



## **MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MULBERRY CITY COMMISSION  
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014  
AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

### **CITY COMMISSION**

**MAYOR GEORGE H. HATCH  
COMMISSIONER TERRY EVERS  
COMMISSIONER ANDY SCROCCA  
COMMISSIONER COLLINS SMITH  
COMMISSIONER JAMES SPLAINE  
COMMISSIONER JERRY WOODS**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**CITY MANAGER RICHARD JOHNSON  
CITY CLERK VANESSA BAKER, MMC  
CITY ATTORNEY FRANK COMPARETTO, JR.**

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**ANYONE REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON AN AGENDA ITEM MUST FIRST SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK.**

1. INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Bagwell gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge by Mayor Hatch.

Present: Commissioners Scrocca, Evers, Woods, Splaine, and Smith, Attorney Comparetto, Mayor Hatch, City Manager Johnson and City Clerk Baker.

2. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 3, 2013, AND OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 16, 2013

Commissioner Smith made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Woods for approval of the minutes. At this time, Commissioner Splaine advised of an error on the agenda regarding Resolution 2014. The motion carried for approval unanimously.

At this time, the item on the Agenda under #4 Ordinances and Resolutions, listed as Resolution 2014, and should read Resolution 2014.1, was heard. Attorney Comparetto read the Resolution honoring the late Lillian Baker. Commissioner Scrocca made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Splaine, to accept the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Kandis Baker Buford thanked the City for honoring her mother.

At this time, item #8 d was heard. John Wright, Utilities Supervisor , gave a brief discussion. Mayor Hatch presented Waste Water Operator Jerry Gullins a plaque for City employee of the quarter.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (Limited to 15 minutes)

Julie Taylor- Mulberry Concern Citizens – Ms. Taylor advised that the City Christmas Parade was good this year. She asked for an applaud for all that helped with the parade. Ms. Taylor advised that the Christmas Tree Lighting was nice. She thanked all the Business people that helped with all Christmas events in Mulberry. She stated the ground Breaking Ceremony for the New Health Care Center was nice. Ms. Taylor advised of the new Businesses in Mulberry and the unfortunate deaths around Mulberry.

At this time, item # 7 listed under New Business was heard. Lisa Frazier of Frazier Consulting and Susan Hall, a Consultant, addressed the Commission regarding conceptual plans that the City asked them to provide for the beautification project on the east side of Hwy 60. A discussion took place.

4. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2014 A RESOLUTION HONORING LILLIAN BAKER.

Heard earlier on the Agenda.

5. INVITED CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS SPEAKERS; QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to 5 minutes each.

No one signed up to speak.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a. City Commissioners, Mayor

Commissioner Woods - He asked about the CRA.

Commissioner Woods made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Splaine to move forward with the feasibility study for the CRA for the City of Mulberry. A discussion took place. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Evers- He advised that he read a serious article in the paper concerning the City Manager and one of the City workers. Commissioner Evers stated that he thinks the City Manager handled it correctly. He made the motion that they give the City Manager a vote of confidence in how he handled the problem. Commissioner Splaine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Evers asked if there were anymore change orders coming for the water plant. A discussion took place.

Commissioner Scrocca- He asked about the sidewalks down Hwy 37. Commissioner Smith gave a discussion on this issue and advised that he will invite Ryan to the next meeting to discuss the sidewalks.

Commissioner Smith- He stated that he is glad the City of Mulberry did not make the paper, like the City of Fort Meade, regarding the Christmas decorations. He advised that he is glad the City Manager allowed this City to decorate.

Commissioner Smith advised that he was asked at the Ridge League Meeting, if Mulberry would host the Ridge League Dinner for the month of September. City Manager Johnson advised that the City will be able to host it. Commissioner Smith advised of a drug problem in his area of town.

Commissioner Splaine- He stated that there is a problem with Ordinances being passed then the Ordinance can't be found. He then made the motion to have the City Attorney Comparetto do it or appoint someone to go through all the Ordinances and find out what the City has and where they are and get them sorted out. Commissioner Evers seconded the motion. Attorney Comparetto gave a discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hatch- He discussed time and commitment of the officials of the City of Mulberry. Mayor Hatch talked about Mulberry High School graduates who hold various jobs.

b. City Manager

City Manager Johnson- He thanked the Commissioners for the kind comments made earlier in the meeting. He showed slides of various happening in the City.

At this time, Chelsea Young, Museum Director, came forth and discussed happenings at the Museum. A discussion took place.

At this time, City Manager Johnson continued with his report. He advised of the demolition of the South Water Plant. City Manager Johnson commented on the article in the paper regarding mosquitoes .

c. City Clerk

City Clerk Baker asked the Commissioners what date to change the Commission regular meeting for the month of April, due to the City Municipal Election. The Commission advised to have the meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014.

d. City Attorney

None

e. Other Reports

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lisa Frazier – Beautification Project  
Heard earlier on the Agenda.

At this time, Julie Taylor addressed the Commission regarding the Evelyn Bryant Festival to be held on February 1, 2014.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. UTILITY MASTER AGREEMENT ( DOT)

Victor Harris, Director of Public Works, and Attorney Comparetto gave a discussion on this item. Commissioner Woods made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Splaine for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

b. UTILITY WORK AGREEMENT ( DOT)

Commissioner Splaine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

c. RESOLUTION UTILITY AGREEMENT (DOT)

Commissioner Splaine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

d. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Heard earlier on the Agenda.

e. APPROVAL OF THE MUSEUM'S FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND CORE COLLECTION.



Museum Director, Chelsea Young, gave a discussion regarding this item, after which Commissioner Woods made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Splaine for approval of the Museum's Five Year Strategic Plan and Core Collection. More discussion took place, followed by a roll call vote:

Commissioner Woods - Yes

Commissioner Splaine - Yes

Commissioner Smith \_ Yes

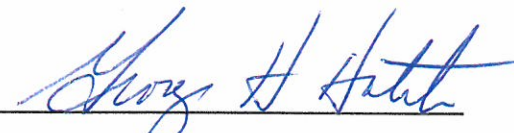
Commissioner Evers \_ Yes

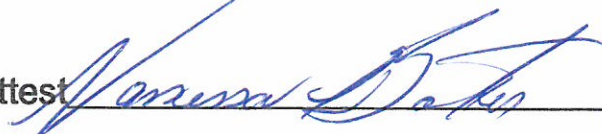
Commissioner Scrocca \_ No

The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Scrocca qualified his no vote.

9. ADJOURN UNTIL FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Meeting adjourned 7:57 p.m.

Approved   
Mayor

Attest   
City Clerk