

TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS

“On the Banks of the Suwannee River”

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MINUTES

WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge Allegiance to Flag -**  Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. TC Ruise gave the Invocation and the council led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call - Members present:** All town council members were present. (Mayor Rivers, Vice-Mayor Williams, Councilors Berry, Burch, and Pope)

**3. Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda -** Mayor Rivers added to Item #5; Chad Mathis with Hamilton County Development Authority and Dr. Spencer Lofton’s town proclamation.

1. **Citizens from the floor:** (Request form needed - 5min. limit) - None
2. **Presentation -**
3. Chad Mathis gave a brief overview of the Hamilton County Development Authority. He distributed a general binder for the council, town manager, and clerk. His mission for the vening is to ensure the town that he was available when needed. The council appreciated his attendance and over view.
4. Dr. Spencer Lofton gave an overview of his community service within the community and shared his recognition coming from President Biden and Vice- President Harris on his community service accolades. He had requested a proclamation from the town sttaing his being a recepient of the award. Mayor Rivers read the proclamation. Vice-Mayor Williams made the motion to adopt the proclamation and Councilor Berry seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 and the proclamation was adopted on 08/08/23. (see attached)

**6. Approval of Minutes:**

July 11, 2023 – Town Hall Meeting - Councilor Berry made the motion to accept the minutes as printed and Councilor Burch seconded the motion. Vice-Mayor stated that an error was made on the “time” set for the workshop. Motion passed 5-0 with acknowledgement of the needed correction.

1. **Old Business - Meeting on Zoning Workshop**
2. **Zoning Workshop -** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:00pm in Town Council Chambers. Mayor Rivers read the date of the Zoning Workshop.
3. **New Business - Meetings to Remember**
4. **Budget Workshops** - August 22, 2023 & August 29, 2023 both held on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. (2 separate meetings) Mayor Rivers read the date for both 23-24 Budget Workshops.
5. **First Proposed Budget Hearing** - Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:30pm. Mayor Rivers read the date for the 1st 23-24 Budget Hearing, which is the Tentative 23-24 Budget Hearing.
6. **Final Budget Hearing** - Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:30pm. Mayor Rivers read the date for the 2nd 23-24 Budget Hearing which is the Final 23- 24 Budget Hearing.

**9.** **Departmental/Administrative Comments**

1. **Public: None**
2. **Departments:** Town Manager stated that she had a meeting with Henry Land, 911 Coordinator in Jasper the following week.

There were no comments from Fire Department or Utility Department.

1. **Council:** Councilor Burch has a group that wants to dnate a tree to the town for Christmas in Veterans Park. She also thanked the community for their assistance in her community Ice Cream Social’s 17th year.

**Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm**

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

**Vanessa George, Town Manager/ Audre’ J. Ruise, Town Clerk**

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