### **COMMISSIONERS:**

Terry Knowles, Mayor Eleanor Randall, Vice Mayor John Martin **DeLoris** Roberts William Carlton

**CITY MANAGER:** Chad M. Shryock, City Manager Donna R. Mayes, City Clerk

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Steve Lee

# MINUTES **REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING** JULY 24, 2006

#### Α. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knowles called the Regular Meeting together at 6:30 PM. Present was: Mayor Knowles, Vice-Mayor Randall, Commissioners Roberts and Carlton. Staff present: City Manager Shryock, City Clerk Mayes, Intern Planner Dougherty and Attorney Lee. Absent: Commissioner Martin

#### Β. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Roberts gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carlton.

#### С. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved to approve the Agenda Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Vice-Mayor Randall

Vote - 4-0

#### 1) Oath of Office

City Clerk Mayes gave the Oath of Office to incoming Mayor Terry Knowles and Vice-Mayor Kit Randall.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS** D.

None

#### Ε. REPORTS

- 1) Attorney Lee reported that Alachua County had put off the Litigation Agreement for 180 days. He informed he would be on a two and half  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  week vacation starting the next day.
- City Manager Shryock reported that CSX would be closing the 2) crossing on Highway 301 on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August and rerouting the trucks to 441 starting in Marion County.
- Commissioner Roberts expressed her appreciation to the City 3) Manager for the draft budget and to the City Clerk for getting the packet out early.
- 4) Vice Mayor Randall and Commissioner Carlton had no report.

# F. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved to approve the 12 noon Minutes of 4/27/06, 6:30 Meeting of 4/27/06, 5/01/06 and 7/10/06 Motion – Commissioner Carlton Second – Commissioner Roberts Vote 4-0

## G. REGULAR AGENDA

### 1) Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2006/2007

City Manager Shryock reviewed the 2006 City Priorities List informing that the Engineers are working on the preliminary report for the Sewer Plant and that the City is doing aggressive flushing to try and help the water situation. A program will be developed to remove the galvanized mains. He is investigating grants for Law Enforcement and developing cost to have our own Police Department. Estimated cost for law enforcement is \$175,000 and with a 2 mil property tax netting \$76,473, fine revenue at \$50,000 and existing general fund sources at \$48,527, this would support one patrol car sixteen hours seven days a week. City Manager Shryock informed that a new agreement was being proposed for Fire Protection and a County wide MSTU was being discussed. He advocated bringing the land use and rezoning issues in house at a net cost of \$7,000 over the \$17,000 currently paid to North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. They have been advised that their contract is not being renewed. In reply to Commissioner Carlton's concerns about voting on a budget without knowing the current balances in the bank, City Manager Shryock expressed there would be no vote at this time, noting he was required to present a draft budget before the meeting setting the proposed millage rate occurred. He announced that a Resolution to raise garbage rates would be presented at next month's meeting because of the shortfall in funds this year. On Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM the Special Meeting will take place to discuss the budget and set the proposed millage rate. September 11<sup>th</sup> is set for the First Public Hearing and September 18<sup>th</sup> the Second Public Hearing. He communicated he was working with the Financial Advisor on structuring the accounts, which will simplify the reports.

## 2) Sheriff's Summer Camp Program

Commissioner Roberts related information on the program stating drug counseling would be provided. The Sheriff's Office will pay for the program but it will be administered through the City of Hawthorne. The location is the Scout House for kids 5-14 years of age, hours 8-5 and she requested the Commission's approval. A short discussion focused on employees, background checks, if there was time for the program this year and if so with the limit on how many kids would it be first come, first serve.

Moved to approve the Summer Camp Program year around at the Scout House as presented by Commissioner Roberts

Motion – Vice Mayor Randall Vote – 4-0

Second - Commissioner Carlton

### H. ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM Motion - Commissioner Carlton Vote - 4-0

Second - Commissioner Roberts

These Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2006 are submitted for approval.

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager

Terry Knowles, Mayor

Donna R. Mayes, CMC City Clerk