

CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
March 6, 2018

1. The regular Meeting of the City of Fanning Springs City Council was held in the City Hall Assembly room this date.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Tommy Darus

2. The Invocation was given and all present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
3. The following members and officials were:

PRESENT:

Howell E. "Trip" Lancaster		Mayor
Michael O'Steen		Attorney
Tommy Darus	Chairman	Seat #1
Jennifer Padot-Collins	Vice-Chairman	Seat #2
Jane Jones-Redd		Seat #4
Quinn Leshar		Asst. Fire Chief
Sheila Watson		City Clerk
Barbara Locke	Member	Seat #3
John McDonald	Member	Seat #5

ALSO PRESENT:

Todd Gray, Gilchrist Co. Commissioner

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

REGULAR MEETING 02/06/18

Moved by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember Locke, to approve the Regular Minutes of 02/06/18. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **REVIEW OF GENERAL AND UTILITIES DEPT. GENERAL LEDGERS**
REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT

6. SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – PROCLAMATION WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

Mayor Lancaster reviewed the Proclamation received by the Suwannee River Water Management District.

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of every living creature; and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida, Suwannee River Water Management District, and the members of the City of Fanning Springs continually work together to increase awareness about the importance of water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fanning Springs and the State of Florida have designated April, typically a dry month when water demands are most acute, Florida’s Water Conservation Month, to educate citizens about how they can help conserve Florida’s precious water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City and its members, individually and collectively, have always encouraged and supported water conservation, through various educational programs and special events; and

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school and citizen can make a difference when it comes to conserving water; and

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school and citizen can help by saving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and adopted this 6th day of March, 2018, during a regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Fanning Springs City Council, that the month of April, 2018 is proclaimed as

Water Conservation Month

The City of Fanning Springs calls upon all those citizens and businesses located within the City’s service territory to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures and becoming more aware of the need to conserve water.

Moved by Councilmember Locke, seconded by Councilmember Collins, to approve April 2018 as Water Conservation Month. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. ORDINANCE 2018-001 – MEDICAL MARIJUANA – SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO.: 2018-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE No.: 2017-002 DECLARING ZONING IN PROGRESS AND IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS AND DISPENSING FACILITIES FOR AN

ADDITIONAL 365 DAYS PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING A RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion of Ordinance No. 2018-001 a motion was made:

Moved by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember Locke, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-001. A Roll Call vote was called. The Vote was:

AYE: McDonald, Locke, Collins, Redd and Darus

NAY: None

8. ORDINANCE 2018-002 – INTERNET GAMBLING – SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO.: 2018-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR 365 DAYS ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BUSINESS TAX LICENSE, PERMIT, CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL, SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND ANY OTHER OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS, HAVING THE EFFECT OF PERMITTING OR ALLOWING THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF ANY INTERNET GAMING/GAMBLING BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion of Ordinance No. 2018-002 a motion was made:

Moved by Councilmember Locke, seconded by Councilmember Collins, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-002. A Roll Call vote was called. The Vote was:

AYE: McDonald, Locke, Collins, Redd and Darus

NAY: None

9. REPORTS

MAYOR – Mayor Lancaster stated the Sewer project is moving forward as bidding should begin within a few months. The project should take approximately 14-16 months. The Easement request will go out to the Silver Oaks residents within a few weeks. The Hotel project is moving forward with the LDR amendment to take place hopefully at the April meeting. Mayor Lancaster stated he is still working on the Code Enforcement issues.

ATTORNEY – NO Report.

CITY CLERK – No Report.

FIRE DEPT.

The Fire Dept. reviewed the 46 calls for the month of February and updated the council regarding repairs on equipment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

10. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Todd Gray, County Commissioner for Gilchrist Co., stated that the GCBOCC is working to waive a portion of the Ad Valorem Taxes for the new Hotel project. He would also like to ask the council to waive their part of the Building Permit Fees for a permit applied for by the Fanning Springs Baptist Church due to the loss of the roof from the storm.

Moved by Councilmember Locke, seconded by Councilmember Collins, to waive the city's part of the 20% fee for the Building permit for the church. MOTION CARRIED.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved by Council member Collins, seconded by Council member Locke, to adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED.**

CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Tommy Darus, Chairman

Sheila Watson, City Clerk