

TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS

“On the Banks of the Suwannee River”

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AGENDA

WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

 Regular Council Meeting

Portable Building Site

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance -** Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. TC Ruise gave the invocation and the council led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call -** Members present: Mayor Williams, Vice-Mayor Rivers, Randolf Williams and Kizzy Burch. Jodi Watson came in a few minutes later and was acknowledged by the Mayor as present. All 5 members were present.
3. **Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda - None.** Mayor asked for a motion to accept the agenda as printed. Vice-Mayor made the motion and Councilor R. Williams seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** August 13, 2024 - Mayor asked for a motion to accept the agenda as printed. Vice-Mayor made the motion and Councilor R. Williams seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
5. **Financial Report:** Richard Powell of Powell Consulting - Richard was absent and sent the report for the minutes to be documented. (see attached)
6. **Administrative / Departmental Reports:**

**a)** Town Manager: Vanessa George - TM George wanted to make for the record, “HCSO was not present **again** tonight”. She also stated that this was the reason the town had to hire private security. Vice-Mayor Rivers asked what was the town’s response to no law enforcement presence? “One of the main things they need to do is send back our vehicles and we meet with HCSO face to face” and to continue to document their non-existence presence. The last meeting Deputy Hunter remained in his vehicle the entire meeting. TM George stated that she would call to set up a meeting.

**b)** Public Works: Ray Vaughn - absent - Ray was at the sewer plant.

**c)** Fire: Chief Steve Stith - absent

1. **Presentation: None**
2. **Citizens from the floor:** (Request form needed - 5min. limit)
3. Tay Dickinson - Stated that she was no longer a member of the Historic Preservation Society (HPS). As in her opinion, the society has slighted the black significance to the town. The grant was $40K. She also wanted to know if the town could give clarity on the guidliunes of the committee. She asked if the council could have a historical committee? Atty. Jean-Bart stated that she would look into it and saw no reason it could not be an “ad hoc” type committee. Tay also stated that the town has a designated Black Trail. Vice-Mayor Rivers stated that she spoke with Roberta at the WS Library and she said that the HPS has no black history noted from the grant award for the town. It was noted that Sharon Shae was the president of HPS here. Although the town wrote a letter in favor of receiving the grant, in hopes of the historical significance and majority ethnicity would be recognized. There has been no announcement from the local HPS on receiving the grant. Atty. Jean-Bart also mentioned that to add the P&Z Board, starting with an ordinance and motion would help the process as well.
4. Sylvester Warren, III - Stated that he had just left a meeting where three committees were combined. Having another committee like the one MsTay just mentioned would be a great idea. If I can help, let me know.
5. **Old Business:**
6. Diamond Platt Update - Brandon Stubbs, NFPS - not present
7. **New Business:** TM George stated that she was continuing to work with Ms. Williams on various grant opportunities.

1. **Council Comments:**

*Kizzy Burch* stated that she has a trophy for the town and she would bring it to the office. She stated that the Ice Cream social was a success. The WS Library will extend their working hours soon. M-F, 10am to 530pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. The library will also host an Art Exploration Day on the 3rd Saturday 11-12n.

*Randolf Williams* stated that the road is caving again on 2nd St. and it’s closed for traffic. There is a 6ft drop on Sunrise St. Willie Johnson Street has a big hole in it and the drainage off old Carver school is very bad.

**Adjourn: 6:56pm**

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR PURPOSE THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICPATE IN THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Town Manager, Town Clerk, or Designee

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