

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – 7:00 PM



MINUTES

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - **Pastor John Sanders, The Vineyard**

Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Matt Johnson, Vice Mayor Connie Butler, Council Member Ed Gaw, Council Member Steven Kelley, Council Member Thomas Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: L.J. Arnold, III, City Attorney, Steve Kennedy, City Manager, Mike Null, Assistant City Manager, Erin West, City Clerk

Mayor to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda.
No comments

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Backup documentation and staff recommendations have been previously submitted to the city council on these items.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 16.

Motion made by Council Member Kelley, Seconded by Vice Mayor Butler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Vice Mayor Butler, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Smith

1. City Council approval to surplus of 3 old mowers. **Steve Thomas**
2. City Council approval of and authorization for the Mayor to execute, Disbursement Request # 18, which includes Contractor's Pay Request #17 for Williams Industrial Services, LLC, in the amount of \$396,483.91, and Mittauer Invoices #23027 in the amount of \$20,500.00, #23069 in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a total of \$436,983.91 for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), State Revolving Fund (SRF), Harbor Road Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Expansion, Phase 2, SRF Agreement No. WW1000420. After disbursement to Williams & Mittauer, and receipt of return checks, this Disbursement Request returns funds to the Wastewater CIP Budget. **Scott Schultz**
3. City Council approval to use Duval Asphalt to pave / overlay part of Walnut St and Olive St. **Steve Thomas**
4. City Council approval for the Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Application Submittal for Gustafson Regional Park Phase 1. **Greg Bauer**

5. City Council review and approval of Tri-Party Construction Agreement for Pearce Bridge Construction over CSXT Property. **Michael Daniels**
6. City Council approval of the Deed of Temporary Easement. **Michael Daniels**
7. City Council approval of the Deed of Permanent Use and Maintenance Easement for the Pearce Bridge Project. **Michael Daniels**
8. City Council approval for staff to submit a Request for Inclusion to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, for the design and permitting of the Magnolia Point Reclaimed Water Retrofit, to comply with Senate Bill 64, the Surface Water Discharge Elimination Act. **Scott Schultz**
9. Council approval for staff to sell Fair Tickets for the Clay County Fair Association. **Kimberly Thomas**
10. City Council approval of Pay Application #5 from EltonAlan, Inc. for construction of the Palmetto Trail Project in the amount of \$132,315.18 from the amended contract amount of \$1,545,008.00, leaving a balance of \$917,926.00. **Mike Null**
11. City Council approval of the February 7, 2023 minutes item 17, authorizing the City Manager to sign the Tolling Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. **Erin West**
12. City Council approval of the Mt. Zion Church Proclamation. **Erin West**
13. City Council approval of the Pinewood Maintenance Agreement. **Michael Daniels**
14. City Council approval of Minutes from 12/13/2022 and 2/7/2023 Regular Session. **Erin West**
15. Approval of Amendment of the Parks Department Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal years 22/23 thru 26/27 for the Gustafson Regional Park. The amendment would reflect a shift from Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) to Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant funding and modify the project amounts. **Greg Bauer**
16. City Council approval of the Pool Management Agreement with Planet Swim for 2023. **Steve Kennedy**

Council Member Gaw advises he would like to discuss the Police Department concerning the gap between retirement and Medicare and there being a plan in place for officers when they retire but have not met the state retirement age.

Officer Newton with the Green Cove Springs Police Department speaks about the effort that is starting to take place concerning medical benefits after retirement. The gap falls when someone reaches 25 years and can retire but they do not meet the age requirement for the state of Florida to receive retirement benefits. He advises, he along with other officers are looking at a funding option for this gap.

Human Resources Director Dee Jones advises she has helped with this benefit in the past. There are a lot of moving parts, and it will take some time, but it is doable to create a program to help fund medical benefits when there is a gap between retirement years and age. The program she helped start, started with public safety then branched out to every employee at the municipality.

Council discussion followed.

Emergency motion to allow all Council Members to sign a letter of agreement from the board for the plans Officer Newton presented.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Butler, Seconded by Council Member Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Vice Mayor Butler, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Smith

COUNCIL BUSINESS

17. Key to the City Request *Erin West*

City Clerk Erin West advises the Council an application for a Key to the City has been submitted and they need to approve or deny the request. If approved she will submit the order to Hometown Trophies for the key.

Motion to approve the request for a Key to the City.

Motion made by Council Member Smith, Seconded by Vice Mayor Butler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Vice Mayor Butler, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Smith

18. City Manager & City Attorney Reports / Correspondence

The City Manager and City Attorney made comments regarding various city activities, events, operations, and projects.

19. City Council Reports / Correspondence

The City Council made comments regarding various city activities, events, operations, and projects.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Erin West, City Clerk