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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

Invocation by Chief Joel Decoursey of the High Springs Police Department.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Byran Williams – Present
Vice Mayor Gloria James – Present
Commissioner Jason Evans – Present
Commissioner Scott Jamison – Present
Commissioner Sue Weller – Present

Staff Present: Ed Booth, City Manager
Jenny L. Parham, City Clerk
Angela Stone, Assistant City Clerk
Scott Walker, City Attorney
Antoine Sheppard, Police Lieutenant
Joel Decoursey, Chief of Police
Amanda Rodriguez, CRA Executive Director
Jennifer Stull, Finance Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion Commissioner Evans to approve the agenda as presented.
Second Vice Mayor James.
Motion carried 5 – 0 .**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion Vice Mayor James to approve the minutes of October 27, 2016.
Second Commissioner Evans.
Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Williams Adjourns The 2015/2016 City Commission at 6:33 p.m.

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City Manager, Ed Booth presents a plaque to Mayor Williams for his service as Mayor for the 2015/2016 year.

Mayor Williams stated that this has been a great year in High Springs. He thanked the Commissioners, staff, and citizens. Thanked Commissioner Sue Weller for her service.

Commissioner Weller thanked the employees, the Charter Officers, and Commissioners. She welcomed Commissioner-Elect Linda Jones. She thanked her husband Tom Weller for all his support. She thanked the citizens for allowing her to serve High Springs.

Commissioner Jamison spoke of Commissioner Weller's professionalism and what she brought to the City.

CITY CLERK ADMINISTERS OATH OF OFFICE TO:

Commissioner-Elect Linda Jones gave the Oath of Office.

CITY MANAGER CALLS TO ORDER THE 2016/2017 CITY COMMISSION.

Mr. Booth calls to order the 2016/2017 City Commission at 6:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF THE 2016/2017 CITY COMMISSION.

**Commissioner Jason Evans-Present
Commissioner Gloria James-Present
Commissioner Scott Jamison-Present
Commissioner Linda Jones-Present
Commissioner Byran Williams-Present**

COMMENTS FROM NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONER.

Commissioner Jones stated she will do her very best to serve the citizens of High Springs.

CITY MANAGER ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AND ELECT MAYOR.

**Commissioner Williams nominates Commissioner Gloria James as Mayor.
Second Commissioner Evans.
Motion carried 5-0.**

MAYOR ASSUMES CHAIR.

Mayor James assumes the Chair of Mayor.

MAYOR ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AND ELECT VICE-MAYOR.

Commissioner Williams nominates Commissioner Evans as Vice Mayor.

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**Second Commissioner Jamison.
Motion carried 5-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-10, AN ORDINANCE REVOKING CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-61 “PERSONNEL MANUAL ADOPTED” OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT ADOPTIONS OR AMENDMENTS OF PERSONNEL POLICIES TO BE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION.

Ordinance 2016-10 was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

Mayor James opens the public hearing. As there was no public input, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Booth explained that the personnel manual is a living document and has frequent changes; this will simplify the process.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to adopt Ordinance 2016-10 as read by title only.
Second Commissioner Jamison.**

Roll call vote:

**Vice Mayor Evans- yes
Mayor James – yes
Commissioner Jamison-yes
Commissioner Jones-yes
Commissioner Williams-yes**

Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA (PLEASE STATE NAME FOR THE RECORD – LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)

With no one coming forward, Mayor James closed the Citizen Requests and Comments.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT/REAPPOINT MEMBERS TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

**Vice Mayor Evans nominated Commissioner Jones as Chair of the CRA.
Second Commissioner Jamison.
Motion carried 5-0.**

**Vice Mayor Evans nominated Commissioner Williams as the Vice Chair of the CRA.
Second Commissioner Jamison.
Motion carried 5-0.**

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APPOINT/REAPPOINT MEMBERS TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

**Motion Commissioner Williams to appoint Vice Mayor Evans to represent the City at NFRPC.
Second Commissioner Jamison.
Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion Commissioner Williams to appoint Daniel Wise to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Alternate Position.
Second Vice Mayor Evans.
Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to reappoint Linda Hewlett and Linda Schladant to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
Second Commissioner Williams.
Motion carries 5-0.**

