



MULBERRY CITY COMMISSION MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 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 MAY 21, 2019, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**
5. **DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENTATIONS**
6. **CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS REPORT**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - I. **COMMISSION SEAT #1 (AT LARGE) VACANCY**
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
9. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:**

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***CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

***CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

***CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

***CITY CLERK COMMENTS:**

*** ADJOURNMENT:**

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ORGANIZATION SESSION/REGULAR MEETING

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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: Chelsea Young, Cultural Center/Museum Director, John Wasmund, Finance Director, Louis Holstein, Programs Director and Ron Borchers, Planning & Development Director

Not Present: Cheri Schisler, Library Director

4. INSTALLATION OF NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Attorney Crawford swore in the newly re-elected Mayor George H. Hatch.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 7, 2019, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

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

6. POLK PRIDE WEEK PROCLAMATION

City Attorney Crawford read the proclamation recognizing Polk Pride Week as June 8-15, 2019.



At this time Mayor Hatch called Michael Ayersman, 45 Lake Pointe Drive, Mulberry, to the podium. Mr. Ayersman wanted to thank the Commission for the donation to his business that helps Veterans and stated that his business will start tomorrow.

7. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Ron Borchers, Economics Development Director, gave a brief update on the construction of homes at Bridgeport Lakes and annexations of property to the City.

8. FINANCE REPORT

At this time Public Works & Utilities Report (9) was presented. John Wright, Public Works Director, gave a brief presentation on the projects that Public Works, Utilities and Wastewater Departments are working on. Commissioner Stradtman recommended to all the Commissioners to schedule a tour thru the City Manager of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant. John Wright gave a brief explanation of the water usage report.

John Wasmund, Finance Director, stated he will be working on the new budget in the next few weeks.

At this time Louis Holstein, Programs Director, reminded everyone that the Summer Splash will be Saturday, June 1st.

9. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES REPORT

Previously heard on Finance Report (8).

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Mayor Hatch presented Commissioner Stradtman with a plaque for his services to the Commission and Community. Commissioner Stradtman wished everyone well and stated that he is very proud to have lived in Mulberry.

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Dan Jones, 4033 Sable Loop Drive, Lake Wales, talked about Boy Scouts and stated that the Boy Scouts in attendance tonight are working on earning a merit badge.

***CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner McAteer thanked Commissioner Stradtman for all his help when he was the new guy in town.

Commissioner McClintock stated Commissioner Stradtman had been influential in her time as Commissioner.

Commissioner Stradtman stated the Kiwanians should give a monetary donation to the Boy Scout Organization.

Commissioner Splaine wished Commissioner Stradtman good luck on his move.

Commissioner Smith stated he will miss Commissioner Stradtman.

Mayor Hatch stated he will miss Commissioner Stradtman. Mayor Hatch stated that he and Commissioner Smith attended the scholarship awards at Mulberry High School last night. Mayor Hatch thanked Commissioner Smith for filling in for him at the last meeting. Mayor Hatch stated we had asked the City attorney to give us an ethics training here in Mulberry. City Attorney Crawford stated it would take him a few days to develop an ethics training class which would cost just under \$6,000. A brief discussion followed. Commissioner Smith made a motion for everyone to attend the ethics training class on June 1st, seconded by Commissioner McClintock. Mayor Hatch asked all in favor of the motion say aye. All voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

***CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

City Manager Johnson thanked Commissioner Stradtman for everything he has done for the Community and the City. City Manager Johnson reminded everyone that the Ribbon Cutting will be at 12:30 on May 29th for Lake Whidden. City Manager Johnson gave a brief update on the GEM Theater, Library Expansion, I&I Project, Bridgeport Lakes and the new Storage Facility.

At this time Diana Simmons, Mulberry Chamber of Commerce Director, stated they have had 5 new businesses join the Chamber. Ms. Simmons gave a brief update on the upcoming events for the Chamber. Ms. Simmons thanked Commissioner Stradtman for all he had done for the Chamber.



***CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

City Attorney Crawford gave a brief overview of the Able & Willing land swap contract. Commissioner McClintock made a motion to move forward on the Able & Willing land swap, seconded by Commissioner Splaine. Mayor Hatch asked all in favor of the motion say aye. All voted yes. Motion carried unanimously. City Attorney Crawford stated he has a code enforcement lien on NW 5th that he will bring a "Partial Release of Lien" document to the next meeting for the Commission's approval. City Attorney Crawford stated he will be attending Florida Municipal Attorney Association in July. City Attorney Crawford stated that the Commission needs to hold a special CRA meeting before the next meeting to discuss House Bill 9. City Attorney Crawford stated that he will miss Commissioner Stradtman and have enjoyed working with him. City Attorney Crawford recommends that Commissioner Stradtman's seat remain open until the next election. Commissioner McClintock asked if the Commission could hold a meeting to decide what option to go with regarding the vacant seat. Mayor Hatch recommended that this be added to the next agenda.

***CITY CLERK COMMENTS:**

City Clerk Lauther stated she will miss Commissioner Stradtman.

*** ADJOURNMENT:**

Approved: _____
Honorable Mayor George H. Hatch

Attest: _____
City Clerk, Sharon Lauther, CMC

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