

TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS

“On the Banks of the Suwannee River”

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WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

 Regular Council Meeting

Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge Allegiance to Flag -** Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Councilor K. Burch gave the invocation, and the council led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call -** Members present: Mayor Williams, Vice-Mayor Rivers, Councilors R. Williams and K. Burch. Absent: Councilor J. Watson.
3. **Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda - None**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** May 28, 2024 and May 14, 2024 - Vice-Mayor Rivers made the motion to accept, and Councilor Burch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
5. **Financial Report:** Richard Powell of Powell Consulting - see attached
6. **Administrative / Departmental Reports:**

**a)** Town Manager: Vanessa George - Our Water Grant is back on track. The CDBG process is going well. I will send the FMIT Asset List (51 photos) to the council for review concerning our insurance premiums.

**b)** Public Works: Ray Vaughn - Florida Rural Water came to the town to camera Judith McClure’s septic tank or sewer lines. We are not conclusive. We wil have to re-camera the line. The Sycamore tree that was mentioned by Cheryl McCall is not dead and will not fall on her property. I had a professional tree service company to survey the tree and this is his report.

**c)** Fire: Chief Steve Stith - Trent Krienheder reported that he was thnakful to be back at work. He stated that the WSV FD will continue to provide quality care and service to the community.

1. **Presentation: None**
2. **Citizens from the floor:** (Request form needed - 5min. limit)
3. **Tay Dickinson** - The Summer Camp is going well and we are at capacity. We will be attending several field trips for our campers. We have also invited volunteer speakers. I also want to thank the town for the $1K check that was sent to new jerusalem on behalf of the camp. TM George asked if there was a date that she could come out and do a jewelry craft project with the campers? Tay said she would call her later with the information. Util. Dir. Vaughn thanked Tay for re-doing the sign that was damage during a vehicle accident. The signage is looks excellent.
4. **Jim Thompkins** - Stated that he was in attendance to ask if the town would pick up a pile from a tree that was down in the WS Methodist Church area. Util. Dir. Vaughn stated that he would go by next week.
5. **Scott Gay** - Sated that Don Wilson wanted to coordinate the next Azalea Festival for the town. The council will make contact with Mr. Wilson.
6. **Old Business:**
7. Ordinance 24-01 (Renaming Street/Florida L. King Street) - this ordinance did not make the approval at the 2nd reading. TM George stated that she and TC Ruise had spoken to HC EOC Director Henry Land. Henry stated that they had already completed their mapping process for 911 and would be grateful if the town would consider an :”honorary” sign for Mrs. King. The council was unanimously in favor. Vice-mayor Rivers made the motion for the honorary signage. Councilor K. Burch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

TC Ruise will advise the family.

1. **New Business:**

**a)** Town Council - Audit Committee Member Selection - Mayor Williams asked for a volunteer and Councilor R. Williams said that he would serve and get the first meeting date set at the next council meeting.

1. **Council Comments:** Councilor Burch stated that Hamilton County Schools were in Summer School session. Her Ice Cream Social is August 10, 2024, the community is invited. Mayor Williams thanked Tay for the invitation to go out and speak to the youth at the summer camp. Util. Dir. Vaughn needed permission to remove an eye sore from Carver Field. It looks like a lynching pad. Mayor Williams asked for a motion. Vice-Mayor Rivers made the motion to remove it. Councilor Burch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Adjourn: 7:08pm**

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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