

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MADISON, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Marcus Hawkins (District 4), and Commissioner Judy Townsend (District 5) were present.

Also present were: Tim Bennett-City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Jerald Lee-Wastewater Department Supervisor, Attorney George T. Reeves, and Court Reporter Sonia Garden.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Attorney George T. Reeves stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to hold a special private meeting, as allowed under Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, to discuss the pending case of *The District Board of Trustees of the North Florida Community College v. The City of Madison*, Case No. 2016-75 CA and to hold a public meeting to consider and act upon a proposed Mediation Agreement concerning said case.

Commissioner Catron stated the names of those persons who were to attend the closed portion of the meeting. They were as follows: Rayne Cooks, Ina Thompson, Jim Catron, Marcus Hawkins, Judy Townsend, Tim Bennett, Clay Schnitker, George T. Reeves and Sonia Garden.

The meeting was then closed to the public at 5:35 p.m.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:00 p.m.

The City's Wastewater Department Supervisor, Jerald Lee, briefed the Commission concerning the type of lift station North Florida Community College plans to install. He stated that he has past experience with this type and has found they require a lot of maintenance.

The Commission discussed the proposed Mediation Agreement.

Commissioner Cooks moved to not accept the Mediation Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend. Motion failed 2-3. (Voted to APPROVE the motion: Cooks and Townsend; Voted NOT TO APPROVE the motion: Catron, Hawkins and Thompson.)

Mayor Catron passed the gavel to Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins.

Commissioner Catron moved to accept the Mediation Agreement, subject to amending the City's reimbursable expense from \$75,000.00 to \$50,000.00. The motion died for lack of a second.

The gavel was passed back to Mayor Catron.

Commissioner Cooks moved to approve the Mediation Agreement with the following amendments:

1. The City would not reimburse the College for any of the costs incurred in the repair or replacement of the subject lift station or otherwise.
2. The College would pay the costs of the surveyor.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Cooks. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jim Catron, Mayor/Commissioner

Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk