

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAKE ALFRED  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 1, 2018  
CITY HALL**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Charles Lake

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Rob Terry

Those in attendance were Mayor Charles Lake, Vice Mayor Jack Dearmin, Commissioner Nancy Daley, Commissioner John Duncan, and Commissioner Albertus Maulsby.

Staff in attendance: City Manager Ryan Leavengood, Assistant City Attorney Seth Claytor, Community Development Director Ameer Bailey, Fire Chief Chris Costine, Financial Director Amber Deaton, Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed, Police Chief Art Bodenheimer, Public Works Director John Deaton, Deputy City Clerk Mamie Drane, and other staff.

**CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**City Manager Leavengood** announced Policy Committees will meet during Legislative Conference on November 15th, and 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a variety of informative workshops to help prepare for the 2019 legislative session. This conference sets our legislative policies and priorities for the upcoming session of the Legislature. For more information contact the City Clerk or the Deputy Clerk.

Mackay Gardens and Lakeside Preserve will be sponsoring a Master Gardener Workshop hosted by the Polk County Master Gardener's Speaker Bureau. The workshops will be held the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. and the workshops are free.

Saturday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> the Lake Alfred Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Inaugural Race for Liberty featuring a 5k run and 1 mile fun walk. Race start time is 9 am,. Proceeds will benefit both the VFW and Fallen Warriors Foundation. There will be music, entertainment and raffle prizes for the participants. For questions please call the Lake Alfred Chamber of Commerce office.

There will be a controlled burn at Mackay Gardens and Lakeside Preserve around the end of November more information will be presented as the time becomes certain.

The City has received word from CSX concerning the rail road tracks at CR557. Public Works Director John Deaton was able to speak with someone and he is in agreement that something should be done. Updates will be forth coming as things progress.

Signalization will be going in at Evenhouse Road for the school. The City will be moving the water line in this location as it conflicts with the installation of the equipment. Service will be disrupted in Lake Alfred Estates and north on CR557. The work will be done at night to minimize the interruption.

Last week the Discovery Student Council came to the Commissioners Chamber for a mock City Commission meeting. They heard about and discussed local government. The City Manager thanked Mayor Lake for attending and Commissioner Duncan for spearheading the event.

The City is now accepting applications for the 2018 Christmas Parade visit the web site to download an application or contact the Parks & Recreation Department.

The City art work was picked up to last week in preparation for the new art work being delivered on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and that will be followed by the reception. As more dates and information becomes available it will be passed along.

### **CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No comments.

### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

**Mayor Lake** recognized Tracy Mercer from the Lake Region, Mayor West from Haines City and Leah West representing Congressman Soto.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**Mayor Lake** read the proclamation recognizing October as Fire Safety Month, urging citizens to have a home escape plan and practice home fire drills.

**Fire Chief Chris Costine** accepted the proclamation stating October is traditionally Fire Prevention Month, however, the fire department asks that citizens keep fire safety in mind year round. If anyone has questions please contact the fire department.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Vice Mayor Dearmin** moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by **Commissioner Duncan**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

<b>MAYOR LAKE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>VICE MAYOR DEARMIN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER DALEY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER DUNCAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER MAULTSBY</b>	<b>AYE</b>

### **AGENDA**

#### **1.) TASK ORDER #13 CPH: CR 557 SEWER LINE EXTENSION DESIGN**

**City Manager Leavengood** stated the City is anticipating growth along the CR 557 corridor based on development projects that are being proposed and working their way through the City's land development process (Gum, Berry, etc.). The sewage generated by these northern

developments must make its way to the wastewater treatment facility on Ramona Avenue. The existing sewer lines that are in place do not have the capacity to handle these future developments. The solution proposed by the City's engineering firm is to run a sewer force main directly from the wastewater treatment plant to a master lift station that will be north of Evenhouse Road that will act as a "bypass" and serve all future northern development along CR 557. At some point the existing pipes will meet capacity, this system will stay in place and the City will create a sewer main bypass. All the future development will tie into the new line and bypass the existing system going directly to the wastewater plant.

