



**MULBERRY CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 19, 2019 6:00 PM**

**Mulberry City Hall**

**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 5, 2019 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 5, 2019**
5. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**  
**None**
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**None**
8. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:**

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**\*CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

**\*CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**\*CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

**\*CITY CLERK COMMENTS:**

**\* ADJOURNMENT:**

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**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. INVOCATION FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Louis Holstein, Programs Director, led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners McAteer, McClintock, Stradtman, Splaine, Smith, Mayor Hatch, City Attorney Crawford, City Clerk Lauther and City Manager Johnson.

Department Staff Present: Louis Holstein, Programs Director, Gordon Chase, Finance Director, Chelsea Young, Cultural Center/Museum Director and John Wright, Public Works Director.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner McAteer made the motion to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded by Commissioner McClintock. Mayor Hatch asked all in favor of the motion say aye. All voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS**

Louis Holstein, Programs Director, gave a presentation on the Founder's Day Event for the City. Louis gave an update on the upcoming events for the City. Louis stated that the Mulberry Teen Advisory Board is accepting applications to be on the Board and that the City is hiring for the Lifeguard positions.

At this time the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing was held. Melissa Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, presented the information regarding the CDBG Grant that the City is eligible for. The Mayor opened the meeting up for Public comments regarding the CDBG Grant. There were none. Ms. Fox



stated that at this time the City is applying for funding for Lift Station #6 and water lines/water valve replacement. Commissioner Stradtman made a motion to proceed with the Community Development Block Grant, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Hatch asked all in favor of the motion say aye. All voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**At this time the Fair Housing Workshop was held.** Melissa Fox, gave a brief description of the Fair Housing Act.

**Chelsea Young, Cultural Center/Museum Director,** gave a brief presentation of current and upcoming events.

**6. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS REPORT**

**Diana Simmons, Executive Director of the Mulberry Chamber of Commerce,** gave a brief update on the new businesses that have joined the Chamber and the upcoming Chamber events.

**Julie Taylor, Concerned Citizens of Mulberry and Surrounding Areas, Inc.,** stated the Founder's Day event was a great event. Ms. Taylor thanked everyone that helped make the Evelyn Bryant Festival a great event.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**i. 1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC HEARING: SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION AND FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP**

Heard earlier on the agenda

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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**Commissioner McAteer** asked about problems with calling 911. City Manager Johnson stated that the contractor working on the I&I Project had cut some lines a couple of times but the repairs have been made and that possibly was why there was a problem with the 911 line. At this time Julie Taylor asked about the traffic light at SR60 & Hwy 37. City Clerk Lauther stated she had contacted the sheriff's office and they gave her the Signal & Communication phone number on which we can call regarding the lights and there was a call made to them. City Clerk Lauther stated that she will get that phone number to Ms. Taylor. Commissioner McAteer stated he went by the library expansion project and it is coming along.

**Commissioner McClintock** stated the YOGA in the Park will be delayed one week due to the Citywide Yard Sale.

**Commissioner Stradtman** recognized Chelsea Young regarding the face painting at Spence Field. Commissioner Stradtman thanked the City for the work on Mulford Road.

**Commissioner Splaine** stated the work on Mulford Road is greatly appreciated.

**Commissioner Smith** wanted to thank the City Manager and his staff for the great audit report the City received tonight. Commissioner Smith thanked Louis Holstein for a very fine Founder's Day.

**Mayor Hatch** thanked the City for the recognition for Founder's Day. Mayor Hatch thanked everyone that attended the Strategic Planning Meeting.

**\*CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**City Manager Johnson** gave an update on the Mulford Road paving project, GEM Theater, Library Expansion, Lake Whidden. City Manager Johnson gave a brief update on the Strategic Planning Meeting. City Manager Johnson stated there is an expansion coming to the Walmart Store. City Manager Johnson stated the new storage facility will be opening up soon. City Manager Johnson stated he is proud of the audit report that was given tonight. Commissioner Stradtman asked about the Charter School. City Manager Johnson stated they have submitted their application but has not heard back from them since they submitted their application.



**\*CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

City Attorney Crawford gave an update on the Boys' and Girls' Club lease, a civil suit has been brought against the City and collection by the Florida League of Cities of business tax receipts from Insurance Companies that do business in the City of Mulberry. City Attorney Crawford stated there are 2 House Bills that he is keeping a check on, House Bill #3-Financial Impact from the City-Limits Business Taxes in Municipalities and House Bill #9-CRA-Trying to sunset CRA's in 2039 which would make the City lose 5 years in CRA revenues.

**\*CITY CLERK COMMENTS:**

City Clerk Lauther reminded everyone about the Cultural Center next Thursday and also the Ridge League Dinner is the same night. City Clerk Lauther stated Commissioner Smith would be representing the City at the Legislative Days in Tallahassee later this month.

**\* ADJOURNMENT:**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Honorable Mayor George H. Hatch

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk, Sharon Lauther, CMC

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

**March 5, 2019 5:00 PM**

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**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**2. INVOCATION FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation and Pledge were waived.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners McAteer, McClintock, Stradtman, Splaine, Mayor Hatch, City Attorney Crawford, City Manager Johnson and City Clerk Lauther

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**i. AUDIT REPORT FROM POWELL & JONES**

Richard Powell gave an overview of the FY 2017/2018 annual budget. A brief discussion followed.

**ii. FINANCIAL REPORT FROM MIKE BRYNJULFSON**

Mike Brynjulfson gave a summary of the financial statements prepared to get ready for audit.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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COMMISSION MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 5:00 PM



\*CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None

\*CITY CLERK COMMENTS: None

\* ADJOURNMENT:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Honorable Mayor George H. Hatch

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