 14, 2015, and if necessary for a run-off election on April 28, 2015, the polls shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laurie Costello, Sue Batey, Susan Drawdy, Marilyn Green.

D. Request \$10,000 to Replace Water Tool Truck

City Manager Grieshaber stated that the Commission has been provided two estimates; one each for repair and replacement of the motor in the F-250 Water Truck. Staff is requesting \$10,000.00 to replace the vehicle.

MOTION

Commissioner Ogborn moved to approve up to \$10,000 to purchase a replacement vehicle.

Commissioner Green seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laurie Costello, Joan White, Susan Drawdy.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

E. Resolution 2015-02, Extending City Manager's Contract.

Attorney Johnson read Resolution 2015-02, Extending City Manager's Contract: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARCHER, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND EXTENDING THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR PERIOD; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ARCHER TO EXECUTE THIS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION

Commissioner Green moved to approve Resolution 2015-02, Extending City Manager's Contract.

Commissioner Ogborn seconded the motion.

AMENDED MOTION:

Commissioner Green amended his motion to approve a modification to the contract for the contribution to the city manager's retirement account, as specified in this resolution.

Commissioner Ogborn seconded the motion.

AMENDED MOTION:

Commissioner Green amended his motion to approve Resolution 2015-02, as amended, to exclude the new term of the contract but to include such language in the contract as city contribution 10% of the employees

gross salary as the employer's contribution on the employee's behalf to be paid on a quarterly basis to the employees designated retirement account as may be amended from time to time.

Commissioner Ogborn seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laurie Costello, Laurie Costello, Sue Batey.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

F. Resolution 2015-03 Replacing Resolution 2015-01

City Manager Greishaber read Resolution 2015-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARCHER, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION

Commissioner Ogborn moved to approve Resolution 2015-03, replacing Resolution 2015-01.

Commissioner Hope seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

G. Consolidation of Water Bills and Monthly Newsletter

MOTION

Commissioner Ogborn moved to table this item to allow the City Manager time to research further options for a combined Water Bill and Monthly Newsletter.

Commissioner Hope seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

H. Commissioner Appointments

Mayor Jones announced the following appointments:

Commissioner Hope: Historical Society liaison, Safety Committee, Cemetery Committee, Personnel Committee.

Vice Mayor Zander: School Planning Advisory Committee and Junior City Commission liaison.

Commissioner Ogborn: Sewer Funding Project, City of Archer Chamber of Commerce liaison, Alachua Chamber of Commerce liaison, Community Center Marketing liaison.

Commissioner Green: Crime Watch, Sewer Committee, Contracted Utilities.

Mayor Jones: League of Cities and North Central Florida Regional Planning Council liaison, Sewer Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joan White

VII. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION

City Manager Grieshaber:

- Stated that the funding request to the State Senate and State House for the fiscal year 2015-16 has been submitted and a receipt has been confirmed.

City Attorney Johnson:

- Recapped that the litigation of Lopez vs. City of Archer was recently settled in the State Court action, leaving the Federal Court action that our insurance defense counsel is handling. The judge stated in his order that a representative from the city must be in attendance at the March 17, 2015, mediation. This item will be placed on the agenda for the March meeting for the Commission to decide on appointing a representative.

- Stated that the Social Media Policy, previously discussed, focused on the city's social media accounts. Creating a Network Usage Policy would incorporate the Social Media Policy, and other forms of communication.

MOTION

Commissioner Hope moved to approve the city attorney creating a Network Usage Policy.

Commissioner Ogborn seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

- Attorney Johnson stated that the Brennan property was purchased at a tax lien sale in November. The city's Code Enforcement lien is still on the property. The purchaser was contacted to discuss the state of the property and they have requested that the city put together a written proposal on what the city would like them to do.

Commissioner Hope

- Read into the record a statement that he had prepared regarding dialog with the City Manager over the past year regarding Assistant City Manager, Mr. John Mayberry. The statement covered the unprofessional use of media Face Book communication both on and off duty and Mr. Mayberry's continual unprofessional behavior both verbal and non-verbal at City of Archer Commission meetings.

City Manager Grieshaber stated that, in consultation with the City Attorney, the city has taken all appropriate actions.

Commissioner Ogborn:

- Stated that he attended the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council meeting, and noted that there was a real estate representative in attendance discussing the Plumb Creek project.

Commissioner Green:

- Stated that it is time for him to inspect the street lights again in the community.

Mayor Jones:

- Thanked Mario Neal for removing an old bed had been dumped in the back of Wilson Robinson Park.
- Stated that he was pleased with the public apology that was made by Mr. Mayberry.
- Stated that there will be a Community Workshop discussing Constructive Dialog on Race Relations on February 18, 2015, at the Archer Community Center. There will also be Diversity Training for elected officials and staff on February 26, 2015, commencing at 2:00 pm. City Hall will close at 2:00 pm on that day.
- Mayor Jones stated that as a servant to all the citizens of Archer, he has sort out many wise counsels, but the message has always been the same, when you serve the citizens, you serve all the citizens and any reason you give a citizen the reason to think that you do not truly serve them is unacceptable. He looks forward to having an open dialog about these issues as being a step in the right direction and noted that this type of action will not be tolerated going forward.

VIII. PLANNING CALENDAR

- Planning & Zoning Board, February 10 at 7 pm, City Hall.
- CITY HALL CLOSED, FEBRUARY 16, PRESIDENT'S DAY.
- Community Forum, February 18 from 5:30 - 7:30, Archer Community Center.
- Code Enforcement Board, February 24 at 7 pm, City Hall.
- Commission/Staff Diversity Training, February 26th. City Hall will close at 2:00 pm for training.

IX. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Angela Priest, Sue Batey, Joan White, Dan Beck, Laurie Costello, Emily Hobby, Marilyn Green.

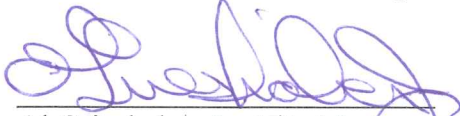
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Commissioner Ogborn moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Hope seconded the motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: pm.


Al Grieshaber Jr., City Manager
Doug Jones, Mayor