A placeholder was included in the FY 18/19 Budget and CIP in anticipation of design costs for this project in the current fiscal year. Over \$1 million is available in wastewater impact fees to accommodate the expense. Preliminary construction costs are estimated to be \$1.9 million. These costs will be incurred as they are needed and offset by the payment of impact fees from the developments.

The proposed task order with CPH is for the design and engineering of the proposed sewer force main and master lift station in the amount of \$175,937.

**Staff** recommended approval of Task Order #13 with CPH, Inc.

**Mayor Lake** asked if the new line coming down from Lake Swoope Road will connect with the lift station that's already there.

**Public Works Director Deaton** stated this will not tie in with the existing lift station, that station is on a system, and will stay with that system. The new line is a force main that will go to the plant and the only tie in will be at the master lift station.

**City Manager Leavengood** stated staff had concerns about installing the new water line before the road widening project on CR557. The City didn't want to run the new water line, only to have to relocate it in a few years. Community Development Director Bailey is working on a plan to work with the private property owners to use their easements to install the water line, as the City will only have to pay for relocation of the line if it goes into the County's right-of-way. As Lake Gum progresses the developers will have to pay to run the lines to their property. They may only need a 6 inch line for their development, the City would then pay the difference to increase the size of the pipe. The impact fee is a developing fund as the City pays out impact fees we collect impact fees.

**Commissioner Daley** asked how far north will the water line go. She also asked, if the City pays for the increase in the size of the pipe can the City then be reimbursed from the impact fees.

**Commissioner Duncan** asked if the lines be on the side of the access road side or can the line go down the center so the road will be repaved

**Mayor Lake** asked if the property down Evenhouse Road is County or City property

**Public Works Director Deaton** stated the line will go 400 to 500 feet from the cut off on Old Lake Alfred Road on the west side. In answer to Commissioner Duncan he stated the access road is on the paving plan for this year. This line will be in the easement down the side of the road, it will not be down the center. The line may cross the road in places but it will not be down the middle of any road. There are utility easements on both sides of the road on Evenhouse Road that the City will be utilizing for this project

**Mayor Lake** opened public hearing.

**Wiley Burkett** 645 E Lake View Road asked if the lift stations will have back-up generators?

**City Manager Leavengood** responded saying that all new lift stations will have back-up generators and the City is retrofitting the old lift stations with back-up generators as well.

**Mayor Lake** closed public hearing

## **2.) TASK ORDER #1 ROB A. STEVENS: CR 557 SEWER LINE EXTENSION SURVEYING**

The proposed task order with Rob A. Stevens and Associates is for the surveying of the right of way and proposed lines for the project in the amount of \$48,750.

**Mayor Lake** opened public hearing.

**Diane Alexander** 9070 Hickory Walk Drive stated she is concerned with the easements and the distance from the road. She also asked if there is there a certain distance from the road that's required for the installation of the utility lines.

**Public Works Director Deaton** replied the lines must be off the road, have 3 feet of dirt covering the line, and there will be locate tape and wire installed when the pipe is laid.

**Assistant City Attorney Claytor** mentioned for the record, both Task Orders are issued pursuant to continuing contracts which have been reviewed by the City attorney's office and are in compliance with the CCNA requirements for the state of Florida.

**Mayor Lake** closed public hearing.

**Vice Mayor Dearmin** commented this is an example of forward thinking of growth.

**Commissioner Daley** moved to approve the Task Order #13 with CPH in the amount of \$175,937, and the approval of Task Order #1 for Rob A. Stevens County Road 557 sewer line extension surveying in the amount of \$48,750. seconded by **Commissioner Duncan**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

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<b>COMMISSIONER MAULTSBY</b>	<b>AYE</b>

### **3.) SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: SATURDAY MORNING MARKET**

**City Manager Leavengood** stated. the City has received a special event application from Central Florida Event Vendors, Inc. for a Saturday Morning Market to be held on the first Saturday of each month on East Haines Blvd between 17/92 and Seminole Avenue from 9am-2pm. The applicant operates the monthly market at the downtown park in Winter Haven and is the publisher of 863 Magazine. They are requesting closure of this portion of East Haines Blvd for the event, which requires approval from the City Commission.

