

**DeFuniak Springs City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Council Chambers  
August 23, 2021**

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Campbell called the roll. The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell; Mayor Pro-Tempore Todd Bierbaum (Seat 1); Councilmember Robert McKnight (Seat 2); Councilmember Kevin Crystal (Seat 3); Councilmember Henry D. Ennis (Seat 4); and Councilmember Anthony Vallée (Seat 5). Also, present were City Manager Robert Thompson, City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Finance Director Debra Gibson, and City Clerk Maryanne Schrader.

**ITEM 2 - CONSENT AGENDA**

**Additions/Deletions to the Consent Agenda  
Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Campbell asked if there were any additions or deletions.

**Motion** by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember A. Vallée to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

- A. City Clerk Maryanne Schrader
  - 1. Minutes for approval – August 9, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes
  - 2. Minutes for approval – August 3, 2021 – Budget Workshop Minutes
- B. Administration –
  - 1. Secretary to the Mayor Cindy Permenter – Request approval for Aireal Lopez to hold two free concerts at the Amphitheater on August 28 and October 23, 2021
  - 2. Secretary to the Mayor Cindy Permenter – Request Approval for the Auburn Strong Concert by Jeff Bates and Today's Yesterdays Band for sale of merchandise and concessions
- C. Finance - Finance Supervisor Morgan Hulion – July Bill Ratification
- D. Airport - Airport Director Dan Edwards – Request a motion to approve the renewal of the Titan Aviation Fuels contract and implement a self-serve fueling terminal

**ITEM 3 - REGULAR AGENDA**

**Additions/Deletions to the Regular Agenda  
Approval of the Regular Agenda**

Mayor Campbell asked if there were any additions/deletions to the Regular Agenda.

**Motion** by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember H. Ennis to approve the Regular Agenda, as presented.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Item 4. PRESENTATION AND/OR PROCLAMATION**

- A. Proclamation – Mayor Campbell declared the week of September 17 – 23, 2021 as Constitution Week in the City of DeFuniak Springs

Mayor Campbell asked representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter forward and read the Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 – 23, 2021 as Constitution Week in the City of DeFuniak Springs and thanked them for their service.

**ITEM 5. PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading –
1. Planning Director C. Wallace – Motion to conduct a Public Hearing and approve on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, an Ordinance adopting a Small-Scale Land Use Map amendment of the City of DeFuniak Springs Comprehensive Plan; changing the land use classifications; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for severability and conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date regarding (Intersection of Live Oak and South 26<sup>th</sup> Street)

Mayor Campbell opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m.

City Attorney Clay Adkinson called for anyone wishing to speak at the Public Hearing on the items under 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to come forward and Planning Director Chris Wallace came forward to be sworn in.

Planning Director Chris Wallace requested a motion to conduct a Public Hearing and approve on 1st Reading, an Ordinance adopting a Small-Scale Land Use Map amendment for the Comprehensive Plan for the property at the intersection of Live Oak and South 26th Street.

**Motion** by Councilmember R. McKnight and seconded by Councilmember H. Ennis to hold a Public Hearing and approve the Ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

Planning Director C. Wallace read the ordinance by title, an Ordinance adopting a Small-Scale Land Use Map amendment of the City of DeFuniak Springs Comprehensive Plan; changing the land use classifications; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for severability and conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date.

Planning Director Chris Wallace said the ordinance will come before Council for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at the first meeting in September.

2. Planning Director C. Wallace - Motion to conduct a Public Hearing and approve on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, an Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Map Amendment of the City of DeFuniak Springs Land Development Code; Changing the Zoning Designation; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; Providing for severability and conflicts; Providing for codification; and Providing for an effective date (Intersection of Live Oak and South 26<sup>th</sup> Street)

Planning Director Chris Wallace explained the zoning will accommodate a multi-family designation.

**Motion** by Councilmember K. Crystal and seconded by Councilmember A. Vallée to hold a Public Hearing and approve the Ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

Planning Director C. Wallace read the ordinance by title, an Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Map Amendment of the City of DeFuniak Springs Land Development Code; Changing the Zoning Designation; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; Providing for severability and conflicts; Providing for codification; and Providing for an effective date.

3. Planning Director C. Wallace - Motion to conduct a Public Hearing and Motion to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, an Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Map Amendment of the City of DeFuniak Springs Land Development Code; Changing the Zoning Designation; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; Providing for severability and conflicts; Providing for codification; and Providing for an effective date (1688 US Highway 90 West)

Planning Director Chris Wallace came forward and requested a motion for a zoning map amendment to amend to a C-2 Commercial for future expansion for the property located at 1688 US Highway 90 West which is across from Country Club Drive.

