

DeFuniak Springs City Council  
Special Meeting  
December 21, 2017

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Henry D Ennis, Sr., Councilmembers: Ron Kelley, Janie Griffith, Wayne Graham, Kermit Wright,, City Manager Danny Lucas, and Assistant City Manager Craig Drake. City Clerk Loretta Laird was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Bob Campbell called the special meeting to order at 5p.m. with the following items being discussed: "DeFuniak Springs Police Department Motorola Digital Radio System – DeFuniak Springs Police Chief Mark Weeks, DeFuniak Springs Police Lieutenant Richard Black, and Peter Journey, Mobile Communications", "Florida Department of Transportation Natural Gas Grant Resolution – Assistant City Manager Craig Drake", "Florida Department of Transportation City Limit Signage – Assistant City Manager Craig Drake" and "Florida League of Cities Legislative actions days travel request – Mayor Bob Campbell".

**Councilman Kelley made a motion to remove the following items from the special meeting agenda "Florida Department of Transportation Natural Gas Grant Resolution" and "Florida Department of Transportation City Limit Signage" and have the items placed on the next regular city council meeting on January 8, 2018, seconded by Councilman Graham.** Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; and Councilman Graham: Aye. **Motion carried 5-0.**

DeFuniak Springs Police Department Motorola Digital Radio System- DeFuniak Springs Police Chief Mark Weeks, DeFuniak Springs Police Department Lt. Richard Black, and Peter Journey, Mobile Communications

DeFuniak Springs Police Chief Mark Weeks provided a background on the Motorola digital radio system with DeFuniak Springs Police Lieutenant Richard Black discussing the current analog radio system. Black discussed the current Walton County analog radio tower being in disrepair and having the new digital tower being located at the water tower located on Main Avenue and South 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Black stated the agreement with Mobile Communications is a lease payment of \$987 for a five-year period, with a lease-to-own option, with the first six months being covered from a Florida Sherriff's Association training reimbursement in the amount of \$6,000. Black further discussed the monthly lease payment being funded by DeFuniak Springs police department citations being made to the Walton County Clerk of Courts office, with an estimated amount of \$1,000 per month.

Peter Journey, Mobile Communications representative, presented information to the council relating to replacing the current analog radio system to the digital radio system. Discussion occurred relating to the digital radio system operations, funding for the digital radio lease payments, public works being provided with a test radio system, and the antenna location.

**Councilman Kelley made a motion to allow the conversion of the police department's radio system from analog to digital contingent upon city staff and Ch2M being involved with the radio antenna location with the city council being notified of the conclusion, seconded by Councilwoman Griffith.** Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; and Councilman Graham: Aye. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Florida League of Cities Legislative Action days travel request – Mayor Bob Campbell

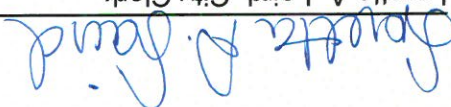
Mayor Campbell requested permission to attend Florida League of Cities Legislative Days in Tallahassee on January 30, 2018, and January 31, 2018, with hotel reservations needing to be made prior to December 29, 2017, in order to receive a discounted rate.

**Councilwoman Janie Griffith made a motion to allow Mayor Campbell to make the necessary reservations for his attendance to the 2018 Florida League of Cities' legislative action days on January 30, 2018, and January 31, 2018, seconded by Councilman Ennis.** Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; and Councilman Graham: Aye. **Motion carried 5-0.**

There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

ADOPTED on this  22nd  day of January, 2018.

Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk



ATTEST:

Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