Public safety staff's concerns were addressed in the application by barricading off the access points and the entire length of East Haines between 17/92 and Seminole (to prevent vehicles from turning onto East Haines and then being forced to turn around). County Fire & EMS can be notified of the closure to adjust their response route. The applicant has provided the required insurance coverage.

City staff has reached out to the businesses along East Haines and the only negative feedback we received was from Cornerstone Grill. Their concern was that it would negatively affect their lunch crowd when they open at 11am due to loss of access, parking, and competition with food trucks.

In searching for viable alternatives city staff has reached out to Wells Fargo to see if they would allow the market to be placed in their parking lot and drive through lanes but their corporate office was not receptive to the request. City staff also suggested the closing of Seminole Avenue and allowing use of the City owned lot on the west side of the street but the applicant was not receptive to this idea.

If the City Commission approves the request staff would recommend only approving it until the end of the year as a trial period in order to see if the concerns that were expressed materialize and to see if there is a positive impact to the businesses along East Haines and in the general area. The City code will be going through review and rewrite within the next 6 months. One of the items staff will be considering is the special event application and permitting process. There are quarterly time limitations in place at this time and that will be taken into account in regards to a monthly market.

**Staff** recommended: Pleasure of the City Commission.

**Mayor Lake** stated before opening the floor to public comment he wanted to set the guidelines:

- The discussion will be fair and equal to all sides.
- If you wish to speak come up to the podium, speak into the microphone, state your name and address and keep comments to 5 minutes or less. There will be a timer.
- If you are part of a group please choose 1 or 2 spokespersons.
- Please keep it civil, we are discussing items to promote the City.
- After the public hearing is closed the commissioners will voice their opinion and then vote.

**Mayor Lake** then opened the public hearing.

Several individuals spoke to the benefits and detriments of the event. The following list were those in favor of the event, they spoke of the event promoting community awareness, showcasing local businesses, and encouraging visitors to Lake Alfred.

Diane Alexander 9070 Hickory Walk Dr.  
Jane Brumbaugh 655 E Pierce St.  
Keith Klingensmith 485 Buena Vista Dr.  
Samantha McDaniels 570 MLK Jr. St  
Sonja Davaida 2321 Paulette Dr. / Haines Blvd.  
Donna Wayt Lake Lowery  
Lisa Littleton 350 E Orange  
Loretta Vittorio 260 Oak Lane  
Bette Biggar Haines Blvd.  
Stephanie Widner 9055 Hickory Walk  
Melinda Langford 815 Lake Shore Way  
Luis Diaz Lake Shore Way

The following list consists of individuals objecting to the event being held on Haines Blvd.. They cited misgiving about closing Haines Blvd., stating businesses in the area of the closure will not have parking for their customers and their sales will suffer due to the presence of street vendors. There was also a concern about traffic being impeded as Haines Blvd. is one of two streets in the City with a stop light.

Ed Arbuthnot 120 W Echo St.  
Ron Schelfo 380 S Lake Shore Way  
Matthew Arbuthnot 175 Haines Blvd.  
Lowell Schmidt 385 Sanford St.  
Joe Hults 824 James Way  
Rodney Thompson 640 N Pennsylvania Ave.  
Wiley Burkett 645 E Lake View Rd.

**City Manager Leavengood** stated he reached out to Winter Haven to find out more about their market, and there is a nominal fee, less than \$200 and a different arrangement for the Police

and Fire Department there. The City would not make money from the event but neither would the City be spending money. That's consistent with other events held in the City.

The traffic count was a component of their location decision, and they wanted to have anchor businesses for the street market. The City owns property closer to the highway 17/92 split that was considered, but environmental clean-up is starting at that location and parking is a factor. The City attempted to contact the businesses on Haines to get feedback before committing to the promoter. When a special event permit is submitted staff evaluates it and if it doesn't involve closing a road it becomes a matter of verifying the requestor has all the required documentation. If they do request a road closure it requires approval of the City Commission.

