

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020, 6:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kevin Begos  
Commissioner Adriane Elliott  
Commissioner Despina George  
Commissioner Anita Grove  
Travis Wade, City Manager  
Leo Bebeau, Finance Director  
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk

**VIA PHONE:** Commissioner Brenda Ash

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Begos called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Commissioner George made a motion to approve the agenda, but to have public comment after the budget workshop. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to amend the order of the agenda and allow public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Begos opened the floor for public comment

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. POTENTIAL LAND DONATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION TO SETTLE CONSENT ORDER FINE**

Mayor Begos reviewed the City's options of paying the DEP fines for TTHM violations and they are as follows: 1) pay in cash, 2) offset projects by repairing and maintaining the sewer system, and 3) land donation.

Commissioner Ash made a motion for potential land donation with DEP to settle the Consent Order fine. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 3-2. Commissioners George and Elliott opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mr. Bebeau reviewed: revenue projections, grant projects, capital outlay, expenditures

Commission discussed by department the following items: Water/Sewer capital improvements increase, deleting the lobbyist and continue consulting with Chris Holley; better health Plan with CHP; accounting software; repairs and maintenance at Scipio Creek; legal budget reduction; one new position in both water/sewer and public works; elected officials pay; surplus property; new sewer treatment plant; IT services; vehicle tracking devices; Denton Cove monies for water/sewer taps; public works tractors and large vehicles being stationed at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street barn property and putting up a pole barn for protection; RFP for tree cutting services on City properties; EPCI contract positions; sales tax possibly needing further reduction from the 80% proposed amount to a lower figure; sanitation fees; golf cart renewal notifications; tree application fees; farmers market revenue – having 10% earmarked for repair and maintenance for the Mill Pond; firing range fee re-structure; planning position; CARES Act funding for Covid 19 and possible funding for a audio visual system; Community Garden funds; water and sewer rates; code enforcement position; Library interim position funding; fire department donations; City facility utilities and janitorial services; CRA funding and possibly

investing in signage for public restrooms and public parking lot on Market Street; CRA – payoff; Battery Park utilities, fees, public restrooms; Scipio Creek repairs and possible harbormaster position; and budget calendar dates which will be distributed when completed.

Mayor Begos recommends setting a tentative meeting for Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm, to tentatively adopt the millage rate.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b> <b>C. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE HISTORICAL RESOURCES GRANT</b>
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Commissioner Grove gave an update of possible Historical Resources Grant and recommends that the City apply for old City Hall, Historical Cultural and Arts building, and research to see if Holy family would qualify. Also, these grants require no match by the City, and there is a group that will help with these applications, so the City doesn't have to pay for a grant writer. Further research will be done by staff on these grant applications.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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With no further business, Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM. Commissioner George seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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Kevin Begos, Mayor

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Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk