

TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS

“On the Banks of the Suwannee River”

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WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

 Special Meeting - WORKSHOP

Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order -** Mayor Williams called the workshop to order at 5:30pm. She welcomed the community to the workshop.
2. **Roll Call -** Members present: Mayor Williams, Vice-Mayor Rivers, Councilors R. Williams and K. Burch. Absent: Councilor J. Watson. Mayor Williams opened the workshop for discussion.

**Open the Floor to “Citizen’s Forum & Ideas” Participants**

1. **Scott Gay -** Stated that the town needed to invest in infrastructure and that sidewalks were broken and cracked. He also stated that some trees on the right-of-ways created a blind spot for drivers.
2. **Khrys Kentarze** - Stated that she was glad to have the workshop and thanked the council. She asked if there was a way to have different departments as the town has lost its’ revenue from the Sweepstakes? Are there any grants for the sewer, etc.? Where do we go from here? Are there any long-term goals? Any current revenue to make up loss? TM George stated that every time that we go forward there are citizens who sabotage our progress. Just as they did for the Sweepstakes. She stated we thank Kellen Lindsey with Mittauer and Associates for their assistance in helping us to get the grant. Khrys then stated that the resistance wasn’t always coming from the community but that it was coming from outside the community. We may disagree but we must try to work together. What about Eco-Tourism, she asked? TM George stated that Eco- Tourism was fine but that it was not a priority at this time. Her priority was to make sure that the town was fiscally sound. (at this time Vice-Mayor Rivers pointed toward Bev Brazil in the audience. Brazil asked why she was being pointed at and then walked out of the meeting. Scott Gay walked out of the meeting. (he came back later)
3. **Mick Shae -** asked if the town ever thought about contacting the American Idian Assn. for possible cooperation with gaining revenue? He would get back to the town with more information.
4. **Tay Dickinson** - Asked if the town ever thought about offering “filming permits for revenue? She will discuss more information at a later date.
5. **Nicole Williams** - Stated that both sides were messy and saying things over FB, being juvenile and unprofessional. VM Rivers stated that she was aware and knows that Bev Brazil and her family are the ones instigating negativity to the state about the town. They were responsible for shutting down the Sweepstakes as well.

Mayor Williams stated that she appreciated the workshop and the discussion and will consider having the next one at a later date.

**General conversations continued but the audio at this point was inaudible.**

**Adjourn: 6:20pm**

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