**Motion** by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember A. Vallée to hold a Public Hearing and approve the Ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

Planning Director C. Wallace read the ordinance by title, an Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Map Amendment of the City of DeFuniak Springs Land Development Code; Changing the Zoning

Designation; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; Providing for severability and conflicts; Providing for codification; and Providing for an effective date located at 1688 US Hwy 90 West.

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading –**

1. Planning Director C. Wallace – Motion to conduct a Public Hearing and approve on 2nd Reading, an Ordinance adopting a Small-Scale Land Use Map amendment of the City of DeFuniak Springs Comprehensive Plan; changing the land use classifications; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for severability and conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date regarding (N 20<sup>th</sup> Street)

Mayor Campbell announced that the item is on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption.

Planning Director C. Wallace said this is a Small-Scale Land Use Map amendment which is currently agricultural. The request is to amend the zoning map to medium density residential, and the zoning map is currently R-2, multi-family residential which will correct the zoning. The development is across from the Highlander Apartments and the property does not have a current address other than it is on north 20<sup>th</sup> Street. He added the zoning was there, but the land use portion was not.

**Motion** by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember A. Vallée to hold a Public Hearing and approve the Ordinance for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and adoption.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

Planning Director C. Wallace read Ordinance 929 by title, an Ordinance adopting a Small-Scale Land Use Map amendment of the City of DeFuniak Springs Comprehensive Plan; changing the land use classifications; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for severability and conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date for property located on north 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

Discussion ensued on cleaning up the zoning for properties in conflict with the use. Planning Director C. Wallace said we have a list of the properties that are in conflict with our zoning and asked if Council wants to address the properties as the requests arise.

City Attorney Clay Adkinson stated he will work with staff to send out a letter with explanation of the opportunity to conform to correct the zoning for conformity without penalty now. However, it will cost them if they wait until a future date. He added the land use map is different and should be addressed as annexation requests arise.

**Motion** by Councilmember K. Crystal and seconded by Councilmember T. Bierbaum to direct staff to notify citizens of zoning map inconsistencies and offer citizens the opportunity to bring them back into conformity.

Planning Director C. Wallace mentioned there are several in the downtown district that he would prefer to be done on a case-by-case basis, as it will be more restrictive. Councilmember K. Crystal suggested a Town Hall meeting, so the citizens can understand the process.

Councilmember A. Vallée voiced concern about the limited number of categories that have created heavy uses near residential. He mentioned concern about adding additional categories and suggested it be done simultaneously. City Attorney Clay Adkinson explained the County process and said it would be similar to identifying the area and the categories and redraw the maps more effectively. He added a lot of our zoning maps do not reflect the future land uses. Planning Director C. Wallace said we have three categories that allow for commercial uses but could use a buffer. He said there is a need to expand and make the categories specific.

Mayor Campbell gave an example of his set aside area experience with the County fifteen years ago and suggested the Planning Department ensure there is communication, so his expensive experience does not happen to anyone else.

**Motion** amended by Councilmember K. Crystal and seconded by Councilmember T. Bierbaum to add a committee to address zoning and density issues to include forming a committee and holding a public workshop.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** amended by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember K. Crystal to form a committee to include himself and one other Council member and include a citizen from C1, C2, and residential each to address density issues and the historic districts.

**Motion** amended by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember K. Crystal to include residential R1 and R2, as well as multi-use.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

Final **motion** for clarity - Direct staff to notify citizens of zoning map inconsistencies and offer citizens the opportunity to bring them back into conformity and to form a committee to include Mr. Bierbaum and one other Council member and a citizen each from each C1, C2, R1, R2, and multi-use designations to review zoning and density issues and hold a public workshop.

#### **Item 6. REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA**

- A. Bill Imfeld, Walton County Economic Development Alliance – Request approval of the Joint Application for the Job Growth Grant Fund

Bill Imfeld, Executive Director of Walton County Economic Development Alliance, WCEDA, came forward and explained the Woodlawn Industrial Park project was a joint project. The new grant requires a government entity approval on the application for the water, sewer, and roads to provide job opportunities and improve the Industrial Park. He added the city's contribution is zero dollars.

