
COMMISSIONERS:

DeLoris Roberts, Mayor
John Martin, Vice Mayor
Eleanor Randall
Patricia Bouie
Michael E. Rutledge, Sr.

CITY MANAGER:

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager
Donna R. Mayes, City Clerk

CITY ATTORNEY:

Steve Lee

**MINUTES
HAWTHORNE CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2007
6:30 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roberts called the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2007 at 6700 SE 221st Street, to order. Present was, Mayor Roberts, Vice Mayor Martin, Commissioners Randall and Rutledge. Commissioner Bouie had an excused absence. Staff present was, City Manager Shryock, City Clerk Mayes, Attorney Lee, Deputy Snyder and Fire Chief Modican.

1. Invocation - Vice Mayor Martin
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Roberts

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the Agenda of October 15, 2007

Motion – Vice Mayor Martin

Second – Commissioner Randall

Vote – 4-0

C. RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND GUESTS

1. Resolution 2008-02 – Florida City Government Week

Moved to approve Resolution 2008-02 acknowledging and recognizing Florida Government Week

Motion – Commissioner Randall

Second – Commissioner Rutledge

Vote – 4-0

Mayor Roberts suggested for City Government Week that the Board co-ordinate the assembly with the school and have the Police Chief and the Fire Chief go to the school and explain what their positions entail. Next to have a mock election at the High School with the winners riding in the Christmas Parade, then take the project to Tallahassee on Legislative Day.

D. REPORTS

a) City Manager Shryock reported he would attending the ICMA Conference and also as soon as the painting was finished in the auditorium new carpeting would be put down and the wall behind the Board would be changed, hopefully bearing the City emblem.

b) Mayor Roberts reported that the Farmers Market and the Hog Fest went well. She would like to get with the small cities and get a program together to take to the County. Also referring to the write up in the Sunday newspaper on Cornelius Ingram as “Hawthorne’s Own”, she would like the Commission to consider designating a “Cornelius Ingram Day”.

c) Commissioner Randall reported that Commissioner Bowie's husband was still in ICU but doing better. She reminded everyone of the City's finalist, Ms. Wagner, for Citizen of the Year, at the upcoming Florida League of Cities Conference.

d) Vice Mayor Martin expressed his congratulations on the Hog Fest. He also ask about a call that Hawthorne Fire Department responded to and then Alachua County came. City Manager Shryock explained that the Sheriff will not dispatch, says Hawthorne Department is not ready. Alachua County has went as far as to do an Mutual Aid Agreement with Marion County to run the south area instead of Hawthorne. He hopes after the agreements are signed he can go to the Sheriff and ask why they can't dispatch now. Attorney Lee added that the next opposition will be that there is no Mutual Aid Agreement for secondary response with the county and Chief Modican noted he doesn't believe Will May will even look at an agreement. Vice Mayor Martin observed with the lack of success so far, he believes it is time to put some political pressure on the County Board and get them to tell their people to do what can be done to make this work. Mr. Martin pointed out that a Comp Plan needed to be addressed for streets.

e) Commissioner Rutledge reported he would like to attend the National League of City's Conference. He had also attended the High Springs Festival and the Hog Fest. City Manager Shryock advised the Commission they could authorize one or two delegates to go to New Orleans and that the conference would be in Orlando next year.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Heather Surrency reported that the Hog Fest was very successful and did have the hog chase, just with fake, but human, pigs. She had presented the City with a Certificate and expressed her appreciation to the City crew for the great job on the Rec grounds. November 12, 2007 there will be a Foundation celebration at the Methodist Fellowship Hall behind City Hall.

Vivian Wagner asked about the break-ins, to which Officer Snyder informed that the Sheriff's Office was not advising her of these incidents nor dispatching her. She spoke with Detective Stevens and she did not want her help with the investigation.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. SHIP Update

Vice Mayor Martin stated he would like to pull this from the consent agenda for discussion. He was concerned about the language "lack of eligible applicants". Mayor Roberts explained they have a waiting list but some do not want anyone to know their business and will not fill out the application. She has gone door to door trying to get applicants that can use the funds. City Manager Shryock related he would try to get a newsletter out next month and put this information in it. Mayor Roberts responded they must meet the income guidelines and if they live 30 years they do not have to pay the money back. The next SHIP Meeting will be on the 30th.

Moved to approve the 30 year Forgivable SHIP Housing Loan Request for Mabel Slater for up to \$33,000.00

Motion – Vice Mayor Martin

Second – Commissioner Rutledge

Vote – 4-0

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

H. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Ordinance 2008-03 First Reading Establishing a Fire Department