This event has not been approved prior to this meeting, this meeting will determine the approval or denial of the event. He also said the Police and Fire will not be hindered by the closing of Haines Blvd. and the City notifies the Polk County Fire EMS that the road is closed and they adjust their routes as necessary. In answer to Commissioner Duncan's question regarding parking he stated that it will depend on the size of the event as to how much and where it will be. Coordinating with the Baptist Church is an option as well as the Methodist Church. The parks were considered as an option, but the promoter didn't think they would close enough to traffic. Our surrounding cities have the advantage of having their parks in the downtown area, Lake Alfred has the challenge of being split down the middle.

**Commissioner Daley** asked if there were any other property in the area that could facilitate the street market. She also asked about the public facilities, and who will provide the portables.

**Commissioner Duncan** asked about parking for the event. Stating that parking has been an issue on all the events he's worked. He mentioned the trail that runs through Lake Alfred from Echo up to the Methodist Church would also be a viable option.

**Sergio Cruz** 523 7<sup>th</sup> St. Winter Haven, Central Florida Vendors stated the set-up would begin at around 7:00 AM and the vendor would be ready for customers by 8:00 AM for early shoppers. The vendors will have left the area by 3:00 PM and everything will be cleaned. His events in Winter Haven brings in over 68,000 visitors a year. Using the City map he pointed out a parking area designated for handicap individuals. He also showed the parking for the vendors pointing out the parking they were reserving for the businesses on Haines. He stated that this market will change the city of Lake Alfred, it will bring the community to the street once a month. The market has people that can make bread, jams and crafts. His event provides a lot of jobs for the community family's and it brings people in from a one hundred mile radius. Visit the web site Central Florida Vendors.com they are the number one site for event planning in all central Florida. It is a for profit corporation, but they are not charging Lake Alfred. They picked Haines Blvd. because of the location, they will not be taking anything from the local businesses. They are asking to borrow a public street that belongs to the public. They are here to bring the community together. It took them eight years to get where they are today. Mayor Lake came into Winter Haven and spoke to the businesses there where the street market sets up. Not a single business owner complains because of the amount of traffic the event brings to the city.

This is what they do for a living, this is why they own the 863 magazine, this is community they just need the chance they will do the right thing for the City. When asked about parking he stated that his staff will not be directing customers to park in the bank parking lot, but people do park there now. He then referenced other parking for the event.

**Assistant City Attorney Claytor** asked about the web site and if the business is a for profit corporation. What percentage of the foot traffic come from the advertisement.

**Commissioner Duncan** in reply stated that he was referring to the Wells Fargo property and they did not give permission for the use of their lot. He stated if the street market used Mr. Cruz's designated parking, the customers of the existing businesses along Haines Blvd will have no place park. He went on to say he has been involved with a lot of events in the City, closing the road is not receptive from the residents and obviously the business owners. He would like to know how many business were spoken to concerning this event.

**Assistant City Attorney Claytor** said the City staffs analyses stated that staff has reached out to businesses along that area, not that they had contacted or spoke with every business.

**Parks and Recreation Director Weed** stated he successfully reached all the businesses on Haines Blvd. with the exception of Artzy Zone as they were closed.

**Vice Mayor Dearmin** commented that we do have several nice parks in Lake Alfred that could host an event like this.

**Vice Mayor Dearmin** stated he hadn't heard about the event till he read about it on Facebook and according to Facebook post he read the event was already booked. He would like to thank the magazine and the staff of 863 for the article about Lake Alfred. He is not opposed to a street market, but he remembers the last time there was a request to close Haines Blvd., then, just as now, he does not think Haines Blvd. should be closed. Matt Arbutnot, owner of Cornerstone Grill chose Lake Alfred to build his restaurant, and he has worked hard to establish himself at his location. He should not have to compete with food trucks. He is in favor of using one of the many parks in Lake Alfred.

**Commissioner Duncan** stated in referencing notes from 6 years ago, when a local merchant requested to close Haines Blvd. for a street market, the attorney required a not for profit 501c3 corporation make the request to close the street. The attorney stated a private entity cannot profit from closing the public right-of-way. He is requesting clarification of this precedent, stating a lot of people spent time and money and they were charged \$100 dollars for every event that closed the road. the City did supply the trash bins and the City set up and removed the barricades. The special event application forced a resolution to be written and passed by the Commission. There is a precedent that was set, and as an order of business the City should follow the resolution if we are allowing special events to close roads. He stated he has a problem with an outside business coming into Lake Alfred, there's a lot of things that need to happen before the City allows this event to take place.

**Assistant City Attorney Claytor** addressing some of the legal concerns Commissioner Duncan spoke of such as precedents, he said in a brief review of the City ordinances, there are provisions for alcoholic beverages and special permits for an applicant or for a not for profit corporation. He does not see in the City code where it expressly prohibits or allows for only one type of entity to submit a permit application. There is a concern over business tax receipts, food truck vendors and investment backed expectation's if there were a legitimate concerns over lost profits. He stated his recommendation to the Commission, if there were an approval, would be to allow the event for a finite period of time possibly for only one event. The code does not expressly prohibit a for profit company submitting an application and the Commission determining the approval or denial based on the merits of the application. In reviewing the application there were statements made to facilities, trip hazards and restrooms, the applicant furnishes port-a-lets regardless of location. The traffic from these events come from advertising the event not from drive by traffic. The Commission, if approved for a finite time, could consider substitute locations.

**City Manager Leavengood** stated as we talk of moving forward the park is public property as well as the street, and no different in that regard.

**Commissioner Daley** stated she heard a lot of talk today about how this would be a good event for Lake Alfred, especially on a regular basis, but she has concerns about closing Haines Blvd.. It's more of a collector road than a local street. There's a lot of reasons why that's not the best location, it doesn't have any more visibility than Pierce St. which is one block over. When we have Gardner Park, Lions Park or the Trail close by, Haines Blvd. is not the only option.

**Commissioner Maultsby** stated if the street is closed for five hours it could hurt those businesses along Haines Blvd. five hours is a long time for a small business.

**Vice Mayor Dearmin** stated there are other events held in parks in other cities, but closing a street isn't viable in the City. Gardner park is off 17 where everyone can see it and that would be a great location.

**Mayor Lake** stated he is aware of the concern of closing the street, and he would love to have a farmers market here. Our parks are not as visible as other cities, however, there are other locations. The promoter would love to have the event at Haines Blvd., but closing the street affects other things. It could help the businesses if it's done the right way and in the right place. He has spoken to Mr. Cruz about the street market, the idea is great but we have to find a way that works for the City.

**Commissioner John Duncan** stated after you pass the old Wells Fargo lot, Haines Blvd. isn't that prominent. He then asked if anyone reached out to the Chamber to find out if they would like to be involved with this type of event.

**City Manager Leavengood** stated when a special event application is presented to the City he follows certain procedures. If the event doesn't require a road closing staff can proceed internally, but if the event involves a road closing, the application goes to the City Commission. If five more applications are submitted and they involve closing Haines Blvd. the City will have this same meeting five more times. The solution may be in a resolution that prohibits the closing of Haines Blvd.. The special event application and process needs to be overhauled. As Lake Alfred grows we will experience more applications and interests in this type of event. If the answer is no tonight, staff will work with the promoter and try and find a suitable location.

**Commissioner Daley** asked if the Commission has a vote on this application denying the applicant, could staff still work with the promoter if he is willing to work with the City.  
Staff recommendation

**Mayor Lake** stated 863 magazine did the article on Lake Alfred and they saw what Lake Alfred has to offer.

**Assistant City Attorney Claytor** stated one recommendation would be to table the matter until the next meeting and give him time to work with City staff in order to find answers to the questions from the Commissioners. Specifically the ones related to the not for profit entities seeking the special event permits.

**City Manager Leavengood** stated if the Commissioners answer is no he would like that understood tonight. We can still work with the promoter to try and find another place and work on the resolution that the City Attorney is referring to.

**Vice Mayor Dearmin** made a motion to decline the application on the grounds that it would require Haines Blvd to be closed and to work further with the applicant to find alternative locations, seconded by **Commissioner Maultsby**. The motion was approved by **Roll Call Vote**

<b>MAYOR LAKE</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>VICE MAYOR DEARMIN</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER DALEY</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER DUNCAN</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER MAULTSBY</b>	<b>YES</b>

**Commissioner Daley** stated she hopes a solution can be found, it would be a good event for the City.

**Mayor Lake** said the application has been denied because of the closing of the street but the City will continue looking for alternative locations.

