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CITY OF ARCHER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 12, 2015 Time: 7:00 PM

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the December 8, 2014, City Commission Meeting.**
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the December 16, 2014, Special City Commission Meeting.**
- C. Approval of the Bill Payments.**

MOTION

Vice Mayor Jones moved to approve the minutes from December 8, 2014, December 16, 2014, and the Bill Payments as published.

Commissioner Green seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-1. Commissioner Hope opposed the motion.

II. GUEST

Evelyn Foxx, President, Alachua Branch, NAACP, stated that she is here tonight to discuss the two requests that were brought before the Commission last month. The first concerns the Face Book postings and termination of Assistant City Manager John Mayberry and apology to the citizens of Archer. The second request concerns the sewage and other issues in the Holly Hills neighborhood.

Mayor Ogborn read a statement to the public, as follows: The City of Archer stands with the NAACP to ensure political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. Likewise, it stands with the NAACP to educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure and allow the exercise of them. In the United States, where we have the First Amendment, the remedy for speech, for which we disagree or find offensive, is not censorship. The remedy, instead, is counter speech to add more speech to the marketplace of ideas. There is no democracy without words: printed or uttered. Silence is the end of freedom. The U.S. Supreme

Court noted that “the fact that society may find speech offensive is not a sufficient reason for suppressing it. Indeed, if it is the speakers’ opinion that gives offense, that consequence is a reason for according it constitutional protection.”

City Attorney Walker clarified the issue of free speech by explaining the City Charter, personnel policies, Chief Justice opinions, and various cases pertaining to this issue.

Mayor Ogborn stated that he will refer the demand letter to the City Manager and City Attorney for action as deemed appropriate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Annie Pearl Curtis.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Opened: 7:32 p.m.

A. Ordinance 12-2014 – Placing Economic Development Tax Exemption on April Ballot (2nd Reading)

Attorney Walker read Ordinance 12-2014, second reading by title. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCHER, FLORIDA, CALLING A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 14, 2015, PROPOSING THE GRANTING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE VII OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 196.1995, FLORIDA STATUTES; SPECIFYING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION

Vice Mayor Jones moved to approve Ordinance 12-2014, Placing Economic Development Tax Exemption on the April Ballot.

Commissioner Green seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laurie Costello

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:38 p.m.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Hall Parking Lot: No Change in Status

B. Retention Pond Update: No Change in Status

C. Public Works Activity Report – December 4, 2014 through January 7, 2015.

Assistant City Manager Mayberry 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.
- Bush Hog WWTP Property
- Set up Tent at Community Center
- Took down lights (Assisted by City of Newberry).
- Repaired Electric Gate at WWTP.
- Began Pump Repairs at Well 1
- City of Archer Public Service Announcement Phone Line: 352-353-4841.

Assistant City Manager Mayberry explained the issues and repair costs associated with Well 1.

MOTION

Vice Mayor Jones moved to approve the repair of Well 1 pump motor not to exceed \$21,225.00.

Second made by Commissioner Zander.

AMENDED MOTION

Vice Mayor Jones moved to approve the repair of Well 1 pump motor not to exceed, \$21,325.00.

Second made by Commissioner Zander.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laurie Costello, Anne Green, Roberta Lopez.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

MOTION

Commissioner Green moved to nominate Commissioner Jones as the new Mayor of the City of Archer.

Commissioner Zander seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laurie Costello, Sara Brannon, Iris Bailey, Roberta Lopez, Patricia Wiggins.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

MOTION

Commissioner Hope moved to nominate Commissioner Zander as the Vice Mayor of the City of Archer.

Commissioner Green seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary Hope.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

CITY OF ARCHER COMMISSION 2015

Mayor Doug Jones

Vice Mayor Marjorie Zander

Commissioners Frank Ogborn, Gabe Green, Fletcher Hope

B. Designating Bank Signatories

MOTION

Commissioner Ogborn moved to approve designating Mayor Doug Jones, Vice Mayor Marjorie Zander, City Manager Al Grieshaber, and Assistant City Manager John Mayberry as bank signatories.

Commissioner Hope seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

**C. Special Event Application: Archer Cultural Progressive Organization, Black History Program
February 28th, 2015 Saturday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Archer Community Center.**

MOTION

Vice Mayor Zander moved to approve the special Event Application and the waiver of fees.

Commissioner Hope seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Roberta Lopez.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

D. Resolution 2015-01 – Approving Request for Proposal for CDBG Grant Services

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2015-01 in its entirety: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CDBG GRANT PLANNING, APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND ENGINEERING SERVICES.

MOTION

Commissioner Ogborn moved to approve Resolution 2015-01, Approving Request for Proposal for CDBG Grant Services.

Commissioner Green seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paula Stammer, Sue Batey, Laurie Costello, Sarah Brannon
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

E. Discussion & Direction: Consolidate Monthly News Letter and Water Bills

MOTION

Commissioner Ogborn moved to table this item and put it on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion on consolidating the monthly newsletter and water bills.

Vice Mayor Zander seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comment on an item tabled.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

VI. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION, PLANNING

City Manager Grieshaber

- The City of Archer will be recognized as the 2015 Community Champion, based on the submission done by the Assistant City Manager Mayberry to the State Surgeon General for the Healthy Weight Community Champion Recognition Program.

Commissioner Hope

- Clarified how to get questions answered in the bill portion of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Green

- Stated that the garbage cans were out at Wilson Robinson Park, but the garbage cans at the cemetery were full.

Mayor Jones

- Thanked his fellow Commissioners for their faith in him and thanked former Mayor Ogborn for his wonderful leadership these past years and his persistence and oversight to lead the city forward on the waste water system. Mayor Jones stated that as we move forward, he wants everyone to see prosperity in their future for themselves and for generations to come.

VII. PLANNING CALENDAR

- A. CITY HALL CLOSED, JANUARY 19, 2015.
- B. Code Enforcement Board, January 27 at 7 pm, City Hall.
- C. Commission Meeting, February 9th at 7 pm, City Hall.
- D. Planning & Zoning Board, February 10th at 7 pm, City Hall.

VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Patricia Wiggins, Iris Bailey, Susan Drawdy, Roberta Lopez, Laurie Costello.

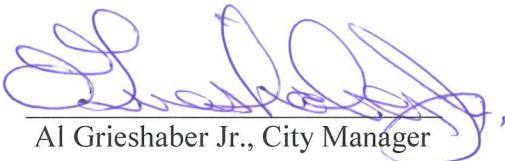
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MOTION:

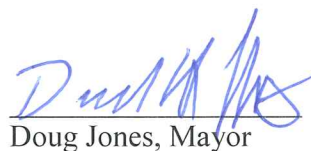
Commissioner Ogborn moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Mayor Zander seconded the motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:13 pm.



Al Grieshaber Jr., City Manager



Doug Jones, Mayor