**Motion Commissioner Williams to appoint Don Alderman to the Plan Board.
Second Vice Chair Evans.
Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion Vice Chair Evans to reappoint Nancy Linkous and Barbara Miller to the Code Enforcement Board.
Second Commissioner Jamison.
Motion carried 5-0.**

AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL TO SIGN CHECKS AND INVESTMENT DOCUMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 2-97 OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES: MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to authorize the Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to sign documents in compliance with Section 2-97 of the High Springs Code of Ordinances.
Second Commissioner Williams.
Motion carried 5-0.**

CONSIDER REQUEST BY OLEN BARBER FOR USE OF THE CIVIC CENTER FOR THEIR MONDAY NIGHT MUSIC PROGRAM.

Mr. Olen Barber requested use of the Civic Center for 2017. He stated he has been doing this for two years. He stated they have a good following, with a great crowd.

**Motion Commissioner Jamison to approve request by Olen Barber for use of the Civic Center for their Monday Night Music Program.
Second Vice Mayor Evans.
Motion carried 5-0.**

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ORDINANCE 2016 – 09, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78 ARTICLE VI, “WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM IMPACT FEE” SECTION 78-386 AND SECTION 78-390 “PAYMENT” OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF IMPACT FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

Ordinance 2016-09 was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

Mr. Booth advised that this is to have the collection of the impact fees at Certificate of Occupancy.

Attorney Walker stated that they have sent it to the Builders Association and have attempted to contact local builders for feedback.

Commissioner Jamison asked if we tried to consult with the developers that were at the previous meeting. Attorney Walker stated we have not got any feedback from them. He stated that the only thing that they may not be aware of is the six month grace period.

Mr. Booth stated that he personally contacted two of the developers and we attempted to contact Mr. Travis Williams and Mr. Howe.

Mayor James asked if it is staff’s thought that they will go along with this. Attorney Walker stated that this is a very progressive measure the City is taking.

Vice Mayor Evans stated that it has to be heard on second reading and it still gives them time to get comments in on this.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to adopt Ordinance 2016-09 on first reading.
Second Commissioner Jamison.**

Roll call vote:

**Mayor James – no
Commissioner Jamison- yes
Commissioner Jones -yes
Commissioner Williams-yes
Vice Mayor Evans – yes**

Motion carried 4 – 1 with Mayor James opposing.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-11, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ordinance 2016- 11 was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

Motion Commissioner Jamison to adopt Ordinance 2016-11 on first reading.

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Second Vice Mayor Evans.

Roll call vote:

**Commissioner Jamison-yes
Commissioner Jones-yes
Commissioner Williams-yes
Vice Mayor Evans –yes
Mayor James -yes**

Motion carried 5 – 0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2016-Z, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS AMENDING THE CITY’S FUND BALANCE POLICY TO INCREASE THE YEARLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND BALANCE AND ESTABLISH A MINIMUM CASH AMOUNT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolution 2016-Z was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to adopt Resolution 2016-Z as read by title only.
Second Commissioner Jamison.**

Roll call vote:

**Commissioner Jones - yes
Commissioner Williams -yes
Vice Mayor Evans – yes
Mayor James - yes
Commissioner Jamison - yes**

Motion carried 5 – 0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-12, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO PETITION NO. A 16-01, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; MAKING FINDINGS; ANNEXING TO AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED; PROVIDING THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES AND BE SUBJECT TO ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT EXISTING LICENSED BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS OPERATING WITHIN THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED MAY CONTINUE SUCH BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOUNDARIES

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OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FLORIDA OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2016-12 was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to adopt Ordinance 2016-12 on first reading.
Second Commissioner Williams.**

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Williams -yes
Vice Mayor Evans – yes
Mayor James -yes
Commissioner Jamison -yes
Commissioner Jones - yes

Motion carried 5 – 0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-13, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO PETITION NO. A 16-02, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; MAKING FINDINGS; ANNEXING TO AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED; PROVIDING THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES AND BE SUBJECT TO ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT EXISTING LICENSED BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS OPERATING WITHIN THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED MAY CONTINUE SUCH BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FLORIDA OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF ALACHUA

