

Attorney Kruppenbacher will prepare a draft of the city manager selection process to come back to City Council on Tuesday evening. All applications should be delivered or handed over to the City Clerk.

Mr. Anderson indicated that he had met with each commissioner and also met with staff. He concluded that there is an excellent staff in place; the police department is exceptional and is made up of fine professionals; the City Clerk is right on top of things. He observed that employees are scared to death of losing their jobs. Mr. Anderson said that should not be. He asked Council to stand behind their employees. Attorney Kruppenbacher said a byproduct of the past has created anxiety, and that has played upon the on employees. Further discussion ensued.

- Attorney reported that there is no word on the Seminole/Nela law suit against the City. He is waiting the judge's decision on his motion to dismiss.
- He spoke of a check in the amount of \$275 to Pine Castle Pioneer Days which had been signed by two commissioners was brought to the attention of the Interim City Manager, who held it, because it had not been approved by all commissioners on City Council. Vice Mayor Pisano spoke of the events that led to holding the check. Although the City Manager has discretion to spend up to \$10,000 on city business, the Council must clarify in the charter or set administrative policy that Council must approve the amount of philanthropic donations that are made.
- Attorney Kruppenbacher said he attended a meeting at the office of the States Attorney's office. The investigation is ongoing and to date there is no evidence of any wrong doing; however, all commissioners will be receiving a letter and will have two weeks to turn over requested information for the period January 1, 2015 through the present time. All documentation, texts, phone logs and e-mails turned over, whether City business or not, will be public record once the investigation is completed. Attorney Kruppenbacher said he will assist with the process, and will review what should and should not be turned over, and guidelines for differentiation. He noted that the penalty for violation of the law can be criminal.

Moving forward, Attorney Kruppenbacher recommended that commissioners only use their City e-mail for City business. He further advised that Council members should not post or comment City business on social media sites. Comm Nielsen commented that the City e-mail system is cumbersome and antiquated. He requested that commissioners start with turning over everything that is responsive. Deadline for submittal is expected to be February 12. Further discussion ensued.

- Attorney Kruppenbacher spoke about a request he had received to clarify the process for preparing and introducing a resolution at a City workshop prior to a Council Tuesday meeting to avoid any surprises. Comm Gold asked for consideration to combine workshops and City Council meetings to allow the opportunity for citizen comment. Vice Mayor Pisano disagreed and said that she likes having both meetings to allow for longer discussions when necessary. City Manager Anderson said that the Florida Legislature says citizens must have the right to speak before a Council vote. Discussion of the meeting process ensued with no action.
- Attorney Kruppenbacher announced that the City will purchase cell phones and iPads for each commissioner to utilize for city business as previously discussed. Vice Mayor Pisano shared her concerns with spending, and asked if it would be better to use Wi-Fi options.
- Attorney Kruppenbacher reported that the City will not move forward on the contract for purchase of the Texaco Gas Station property because the State will not issue the required clearance letter. The City in turn has requested a return of the deposit. Comm Ady asked if there is something further that can be done, because the school really needs that property. Attorney Kruppenbacher suggested, with Council approval, he will write a letter to Tallahassee requesting clarification about all the properties in the area that have the same problem.
- Attorney Kruppenbacher spoke of a letter he received challenging a candidate who would hold dual office if the candidate is elected in the upcoming election. On behalf of the City, Attorney Kruppenbacher will request clarification from the State or Supervisor of Elections so that any accusation of playing politics by making the decision locally would be eliminated.

Comm Nielsen stated that she researched this issue earlier and called the State for advice and found that it will fall on the City to provide a legal opinion.

government control on these types of things happening in our City. For the record he stated that he agrees with all the speakers and deferred to the City Attorney on the topic on behalf of the City.

Attorney Kruppenbacher thanked the speakers tonight. He is troubled by the irresponsible hunters. There is a lot of confusion about the current State Statute which has ripped away a lot of authority. He asked Council for approval to speak with the Florida Fish and Game Commission to not have this occur on our lakes and around our residential area. He will also speak with Homeland Security, along with Dean Asher – Vice Chairman of the Airport Authority who is in attendance tonight, to review the safety of airplanes taking off so close to the Conway Chain of Lakes during duck season. If in fact we are granted authority, given the legislature, he will request an emergency meeting to pass an Ordinance to preempt future events. Discussion ensued on past city ordinances.

Without objection Council authorized Attorney Kruppenbacher to move forward as requested.

6. Vice Mayor Pisano stated that Representative Mike Miller said he will do whatever he can to help us stop this from reoccurring. She noted that the Richard Lee, head of the Audobon Society, helped stop this from happening in the City of Windermere and will be happy to help us.
7. Eric Spaulding residing at 5362 Chiswich Circle, Belle Isle thanked the Police Department for their work in capturing the individuals responsible for some robberies in the Windsor Place neighborhood. He also expressed his disappointment that the City did not support the Pioneer Days ad submission. Mayor Brooks said there was a check issued and prepared to send, however, it was requested to be pulled for discussion by Vice Mayor Pisano because it was a charitable contribution, and should be approved by Council.
8. Pam Carter residing at 5901 Cove Drive, Belle Isle thanked the Belle Isle Police Department on their efforts that led to capturing the individuals causing harm in their neighborhood.
9. Dr. Bernstein residing at 2520 Homewood Drive, Belle Isle asked in future meetings that all Commissioners and Mayor speak directly into the microphone so that they can be heard through the speakers.

There being no further comments, Mayor Brooks closed citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Brooks called for a motion on the consent agenda items.

Vice Mayor Pisano motioned to approve the consent agenda items.

Commissioner Shuck seconded the motion.

Mayor opened for Council discussion.

Commissioner Nielsen requested to pull items e, f and g for Council discussion.

Mayor Brooks called for a motion.

Comm Nielsen motioned that items e, f, and g be pulled for separate discussion.

Vice Mayor Pisano seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor called for a motion to approve consent agenda items a, b, c and d.

Comm Ady motioned to approve items a, b, c and d on the consent agenda as presented.

Comm Van Dyke seconded the motion to which passed unanimously.

Richard Anderson said item e was discussed at the prior work session. In order to improve transparency, the format will help streamline the process significantly. As discussed, the Agenda Pal will be a \$300 monthly charge which will include software to create the agenda and provide backup documentation. In addition there is an audio portion that will be available online. The second part of the approval is for the purchase of city phones, as per the City Attorney's request. There will be a monthly access charge of \$51.00 per month per commissioner, and no charge for the device. Most of the Commissioners have shared their frustration on using and receiving the city email account. Mr. Anderson said the Agenda Pal will require the use of IPADs, and will also help with receiving city emails in a timely manner as per discussion at the last workshop.