**Motion** by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember H. Ennis to approve the Joint Application for the Job Growth Grant Fund.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bill Imfeld invited the Council to the ground-breaking for the new Water and Sewer Installation project which is scheduled for Tuesday at 10 a.m. on August 31<sup>st</sup> at the entrance to the Industrial Park at Woodlawn.

**ITEM 7 - CITIZEN COMMENTS** – General Comments from the Audience

**ITEM 8 - DEPARTMENT REQUESTS/REPORTS**

A. Elissa Pettis, Dewberry- Request approval for potential projects for the FDEP SWAG (State Water Quality Assistance Grant) Application submittal

Thomas Brannon, Dewberry, said the application deadline is next Monday and stated the Lake DeFuniak infrastructure would fit multiple categories, adding the survey has been done along with the conceptual plan.

**Motion** by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember A. Vallée to approve the Lake DeFuniak project for the FDEP SWAG (State Water Quality Assistance Grant) Application submittal.

Discussion ensued on other projects such as the swimming in the lake, vegetation at the lake, streets that flood heavily, such as Lakeview Drive, and rolling projects together.

Councilmember A. Vallée preferred public input regarding the stormwater along the lake, and pursuing it in a responsible way. He also mentioned that we have several creeks that connect to the road, so we have branches that are affected by these roads.

Thomas Brannon of Dewberry suggested choosing one specific project or ranking the two projects. Councilmember T. Bierbaum said to prioritize the Lakeyard and Councilmember A. Vallée suggested the flooding project for next year.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

T. Brannon asked about the scheduling of the mobility projects. City Manager R. Thompson said he cannot determine the date tonight. Councilmember T. Bierbaum stated he preferred a special meeting instead of a workshop.

#### B. John Collins/AVCON– Airport Development Update

John Collins provided an overview of the vision of the airport. He stated for the terminal development project, the bids were higher, but the FDOT has worked through a funding plan. However, we may have to re-bid the project to get the numbers down. Secondly, Liberty Partners is developing a funding plan on the runway extension program. J. Collins stated the third item is the project for commercial development space, such as one-acre parcels each out of eleven acres to be used for hangar space or commercial business. He displayed the southeast quadrant of the airport which has been identified for land leases. A plan is being worked on to address the upfront costs with the extended runways and road that will connect to Country Club Road which would be passed along to the tenants. There will be a 10,000 to 12,000 square feet area for fire protection which provides a safe buffer, as well.

Regarding the marketing suggestion to show the value of the improvements in the future and an economic development flyer or page on the website from Councilmember R. McKnight, John Collins replied marketing is in the plan and that once the terminal is built, we can offer hosting Council meeting or committee meetings. He added the terminal will make the airport more accessible.

Councilmember K. Crystal asked about the construction and its impact on Marvel of Flight. City Manager R. Thompson said we should be able to host Marvel of Flight. J. Collins said the construction will not impact that area of the airport adding he will have a brochure as an example and will give it to Mr. Thompson for distribution.

#### C. Chief James Hurley – Request motion to purchase three vehicles using police impact fees for a total of \$63,309.60

Chief James Hurley asked for approval to use impact fee money to purchase three new vehicles. He mentioned local dealers do not have inventory, however, he was able to locate vehicles in Alabama that are comparable to State of Florida contract prices.

**Motion** by Councilmember K. Crystal and seconded by Councilmember A. Vallée to authorize the purchase of three vehicles, a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee for \$33,376 from Hendrick, two Chevy Silverado trucks at \$36,000.70 each from Donahoo for a total of \$63,309.60 from impact fees and \$42,206.90 out of the police budget to approve a waiver to the purchasing policy to allow the purchase with the problems with the State contract and having obtained three quotes.

Finance Director D. Gibson said she will have to come back with a budget amendment for Council approval, as the police department only has \$42,000 left in this budget.

Councilmember K. Crystal asked if the price included the packaging, and Chief Hurley replied he has money in his budget to add the lights, radios, and equipment.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

In response to City Attorney Clay Adkinson on whether the purchase is partly related to the use of impact fees on the need for the vehicles based on the new growth, Chief Hurley said the non-standard vehicles are needed adding they are 4WD. They will be used for developing areas to the south of town, adding we are not spending 100% of the impact fees on this purchase.

**Motion** by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember K. Crystal to approve the use of impact fees and have finance amend the budget to move the impact monies over to the General Fund.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### D. City Manager R. Thompson – Letter of Intent Offer for City Hall

City Manager R. Thompson mentioned that Bruce Naylor has a prospective buyer with a Letter of Intent.

