CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St., Mount Dora, FL 32757

CALL TO ORDER
Having been duly advertised as required by law, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Crissy Stile called to order the Regular Session of Mount Dora City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Rolfson.

ROLL CALL
Members Present
Crissy Stile, Mayor
Marc Crail, Vice-mayor
John Cataldo, District 1
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At-large

Also Present
Patrick C. Comiskey, City Manager
Patrick Brackins, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS
1. Mount Dora Fun Fact

Mayor Stile shared information about the founding of the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club and mentioned the annual Holiday Bowl.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Janet Westlake, 714 North Tremain Street, and Reverend David Averill, 440 East 6th Avenue, spoke about Wreaths Across America.

Rachel O' Ryan, 341 N. Alexander Street, spoke on behalf of the Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce, reporting on their progress regarding the commitments made between the City and the Chamber. Ms. O' Ryan also spoke about upcoming events

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO TO APPROVE ITEM FOUR ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH ITEMS ONE, TWO, AND THREE MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

1. ~~Request approval for the purchase of a storage server for Citywide usage in the amount of $167,000 purchased under the NASPO (WSCA) contracting agreement. Associated agenda documents and attachments are confidential and exempt under Florida Statue Associated agenda documents and attachments are confidential and exempt under Florida Statute 119.0725(b) and/or (d).~~ **** Moved to Action Item One***
2. ~~Request approval for the purchase of Network security appliances and endpoint protection infrastructure in the amount of $78,734.46 with OMNIA. Associated agenda documents and attachments are confidential and exempt under Florida Statue Associated agenda documents and attachments are confidential and exempt under Florida Statute 119.0725(b) and/or (d).~~ ****Moved to Action Item Two***
3. ~~Request approval for endpoint refresh in the amount of $62,517.89 with NASPO. Associated agenda documents and attachments are confidential~~ ****Moved to Action Item Three***
4. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes
   • October 17, 2023

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request approval for the purchase of a storage server for Citywide usage in the amount of $167,000 purchased under the NASPO (WSCA) contracting agreement. Associated agenda documents and attachments are confidential and exempt under Florida Statute 119.0725(b) and/or (d) ****Moved from Consent Agenda Item One to Action Item One***

   Internet Technology Director Jason Marlar explained the reason this purchase is necessary. This is the best solution for the City for future use and cost.

   Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

   MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A STORAGE SERVER FOR CITYWIDE USAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $167,000.00; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

   YES Rolfson
   Cataldo
   Dawson
   Bryant
   Crail

Stile
NO None

2. Request approval for the purchase of Network security appliances and endpoint protection infrastructure in the amount of $78,734.46 with OMNIA. Associated agenda documents and attachments are confidential and exempt under Florida Statute 119.0725(b) and/or (d). ***Moved from Consent Agenda Item Two to Action Item Two***

   Mr. Marlar described the purpose of the purchase. He reminded Council about the recent security audit by the Department of Homeland Security. The City will be adopting new cybersecurity standards by resolution in 2024. This purchase will enable the City to meet recommended security standards. Mr. Marlar confirmed this purchase is necessary.

   Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

   MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK SECURITY APPLIANCES AND ENDPOINT PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AMOUNT OF $78,734.46 WITH OMNIA; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

   YES Crail
   Cataldo
   Rolfson
   Dawson
   Walker
   Bryant
   Stile
   NO None

3. Request approval for endpoint refresh in the amount of $62,517.89 with NASPO. Associated agenda documents and attachments are confidential and exempt under Florida Statute 119.0725(b) and/or (d). ***Moved from Consent Agenda Item Three to Action Item Three***

   Mr. Marlar explained this purchase would replace City staff desktops, laptops and monitors that are older than five to eight years of age. Equipment assigned to department heads or managers does not fall under this rotation. The purchase will mainly affect administrative staff. The City is choosing to purchase rather than lease because the City receives a better value that way.

   Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

   MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ENDPOINT REFRESH EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $62,517.89 WITH NASPO; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Rolfson
Dawson
Cataldo
Walker
Bryant
Crail
Stile
NO None

4. Request Ratification of a Purchase Outside the Parameters of the City Purchasing Policy in the amount of $50,245 for Conduit Installation with Bellmore Enterprises Incorporated for street lighting on Donnelly St. at Waterman Village and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Task Authorization associated with this Purchase

   Mr. Comiskey explained the purchase is for decorative lights near Waterman Village. The invoice price ran higher than the estimate. Council discussed raising the City Manager's purchase limit. City Manager Comiskey told Council raising the limit would be considered. The planned repaving project will not affect these lights. The Limit area project may affect these lights, but the City is taking that into consideration and will plan accordingly.

   Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

   MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO OF RATIFY THE PURCHASE OUTSIDE THE PARAMETERS OF THE CITY PURCHASING POLICY IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,245 FOR CONDUIT INSTALLATION WITH BELLMORE ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED FOR STREET LIGHTING ON DONNELLY; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

   YES Rolfson
   Walker
   Cataldo
   Dawson
   Bryant
   Crail
   Stile
   NO None

<u>DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>

1. Shuttle Service Parking Solution

   Ms. Sommer reminded Council that on November 7th, they reached a consensus to solicit bids through a formal solicitation for a one-year pilot program with the option to extend should the program be successful. Council also agreed to consider the bids received and make a decision based on that information regarding whether the City would apply for a FDOT grant to fund 50% of the program for three years, or whether the City would rather move forward funding the project on its own. Ms. Sommer told Council the RFP would not be issued until the first quarter of 2024. In the meantime, a survey would be conducted with downtown and uptown merchants to discover when they believe the shuttle would be most beneficial to their staff and customers. The survey will also help determine whom the shuttle will most benefit. Ms. Sommer also provided information on autonomous vehicles.

Council suggested a resident survey. Council also discussed autonomous vehicles.

They suggested Ms. Sommer add a photo to the survey.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Comiskey reported on improvements being made to the Simpson Farmhouse under the Library's direction. Not using a CMAR saved the City $30,000.00. Mr. Comiskey also spoke about progress in hiring the Urban Forester, and provided information about the new Public Works complex.

Mr. Comiskey asked Councilmember Rolfson to provide a legislative report. Councilmember Rolfson spoke about the consideration of changes to sovereign immunity, changes to building permit response times, and the repealing of local business tax. He recommended listening to the Monday morning updates from the Florida League of Cities. He spoke about the issues to which his committee is devoting attention, including facilitating police services and the Home Rule implication of short-term rental regulation. Councilmember Bryant reported that his committee is considering the possibility of statewide rules for storm water drainage. Councilmember Dawson told Council his committee focused on the issues of homestead exemption reduction and the use of enterprise funds.

Council discussed the applicant pool for the Arborist/Urban Forester, the use of the Friends of the Environment grant, and the timing of tree planting. The City would like to hire someone with an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certification.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Brackins told Council he would have a draft of the Wolf Branch Basin resolution at the next meeting. He spoke about payment of a fine related to the consent order, and about the anticipated completion date of the report from Lindsay Greene.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Cataldo presented an update on the CenturyLink boxes and reported on a citizen's golf cart registration

Councilmember Rolfson remarked on the City's Christmas lights.

Councilmember Dawson told those present he is participating in the Community Solar program. He also spoke about the recognition of Mount Dora as one of the top municipalities for equality.

Councilmember Bryant requested updates on AMCO and the JPA. Councilmember Bryant also spoke about the DSK Law invoices.

Vice-mayor Crail spoke about the City's holiday events and the City's search for an Urban Forester. The Vice-mayor also mentioned Councilmember Rolfson's recognition as a leader in Quality Cities.

Mayor Stile spoke about Light Up Mount Dora, and Louise "Lou" Brown's induction into the Lake County Women's Hall of Fame. She also requested AMCO and JPA updates. Mayor Stile recognized departing employees Marilyn Douglas, Toni Deland, and Robert Harper.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON TO ADJOURN; VICE-MAYOR CRAIL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, Mayor Stile adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora

JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK
City of Mount Dora