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COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2016-13 was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

**Motion Vice Mayor Evans to adopt Ordinance 2016-13 on first reading.
Second Commissioner Williams.**

Roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Evans – yes
Mayor James -yes
Commissioner Jamison -yes
Commissioner Jones - yes
Commissioner Williams -yes

Motion carried 5 – 0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-14, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO PETITION NO. A 16-03, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; MAKING FINDINGS; ANNEXING TO AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED; PROVIDING THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES AND BE SUBJECT TO ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT EXISTING LICENSED BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS OPERATING WITHIN THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED MAY CONTINUE SUCH BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FLORIDA OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2016-14 was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

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Motion Commissioner Williams to adopt Ordinance 2016-14 on first reading.
Second Vice Mayor Evans.

Roll call vote:

Mayor James -yes
Commissioner Jamison -yes
Commissioner Jones - yes
Commissioner Williams -yes
Vice Mayor Evans – yes

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-15, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO PETITION NO. A 16-04, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; MAKING FINDINGS; ANNEXING TO AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED; PROVIDING THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES AND BE SUBJECT TO ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT EXISTING LICENSED BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS OPERATING WITHIN THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED MAY CONTINUE SUCH BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FLORIDA OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2016-15 was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

Motion Commissioner Jamison to adopt Ordinance 2016-15 on first reading.
Second Vice Mayor Evans.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Jamison - yes
Commissioner Jones - yes
Commissioner Williams -yes

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Vice Mayor Evans – yes
Mayor James - yes

Motion carried 5 – 0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-16, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO PETITION NO. A 16-05, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; MAKING FINDINGS; ANNEXING TO AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED; PROVIDING THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES AND BE SUBJECT TO ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT EXISTING LICENSED BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS OPERATING WITHIN THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED MAY CONTINUE SUCH BUSINESSES, TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FLORIDA OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2016-16 was read by title only by Attorney Walker.

Motion Vice Mayor Evans to adopt Ordinance 2016-16 on first reading.
Second Commissioner Williams.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Jones - yes
Commissioner Williams - yes
Vice Mayor Evans – yes
Mayor James – yes
Commissioner Jamison - yes

Motion carried 5 – 0.

CONSIDER ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MITTAUER & ASSOCIATES,

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INC. FOR PHASE A1 SEWER EXTENSION.

Attorney Walker stated that this is a standard contract with Mittauer & Associates and it is for \$605,700.00 for Engineering Services for the Phase A1 Sewer Extension.

Finance Director Stull stated that we have the matching funds, in the impact fee funds; but we will have a budget amendment as we will need to show the grant money coming in as well. Commissioner Jamison clarified that it is procedural. Mrs. Stull advised that it is procedural.

Motion Vice Mayor Evans to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Mittauer & Associates.

Second Commissioner Jamison.

Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE

Attorney Walker spoke of the George Will vs. City of High Springs lawsuit. He stated they have filed a Motion to Dismiss.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Advised that we are moving forward on the house the City owns.

Advised the Wild Spaces has been passed and we have a list of nine projects. He states that the #1 project is to purchase the 10 acres at the High Springs's Spring. He would like to go into this with the county and make it a passive park. He states that we will look at the projects in detail.

Advised that on Thursday he met with a company, Hydro International, that has equipment, the Sand Dragon, that cleans out the rags in the sewer system that have been accumulating. He stated that this is a budgeted item.

Advised that they have received a letter from the Alachua County Farm Bureau about being against Alachua County doing away with home rule.

Advised the Water Project is in the connection phase and hopes it will be done in January.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jones- Nothing at this time

Commissioner Jamison stated that he is pleased that Commissioner Jones has come to the Commission.

Commissioner Williams advised that the Christmas Tree Lighting is tomorrow. Welcomed Commissioner Jones.

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Vice Mayor Evans welcomed Commissioner Jones and is looking forward to working with her.

MAYOR

Mayor James welcomed Commissioner Jones to the commission.

**Motion Commissioner Williams to adjourn.
Mayor James adjourns the meeting at 7:52 p.m.**