

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MADISON, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

The City Commission met in a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Commissioner Rayne Cooks (District 1), Commissioner Ina Thompson (District 2), Mayor/Commissioner Jim Catron (District 3), Commissioner James E. Stanley, Jr. (District 4), and Commissioner Judy Townsend (District 5) were present.

City staff present were: Tim Bennett-City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Reginald Alexander-Police Chief, Efrem Edwards-Police Captain, Jerald Lee-Wastewater Department Supervisor, and Lanee Pike-Human Resources/Payroll Clerk.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Stanley. Motion passed 4-0. (Commissioner Cooks arrived at 5:33 p.m.)

City Manager Tim Bennett and the city's IT Sammy Hicks discussed a request from the Madison County Sheriff's Office for \$3,785.25 to help with the purchase of a new primary USA software server, which is utilized by the city's police department. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Stanley moved to approve the allocation of \$3,785.25 from the police department's budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed 3-2. (Commissioners Catron, Stanley, and Thompson voted in favor of the motion; Commissioners Cooks and Townsend voted NOT in favor of the motion.)

Commissioner Townsend moved to appoint Commissioner Cooks as Mayor Pro-Tem; seconded by Commissioner Stanley. Motion passed 5-0.

The following people were sworn in by City Attorney Clay Schnitker in order to give testimony for an appeals hearing requested by Brent Sims concerning his termination by City Manager Bennett: Tim Bennett, Lanee Pike, Jerald Lee, Brent Sims and Steve Graham-owner of Airport Clinic. After hearing testimony from all sworn in parties, Commissioner Cooks moved to uphold City Manager Bennett's decision to terminate Mr. Sims based upon existing city policies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Cooks moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Townsend. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jim Catron, Mayor/Commissioner

Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk