

**DeFuniak Springs City Council
Workshop
January 27, 2020**

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Robert McKnight (Seat 2); Councilmember Todd Bierbaum (Seat 1); Councilmember Kevin Crystal (Seat 3); Councilmember Henry D. Ennis (Seat 4), and Councilmember Wayne Graham (Seat 5). Also present were Clay Adkinson, City Attorney; Mell Smigielski, City Manager; Debra Gibson, Finance Director; and Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk.

Mayor Campbell called the workshop to order at 5:34 p.m. and turned it over to City Manager M. Smigielski.

City Manager M. Smigielski went over the Consent agenda. Councilmember K. Crystal asked about the cemetery position and whether some of the responsibilities will be transferred from the City Clerk. City Manager M. Smigielski responded that the people would go directly to the Public Works building and work with the coordinator on all cemetery business. In response to Mayor Campbell, the position has not been advertised yet.

The next item on the agenda, City Manager M. Smigielski spoke about the two trips for the mayor regarding the conference on the Opportunity Zone and the Florida League of Cities meeting. Mayor Campbell said he is going a day early for the Mayors Board meeting.

Councilmember T. Bierbaum requested the 4th of July event at Chipley Park agenda item be pulled because the entity at their last event left trash in the downtown area for a couple of days. He wants to know their plan to ensure the trash issue does not get repeated.

City Manager M. Smigielski went over the regular agenda items. He mentioned the Council had previously approved the Streetscape study. He recommended that \$12,500 go towards the study.

City Manager M. Smigielski announced Agenda Item 3D1 will be placed under 8B at the request of Councilmember Bierbaum.

City Manager M. Smigielski announced Agenda Item 11A will be pulled off the agenda at the request of the petitioner. In response to Councilmember R. McKnight, City Manager M. Smigielski reminded the Council that it was regarding 16th Street and the amendment to the Future Land Use map.

Next, City Manager M. Smigielski went over the manufactured homes ordinance amendment on Item 11B. Councilmember R. McKnight stressed that Council does not want to hold up passage regarding the modular home definition issue. However, he wants it understood that the Council will go back and review the issues on travel trailers and recreational vehicles at a Workshop, but the Council must address the current issue in the best interests of the city. City Manager M. Smigielski stated he plans to schedule the workshop for February.

City Manager M. Smigielski went on to Item 11C, regarding a temporary use permit for car sales. Councilmember R. McKnight asked about an issue in the past regarding them protruding into the right-of-way and toilet issues. Planning Director K. Schultz replied they have had issues with them on inadequate toilets, cars pulled over the sidewalk and blocking parking spaces of

the full- time businesses, the salespeople allegedly being nasty to the businesses, and the fire inspector has had to go out on several issues. She explained that New Wave Auto is a business in central Florida and Dealer One Stop coordinates the events. She added it is great revenue for the city, as this event garnered a fee of \$5500.00.

Councilmember R. McKnight voiced his concern about them doing business in our city given their past behavior, as the city is using a lot of resources. Councilmember T. Bierbaum pointed out the company did not make the submittal deadline, as they were missing documentation. City Attorney Clay Adkinson added the 30-day window was not met, as the complete information was not submitted. In reply to Councilmember K. Crystal, Planning Director K. Schultz if we deny the waiver, yes, they would have to reapply and their fee would be refunded, if Council denies the application.

Discussion ensued on enforcement problems and the expense of the Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Inspector having to enforce the problems. In response to Councilmember K. Crystal, Planning Director K. Schultz replied the city receives about \$22,000 a year in revenue from these temporary use events. In response to Councilmember W. Graham, Planning Director K. Schultz replied that she has received the check for this event, although it came in late. She added that in 2018, the business left vehicles on the lot, and they did not remove them for thirty days after several complaints from her. The Council voiced concern on the recurrent bad behavior and lack of meeting submittal deadlines.

Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Approved:


Robert "Bob" Campbell

Attest:


Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk

