

per month. They decided to go to two meetings per month to keep the meetings short. Mr. Clovis Watson Jr., stated his professional opinion would be to follow the charter. Attorney Harris added according to the City Charter you are required to have one meeting per month. The Charter also says newly elected officials are sworn in at the next meeting after the election.

Moved to only pay 5 Commissioners per month

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Commissioner Carter

Discussion-None

Vote- 4-1 (No Vote Commissioner Roberts)

Moved that current Commissioners pay be given to outgoing Commissioners so the newly elected Commissioners will receive ½ pay in July.

Commissioner Surrency withdrew his motion.

B. Present Pay Cut

Interim City Manager Chapman said Commissioner Surrency proposed to her that the Commission Board receive a 10% pay cut because of the tight economy.

Commissioner Surrency responded saying the Commission Board should show staff and the Community that we lead by example. The citizens and staff are receiving pay cuts and he believes the Commissioner is paid too much. Commissioner Roberts added she thought it was great suggestion, but the Interim City Manager has already made great cut backs to save the City money. Vice Mayor Carlton said he does not owe the City of Hawthorne one cent because he worked many years as a Commissioner and was only paid \$25 per month.

Moved that the discussion is postponed until the budget

Motion- Commissioner Surrency

Motion died from lack of second

2. Draft General Fund Budget for Discussion

Interim City Manager Chapman summarized the general budget fund and stated the totals on the budget are conservative estimates. Commissioner Surrency asked questions concerning the draft budget

Moved to schedule a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 10:00AM

Motion- Commissioner Roberts Second- Commissioner Surrency

Vote- 5-0

3. Water Tower Grant Matching Funds

Interim City Manager Chapman informed the Commission Board this is a Resolution of the City of Hawthorne, Florida authorizing the Interim City Manager to make application for a South East Rural Community Assistance Project Water/Wastewater Loan. Vice Mayor Carlton asked the Interim City Manager if she has check with local businesses to see if they can remove the tower to keep the money in the City. Interim City Manager Chapman replied the only local company that can perform this task is from Melrose. Commissioner Carter asked if this Resolution had to be passed tonight. Interim City Manager replied it must pass tonight so she can apply and meet the deadlines for the grants.

Moved to pass Resolution 2009-20 Loan Application for the Water Tower

Motion- Commissioner Carter Second- Vice Mayor Carlton

- a.) Interim City Manager Chapman- Sending a thank you letter to Coach Pruitt from the High School and she needs each Commissioner to sign the letter thanking him for donating score boards to the City's Recreation Department. There were changes with staff in the office. LaKesha McGruder is new City Clerk and supervisor over the office staff. Donna Mayes is the Deputy Clerk, Brenda Cooper is the UB Clerk and Kelly Moosbrugger is the Planner.
- b.) Interim City Attorney Harris- Code Board had a meeting and it went very well.
- c.) Mayor Randall- Thanked everyone for coming and for their patience when she makes mistakes. She is still learning the process. Hawthorne 77th Homecoming was very successful. The "Meet & Greet" with the Commissioners was great. Dr. Gladys Wright will be honored at the Chamber in August after serving as principle of Shell Elementary for 20 years.
- d.) Vice Mayor Carlton- City of Hawthorne changed their street addresses to be on the County grid system and Alachua County Sheriff's Office sent a report to the City of Hawthorne with the wrong street addresses and this should be looked into.
- e.) Commissioner Carter- When will the search committee start looking at applications for the City Manager position? Interim City Manager Chapman said she has turned over the applications to the Chairman of the Search Committee. Mr. Clovis Watson, Jr., Chairman of the Search Committee said he has received the applications from the Interim City Manager and will get with the Mayor to set up a meeting in the future.
- f.) Commissioner Roberts- Thanked past Commissioners for a job well done.
- g.) Commissioner Surrency- Thanked Staff, Commissioners and Citizens. Announced that recently one of his emails was intercepted by the newspaper and an article was done. It was a fairly good article but wants the Board and Citizens to know that he did not ask for this article to be done. Commissioner Surrency also suggested putting a calendar on the City's website for citizens and sending out emails to the City Commissioners about upcoming meeting, workshops and events.

Mayor Randall submitted a letter from Deputy Clerk Donna Mayes and Pat McCollough as public record.

J. ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn the July 7, 2009 Commission Meeting

Motion- Vice Mayor Carlton

Second- Commissioner Surrency

Vote- 5-0

These Minutes of the July 7, 2009 Regular Commission Meeting are submitted for approval.

LaKesha H. McGruder, City Clerk

Eleanor Randall, Mayor