#### 4.) BIDS: VEHICLE PURCHASE

**City Manager Leavengood** stated the current FY 18/19 budget includes \$30,000 for the purchase of a replacement vehicle in the Parks and Recreation department. The proposed purchase is for a 2018 Ford F250 Super Crew that will replace a 2004 F-150 consistent with the vehicle replacement schedule of being at least 10 years old and/or over 100,000 miles.

City staff has solicited and received the following bids for the purchase:

- Bill Jarrett Ford: \$25,930.22
- Bartow Ford: \$26,182
- Weikert Ford: \$36,394.32

**Staff** recommended purchasing the vehicle from Bill Jarrett Ford in the amount of \$25,930.22.

**Vice Mayor Dearmin** the City has worked with Bartow Ford in the past what was the difference this time.

**Parks and Recreation Richard Weed** stated the last purchase was from Weikert Ford in Lake Wales. Bartow Ford was working with the Police Department also and the salesperson mis-read the quote and supplied the wrong bid.

**Commissioner Maultsby** asked if the City has ever submitted a bid to the Ford dealer in Brandon.

**Commissioner Duncan** stated it's confusing without all the specification listed on the vehicles. He also stated he thought the City required sealed bids for anything over \$20,000 and then asked if Director Weed has the authority to negotiate.

**City Manager Leavengood** stated often times the City will send out detailed specifications and they send back a quote without everything listed. A lot of times we may not get response back from a vendor. Per bidding procedures you could have a single number and still be in compliance with the requirements. The City does not have to receive three quotes, we have to make contact with three vendors. In the future we can include the base spec sheet with what we send out. Sealed bids would be for a General Contract type bid where there are multiple sub-contractors, but a sealed bid would not have the same benefit on single source purchase. A lot of these purchases have Government pricing. The City typically does not negotiate, there is a good faith element as a Government provider.

**Mayor Lake** opened public hearing, with no public comment, he closed public hearing.

**Commissioner Daley** moved to approve the purchase for \$25,930.22 from Bill Jarrett Ford, seconded by **Vice Mayor Dearmin**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

<b>MAYOR LAKE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>VICE MAYOR DEARMIN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER DALEY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER DUNCAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER MAULTSBY</b>	<b>AYE</b>

#### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:**

**Joe Hults** 824 James Way stated all other cities have their own problems in their own unique way. They all find ways to make events happen, they research the area around the city and they come up with innovative ideas. There are ways to make this event happen. The City could appointment a committee to visit other cities and learn from them about the events they host.

There were no further comments.

#### **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Duncan** stated we learn from the past, he is very thankful that the Commissioners work together so well and everyone is working on the goal of what's best for Lake Alfred. He thanked staff for the Discovery City Hall experience the kids love it every year. The new art should be up before the November election.

**City Manager Leavengood** stated this is an opportunity to address and clean up the ordinance and remove some of the verbiage then go to a resolution format. That will be a more adaptive document, 5 years from now the City may come up with something entirely different from what the City has seen to date.

**Commissioner Maultsby** thanked the Commissioners for excusing him from the last meeting.

**Mayor Lake** stated the students were fun they all had good questions. He will be attending Ballot Ready program on October 4<sup>th</sup> in Bartow. This was a productive meeting, it allowed the Commissioners to find out what the residents want and need.

**Vice Mayor Dearmin** thanked the citizens for coming out tonight he believes the Commissioners made the right choice.

**Commissioner Daley** stated Ridge League Dinner and there is Florida League of Cities Legislative Committees in October. She also asked about the re-fittings that the City was looking at for the hydrants.

**Fire Chief Chris Costine** stated the Fire Department has the connections on the trucks to hook up to the fire hydrants that are in the City now.

**Public Works Director Deaton** stated to convert the hydrants throughout the City it would cost over \$100,000. The Fire Department has been testing the hydrants and lubricating the connections so they are easier to open.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mamie Drane  
Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed by.



Ameé Bailey  
City Clerk