

**Workshop Meeting  
January 12, 2017  
5:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers**

The Workshop Meeting of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 5:00 P.M. Members present were: President Joe Blocker, Vice President J.B. Whitten, Bill Cox, Shannon Hayes and Doug Faircloth. Also present were the honorable Mayor David Cadle, City Clerk Elizabeth Roy, City Attorney Bill Holley department heads and members of the press.

**WORKSHOP**

**1. Called to Order**

This workshop was called to order by Mr. Blocker at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge was led Mr. Cox.

**3. Open Workshop**

The Workshop was open by Mr. Blocker.

**4. Public Opportunity on Council propositions**

**5. Items for Discussion/Consideration**

**a. Discussion of items for Legislative days**

Mr. Whitten stated that every year during the Legislative Sessions in Tallahassee, one or more Council members attend those sessions. Even though this trip is sponsored in whole by Florida League of Cities to advocate on their chosen priorities we need to be sure that Council represents the City of Crestview. Mr. Whitten expressed that in attending those sessions Council members need to be sure that the priorities they are speaking for help and not hinder the City of Crestview and are all on the same page. The Clerk was kind enough to print the priorities from the Florida League of Cities website so that those Council members attending can be familiar with those priorities and to pick those that line up with needs pertaining to the City.

Mr. Whitten started to review the legislative priorities. The first priority was the "Communications Services Tax and Local Business Tax Protection". After reading the priority he asked for Council input.

Mr. Faircloth stated that he had read the brochure in its entirety and agrees with all the Legislative Priorities that the League of Cities have come up with.

Mr. Whitten then suggested that if Council has already reviewed the brochure to then speak on the items that they don't support.

Mr. Blocker then asked Council what priorities they were in objection to.

Mr. Whitten stated that he did not agree with the Sustainable Florida, priority.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Hayes stated that he supports all the Legislative Priorities that are presented.

Mr. Cox stated that he generally supports the items that the League has but one item on the Legislative Agenda concerning handguns has given him cause for concern. He spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Hayes suggested that Mr. Cox can speak to his Representative in a personal matter and should take that opportunity. He then asked if there was a specific project or topic that pertains to Crestview that needs to be addressed during the Legislative Session.

Mr. Steele, Public Services Director, stated that the biggest issue is with the matching dollars for grant. He spoke about the obstacles of obtaining a particular grant and would like for Council to address that issue.

Mr. Hayes suggested that Mr. Steele put a package together so when attending the session and addressing that issue they can leave information. He suggested this idea for the rest of the Department Heads to construct a package so once they leave these Representatives need something to review in hand.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Whitten recommended sending a spokesperson from the City of Crestview on the 19<sup>th</sup> to Niceville to the State Legislative Delegation meeting where all Representatives and Senators from Okaloosa County, will be in attendance. So the City of Crestview will get face time with these representatives and again in at the Legislative Sessions. He nominated Councilman Hayes to attend.

Mr. Hayes stated that he would not mind attending but there is a Florida League of Cities meeting that evening and a meeting that he must attend before that one.

Mr. Whitten recommended Mr. Blocker.

Mr. Blocker stated that he wouldn't be available at the time of the meeting.

Mr. Hayes then recommended that Mr. Whitten attend the meeting.

Mr. Whitten stated that he could attend.

Council gave consensus for Mr. Whitten to attend the State Legislative Delegation meeting in Niceville on the 19th.

Mr. Blocker suggested for Mr. Steele to accompany Mr. Whitten if his schedule allow it.

Mr. Steele stated that he could go.


Mayor Cadle stated that he had a meeting with the new President of Northwest Florida State College, Dr. Devin Stephenson. The meeting was very productive and Dr. Stephenson showed interest in Crestview plus he understands the demands and constraints on the satellite campus here.


Mr. Hayes announced that due to a death in the family he will not be in attendance for this weekend's MLK events.

**6. Comments from the Audience**

**7. Adjournment**

This meeting was adjourned by Mr. Blocker at 5:45 p.m.

  
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Elizabeth M. Roy  
City Clerk

  
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Joe Blocker  
Council President

Minutes approve this 13 day of MAR, 2017.