Bruce Naylor, realtor, said they have received a Letter of Intent and distributed the information regarding the buyer to purchase City Hall, which he is marketing at 3.6 acres. He included documents such as the MLS listing and added the listing has been active for almost six months. He has the property appraisals and the survey from Dewberry. He explained the Letter of Intent starts the negotiation process and is non-binding.

**Motion** by Councilmember K. Crystal and seconded by Councilmember R. McKnight to deny the offer of \$1,650,000 for the City Hall purchase.

Councilmember R. McKnight said the offer was too low.

Mayor Campbell reminded Council that in 2013, the city was offered \$2.1 million just for the annex and \$2.4 million for the parcel. The \$3 million offer came in afterward to construct three facilities, but when we got the agreement together, their engineer had only seen the aerial and thought the elevation was too steep. He had asked a site engineer to level the hill, but the Council would not allow him to negotiate with the company any longer. Then the other company returned with a \$2.25 million, but their national Board of Directors denied it after one of their facilities in St. Louis was burned down during a riot. He said the value is worth at least \$2.6 million.



**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Councilmember K. Crystal and seconded by Councilmember A. Vallée to have the realtor reduce the price to \$2,800,000.

Discussion ensued on the value of the commercial property in the city. Bruce Naylor added he has had a lot of inquiries, but this is the first time he has received a serious offer. He added reducing the price is a smart move to increase the buyer pool potential. After discussion, B. Naylor said he can place in the notes that the seller is firm on price.

City Attorney Clay Adkinson advised Mr. Naylor to add the city would grant the authority to reject offers that are artificially low.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **ITEM 10 - LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS –**

- A. Councilmember R. McKnight – Request motion to add \$20,000 to FY21/22 budget for an historian to write the application to the National Park Service

Councilmember R. McKnight said the request to hire an historian was a follow-up from the Tuesday budget meeting. He explained in May 2019, the Council entered into an agreement with Forward DeFuniak and has documents that the historian could use which will keep the price down. The National Park Service landmark designation is the highest designation. He mentioned the economic advantages, as well as additional studies that have been done.

**Motion** by Councilmember R. McKnight and seconded by Councilmember K. Crystal to approve in the FY21/22 City budget that the \$20,000 added to the budget to contract with the historian who has experience in historical research in writing applications in the designation of historic landmarks.

In response to Councilmember K. Crystal, he replied that he believes \$20,000 will be enough to cover the cost of the historian, as Forward DeFuniak has already done a lot of work.

In response to H. Ennis on how we stand on the budget, Finance Director D. Gibson replied that with the Council approval on the 5.5 mills, this amount would be deducted from the \$133,000 set aside in Reserve.

Discussion ensued on lack of a timeline, the timeliness of the request and using reserves. City Manager R. Thompson said the objective of the budget is to establish the reserves. If we dip into the reserves, there will come a time when transfers are unacceptable. He added we have made significant cuts to the budget presented.

Dr. M. Henderson, came forward stated she represented Forward DeFuniak, stating there are many sites within the district that have to be surveyed, and we have to get responses from them before we know the final cost. She said Forward DeFuniak would like to be partners, as she has staffed the project in order to keep the expenses down. She will have a draft Request for Proposal for the city manager to review, but she cannot state the exact amount for the project yet. Councilmember R. McKnight added this is economic development that will make the city shine and is an investment that keeps on giving.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Nay; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Nay; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 3, Nays 2. All ayes.

- B. Councilmember Anthony Vallée – Request motion to have the City Manager develop a plan and timeline for updating critical documents and making those documents available to staff and the public

Councilmember Anthony Vallée stated he wants to ensure all committees are working with current documentation adding the Comprehensive Plan has not been updated since we approved it ten years ago. The request is about making the documents available to the public and having the plan presented back to the Council.

**Motion** by Councilmember A. Vallée and seconded by Councilmember T. Bierbaum to approve a plan and timeline implementation for updating critical documents and making those documents available to staff and the public.

Councilmember R. McKnight suggested placing the revision date on the documents. He said we need consistency between the paperwork and what is the law.

Councilmember T. Bierbaum requested that we review the critical documents and forms and ensure we are collecting the appropriate type of information for our forms and documents.

Councilmember A. Vallée suggested starting with the Comprehensive Plan amendments and documents that have financial impact.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

- C. Councilmember Anthony Vallée – Request motion to direct the Planning Department to seek public input to determine the delineation of the proposed historic district boundaries for the Dorsey Avenue/Tivoli Historic District

**Motion** by Councilmember A. Vallée and seconded by Councilmember H. Ennis to approve the Planning Department to seek public input for the purpose of a new historic district and recognizing the unique character and culture of Dorsey Avenue and Tivoli Historic District provide assistance to the foundation for the stakeholders to assist themselves and identify a

boundary of cultural and historical and significance to pursue their designation at the state level, and for the city to recognize the historical value.

Councilmember K. Crystal if we allow the Planning Director to assist, we will need grant assistance to get the buildings back up to par and stated the onus should be on the Association.

Councilmember A. Vallée added he wants to provide a foundation for the stakeholders to assist themselves and identify a boundary that is culturally historical and significant. He added Dorsey and Tivoli are separate entities. Dorsey is a larger area across Highway 90 and down Dorsey, so it covers more than just the school.

Councilmember K. Crystal mentioned to Andre Miley of Dorsey, that once they have received the 501(c) status to return to Council to update them. Mr. Miley said he will be sending out a letter to the community to get their feedback.

Councilmember R. McKnight said Reverend Broadus took them inside the theater and mentioned they have 45 signs made up of the Tivoli neighborhood depicting when it was the center of black commerce in town. He added the National Trust Foundation was just given \$20 million to expand the black program. Councilmember H. Ennis added the area has a lot of history that included a grocery store, barber shop, movie theater and basics of its own small town.

Councilmember A. Vallée said more importantly to get the oral history that is getting lost as it was passed down by oral tradition. He would like to save some of the old buildings and capture the history. It will open up grant opportunities to immortalize the history to capture the moment in time.

Dr. Henderson mentioned that one of the things Forward DeFuniak discovered was our Chautauqua was integrated, which is unique for us. They are trying to find out the contributions from the black community, so the boundaries need to be established.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager R. Thompson announced swimming will begin this Saturday stating a 150-foot area has been established for swimming.

**ITEM 12 - COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Councilmember R. McKnight said that the Italian cypress trees in front of the Chautauqua doors are missing and voiced concern the donated trees were cut down. Discussion ensued on requesting that the City Beautification and Tree committee come up with a policy and record what trees were bestowed on the city. Mayor Campbell stated that one of the trees was dying, so both trees were removed because it looked odd with only one.

**Motion** by Councilmember K. Crystal and seconded by Councilmember A. Vallée to direct the City Beautification and Tree committee to create and maintain a list of significant trees and catalogue those that have been bestowed to the city.

Public Works Director Craig Drake came forward and stated if the trees are a hazard or safety issue they would need to be removed, however, he will ask the project manager to find out the status before the trees are removed.

Councilmember A. Vallée said he would like to see training opportunities started for an arborist, as there are a lot of problems and hazards with dying trees. City Manager R. Thompson said they are working with the tree board regarding training opportunities with an arborist.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Aye; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Aye. Ayes 5, Nays 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ITEM 13 - EXECUTIVE COMMENTS** – Mayor Campbell voiced concern that COVID is running rampant.

**ITEM 11 - CITY ATTORNEY** – City Manager Evaluation Criteria – Note - Voted on after Council comments.

City Attorney Clay Adkinson said Ms. Woodham had emailed the form and requested comments from the Council. He requested the form be used for at least two of the city manager evaluations.

Councilmember R. McKnight mentioned he would like to provide written comments to Council and said it is not a good idea to evaluate between apples and oranges. The issue is the form uses non-symmetrical scoring, stating the rater needs to be able to look at three that are good as well as three that are not so good. He added the descriptor “Needs Improvement” is not consistent with good measurement. He suggested six categories and prefers a form that is valid and reliable.

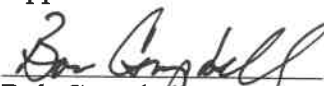
**Motion** by Councilmember T. Bierbaum and seconded by Councilmember K. Crystal to approve the City Manager job evaluation form revision that was sent out at 2:49 p.m. this afternoon.

**Vote:** Councilmember T. Bierbaum, Aye; Councilmember R. McKnight, Nay; Councilmember K. Crystal, Aye; Councilmember H. Ennis, Aye; Councilmember A. Vallée, Nay. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Motion carried.

#### **ITEM 14 - ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Approved:

  
Bob Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Maryanne Schrader*

Minutes taken by Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk

*Proper notice having been duly given*

