

On Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular meeting in the Commission Chambers at 225 East Main Street, Suite 105, Wauchula.

Nadaskay called the meeting to order.

Commissioners present were Commissioner Russell Smith, Mayor Keith Nadaskay, Commissioner Sherri Albritton, and Commissioner Gary Smith, Commissioner Anne Miller.

Also present were City Manager Olivia Minshew, Deputy City Manager John Eason, Assistant City Manager Sandee Braxton, Director of Project Management and Procurement Ward Grimes, Chief of Police Brandon Ball, Community Development Director Kyle Long, Community Redevelopment Agency Director Jessica Newman (Zoom), City Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin, and City Clerk Stephanie Camacho.

Nadaskay declared a quorum.

Appointment of New Commissioner

Albritton motioned to appoint Anne Miller as the new Commissioner, seconded by R. Smith. The Commissioners shared their thoughts and expressed both applicants were excellent candidates. All were in favor of the appointment. Motion carried. Commissioner Miller took her seat at the dais.

Swearing in of Commissioners

Camacho swore in Commissioners Miller, Nadaskay and G. Smith.

Electing a Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

Minshew opened the floor for Mayoral nominations. Albritton motioned to elect Nadaskay for Mayor. No other nominations were heard. Albritton motioned to cease nominations. R. Smith seconded the motion to elect Nadaskay for Mayor. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Nadaskay opened the floor for Mayor Pro Tem nominations. Albritton motioned to elect R. Smith for Mayor Pro Tem. No other nominations were heard. R. Smith stated he would accept the position. G. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

G. Smith motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Albritton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the December 2, 2024 Ethics Workshop and December 9, 2024 Meeting

Albritton motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by G. Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Nadaskay gave the virtual meeting statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

ORDINANCES / PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2024-19 Extending the Suspension and Waiver of Water & Wastewater Impact Fees – Second Reading – Public Hearing

Nadaskay opened the public hearing. No discussion was presented. The public hearing was closed. Hatcher-Bolin read the ordinance by title. G. Smith motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by Albritton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-17 Capital Improvement Element – First Reading

Hatcher-Bolin read the ordinance by title. Albritton motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by G. Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER/NON-CONSENT**Power Cost Adjustment**

Minshew presented the December power cost adjustment.

Special Event Application – 70's Reunion

Janice Wheeler was present and requested approval of the even application. G. Smith motioned to approve the application, seconded by R. Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-01 Quitclaim Deed – 4:11 Ministries

Minshew introduced Roger Stevens, surveyor. Stevens explained the discrepancy in legal descriptions between the City's administrative building and the adjacent property at 208 W Orange St, which were preventing the property from being sold. Stevens further explained that the deeds between both property owners would not exchange any property rather, they were only fixing the legal description for the boundary lines. G. Smith motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Albritton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Rate Discussion

The Commission provided direction for staff to draft an ordinance with the necessary rate modifications.

CONSENT AGENDA**Lease Agreement – Drug Free Hardee****Lease Agreement – Send Me Missions****Special Event Application – Hometown Happy Hour****Bad Debt Write-Off****Surplus Vehicles****ITB 24-06 Wastewater Residuals Hauling & Disposal Award Recommendation**

Albritton motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by R. Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Report was given by Minshew.

CITY COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No report.

Nadaskay recessed the City Commission meeting and called to order the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting

Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2024 CRA Meeting

R. Smith motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by G. Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Revitalization Grant Application for 216-222 W Main St

Albritton motioned to approve the grant application, seconded by R. Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Nadaskay adjourned the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting and reconvened the City Commission Meeting

Approval of the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency Board's Actions

G. Smith motioned to approve the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency Board's actions, seconded by Albritton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Commission Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr., Mayor

Stephanie Camacho, City Clerk