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**HIGH SPRINGS
MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2024
CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Camden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL:

Member Leila Cielley - present
Chair Camden Treese – Present
Vice Chair Anna Weitz- Present
Member Aiden Bloodsworth – Arrived at 7:26 PM
Member Samuel Nichol – Not Present (Prior Notice Given)
(Alternate)Member Elijah Kellum - Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Katherine Weitz, Mayor
Ashley Mauldin, Executive Assistant

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chair Camden motioned to approve the agenda from January 29, 2024.
Vice Chair Weitz Second.
Motion carried 5-0.

(E) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON CREATING A HIGH SPRINGS YOUTH COUNCIL INSTAGRAM.

Mayor's Weitz directed the council on how to move forward with starting an Instagram page and creating a logo to present to the City Manager. That the council will be responsible for the content with assistance from city staff.

Ashley Mauldin informed the council that they would provide the content but city staff would have to manage the Instagram page due to being city involved. Assistant City Clerk Jami will be discussing further with the PIO and City Manager for better direction.

Chair Camden discussing a logo to participate in city events, fundraisers, and job fairs. Wanting to use the city seal as the logo.

Vice Chair Weitz asked who on the council would be in charge of the content for Instagram page.

Member Ceilley suggests working together as a group and discussing at meetings.

Mayor Weitz asking how frequently they will be wanting to post?

Vice Chair Weitz says as needed maybe once a week.

Chair Camden agrees.

Vice Chair Weitz asks if posting to bring awareness about the City Commission meetings would be okay.

Ashley Mauldin informed the council that what is discussed at the Commission meeting is public record.

Mayor Weitz thinks it would be a good idea.

2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON SPRINGS INITIATIVES AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS.

Chair Camden introduces Dyna Strode president of Newberry HS new environmental club, Mrs. Shankman sponsor Santa Fe environmental club and Natalie Kline is the president for the Santa Fe environmental club. Wants other HS kids to get involved.

Vice Chair Weitz spoke with the Executive Director from Santa Fe HS and discussed educational classes at Santa Fe HS and is willing to have further discussion.

Citizen (Environmental Club) discussing different springs clean up and rules/regulations. The council would need to meet with Fish and Wildlife prior to. Rum Island and Poe Springs were recommended for clean-up.

Citizen (Environmental Club) discussing a program that plants sea grasses using canoes and kayaks. Students can participate after signing a permission form.

Citizen (Environmental Club) Possible summer attendance discussion. Joining Dyna's group would make the group bigger. For cleaning supplies Keep Alachua County Beautiful will most likely offer safety supplies such as vests. Will be willing to participate with enough people who want to attend.

Chair Camden wants to invite anyone from the community who would be willing to participate.

Member Kellum brings up transportation and possibly carpooling.

Chair Camden asking if that would be okay since it would be like a city event through the council.

Mayor Weitz believes the Attorney's may need to answer that question.

Citizen (Environmental Club) Students for the most part drive themselves. Public transportation can be very pricey and the number of people who participate doesn't cover the costs.

Mayor Weitz mentions a form the parents can fill out to allow her to transport other kids from one point to another.

Chair Camden Possible local churches to provide vans for transportation.

Mayor Weitz suggests asking Bloodsworth to discuss it with First Baptist Church staff/pastor.

Council discussing carpooling with other kids/parents. Would the City be held responsible?

Chair Camden mentions March-July summertime clean-ups. Every couple of months after events.

Member Ceiley mentions there are more people for summertime clean-ups and possibly being prone to safety issues.

Council discusses after Holiday clean-ups. Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Start with a smaller group to see the outcome.

Citizen (Environmental Club) Discussing public involvement, adult supervision, first aid kits. Possible co-sponsoring with Keep Alachua Beautiful.

Council discussing dates.

Vice Chair Weitz discussing Pioneer Days clean-up and volunteer hours. Also, posting on Instagram the council helping with the event.

Chair Camden April 6, 2024, first springs clean-up. Will further discuss.

Chair Camden wants to talk with Keep Alachua County Beautiful and the Springs Institute to see what they could offer.

Vice Chair Weitz asking for direction on how to move forward with communication to discuss springs clean-up with organizations.

Mayor Weitz recommends inviting them to a meeting and going through Assistant City Clerk Jami for any communication.

Vice Chair Weitz will get with Springs Institute to invite them to the February 12th meeting. Keep Alachua Beautiful has a website to reach out.

Chair Camden discusses clean-up dates April 6th would be smaller group and July 6th would possibly be larger group depending on transportation.

(F) CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA (PLEASE STATE NAME FOR THE RECORD – LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)

MEMBER RESPONSE: None

(G) NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON CREATING A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE HIGH SPRINGS YOUTH COUNCIL. (MEMBER CEILLEY)

The council has a discussion and agrees that they want to proceed with a Mission Statement and will come up with ideas as a group.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE: not present.

(H) STAFF/MAYOR UPDATE:

Approval of the Agenda did need to be approved because there were minutes from the last meeting.

(I) CHAIR REPORT/UPDATE:

(J) COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Chair Camden mentions Pure Tutoring possibly use the library.

Vice Chair Weitz says she thinks the council should focus on the springs and then revisit the Pure Tutoring.

Mayor Weitz provides direction on room rentals for the library.

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Council and Mayor Weitz discuss items for the next meeting. Invite the Chamber to discuss Pioneer Days Event. Invite Attorney and City Manager, Springs clean-up, Mission Statement, Shirts/logos.

(K) MOTION TO ADJOURN.

**Chair Camden motioned to adjourn.
adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.**