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**HIGH SPRINGS
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 14, 2024
CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Weitz called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Katherine Weitz – Present
Vice Mayor Tristan Grunder – Present
Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present
Commissioner Byran Williams – Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Angela Stone, City Clerk
Scott Walker, City Attorney
Ashley Mauldin, Executive Assistant
Kevin Mangan, PIO
Antoine Sheppard, Chief of Police
Kristyn Adkins, Planning Technician
Thomas Henry, Public Works Director
Allan Alligood, Building Official

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Damon Baudoin

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Weitz requested an amendment to the agenda to remove Item number 2 under new business.

Vice Mayor Grunder motioned to approve the agenda as amended.
Commissioner Miller Seconded.
Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2024 COMMISSION WORKSHOP**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2024 COMMISSION MEETING**

Vice Mayor Grunder Motioned to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2024, Commission Workshop, & Minutes of the February 22, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Miller Seconded.
Motioned carried 4-0

(E) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2024 AS PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH**

Attorney walker read a proclamation declaring March 2024 as problem gambling awareness month in its entirety.

Commissioner Williams Motioned to approve the proclamation declaring march 2024 problem gambling awareness month.

Commissioner Miller Seconded

Motion carried 4-0

(F) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON RANKING OF CITY MANAGER CANDIDATES.

Mayor Weitz gave an explanation of the process and progress on the City Manager candidates.

Vice Mayor Grunder thanked both candidates and stated he selected Mr. Marshall as his first choice and Mr. Shoobridge as his second.

Commissioner Williams thanked both candidates as well and stated he as selected Mr. Marshall as his first choice and Mr. Shoobridge as his second.

Commissioner Miller thanked both candidates and stated he selected Mr. Marshall as his first choice and Mr. Shoobridge as his second.

Mayor Weitz thanked both candidates and stated he selected Mr. Marshall as his first choice and Mr. Shoobridge as his second.

Vice Mayor Grunder motioned to extend an offer to Mr. Marshall for City Manager of High Springs.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion

Motion carried 4-0

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

David Lynch- disapproves of the High Springs Brewing company using the High Springs Name concerns and doesn't want growth in the city.

Eva Verner – advised the commission on her progress and results of a meeting with DOT regarding several traffic concerns.

COMMISSIONER RESPONSE:

none

(H) NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FROM HIGH SPRINGS BREWING COMPANY FOR A ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT.

Attorney Walker gave a brief backstory of the request, staffs' input and advice, and advised options on how to proceed should an edit to the ordinance be brought forward.

Discussion took place regarding what specifically would need to happen in order to move forward with the application and any future applications like it.

Mayor Weitz had concerns about how the permit was pursued in spite of administrative denial. Prior to this permit, the administrative process was handled a specific way,

Vice Mayor Grunder is concerned

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Bruce Borders – disapproves of the brewery holding the event on Sunday but if they do it needs to be at 2:00 to allow time for church to end.

Bob Jones – does not approve of allowing an event against ordinance just because it has been done in the past. He is also not pleased with people overstepping when they do not get what they want.

Tom Weller – is concerned that lack of consistency in the decision-making could open the city up to liability concerns.

Linda Jones – she understands that we have approved the event permit in the past due previous administration, but the ordinance should be followed regardless of past decisions.

Ken Davies – an owner of the High Springs Brewing Company explained he was not trying to go over anyone's heads.

Sean Kohls – believes we should grant the permit but address the ordinance.

Linda Tanner –

Vice Mayor Grunder motioned to accept the event permit.

No second motion fails.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the event permit with the hours of 1:00pm-11:00pm. Vice Mayor Grunder Seconded.

2-2 motion fails

Commissioner Williams would like to direct staff to correct the ordinance and bring it forward to address it in the future.

2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION 2024-B, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA APPOINTING ANTOINE SHEPPARD, ANGELA STONE, AND THOMAS HENRY AS INTERIM CO-CITY MANAGERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Walker read resolution 2024-B by title only.

Mayor Weitz requested clarification/adjusting the wording for Chief Sheppard's duties to include the fire department as part of his duties.

Commssioner Williams asked for clarification on the duration.

Vice Grunder motioned to approve Resolution 2024-B

Commissioner Williams Seconded.

Mayor Weitz – Yes

Vice Mayor Grunder – Yes

Commissioner Miller – Yes

Commissioner Williams – yes

Motion Carried 4-0

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE:

STAFF UPDATE:

Thomas Henry: Provided an update on sink holes in the city, an edit with DOT to adjust semis turning left on main street.

Antoine Sheppard: Advised he has begun negotiations with the county fire regarding the mutual aid agreement as well

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Miller thanked staff Ashley Mauldin for always being so helpful and on the ball.

VICE MAYOR:

Is glad Mr. Alligood rescinded his resignation and is sticking with us. He thanked Mr. Jeremy Marshall for applying and looks forward to seeing him.

MAYOR:

Invited Mr. Borders to speak as he missed public comment. He introduced his new dog and explained what happened to his last. He also advised he would like to see Deputy Fire Chief Burkhalter as the fire chief.

Mayor Weitz – welcomed back staff Wilson, she has been researching legislation that will greatly impact Planning and Building in particular. Grant Funding was approved for a new police station and will be going before the Governor for final signature. During an Art Walk

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event, there was a road closed that hindered access and would like to see if it can be solved.
She asked for a

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Commissioner Williams motioned to adjourn.

Mayor Weitz adjourned the meeting at 7:58.