



Mayor Evelyn Smith
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New Commission elects Mayor and Vice Mayor City honors outgoing Commissioners for faithful service to the City

EUSTIS – At the Organizational City Commission Meeting at 7:30, January 6, 2009, one of the Commission’s first actions was to formally recognize the public service of outgoing Mayor Smith, Seat 3 (Jan 89 – Dec 08), Commissioner Jonnie Hale, Seat 5 (Jan 97 – Dec 08), and Commissioner James Rotella, Seat 4 (Jan 05 – Dec 08) with plaques and a short film highlighting their accomplishments. Mayor Smith was also presented with a gavel plaque, commemorating her tenure as Mayor of Eustis in 2008.



Mayor Scott Ales

The oath of office was then administered to 3 newly elected officials by the City Clerk as follows:

- Commissioner Michael Holland, Seat 3
- Commissioner Susan Hooper, Seat 4
- Commissioner William Ferree, Seat 5



Vice Mayor Karen
 Leheup-Smith

The next item on the agenda was the task of electing a new Mayor and Vice Mayor to serve in those positions for calendar year 2009. Commissioner Scott Ales, Seat 1, was elected by the Commission to serve as the Mayor, and Commissioner Karen Leheup-Smith, Seat 2, was elected to serve as the Vice Mayor of Eustis for 2009. The 2008 Outgoing Mayor’s Message can be viewed on the City’s website at www.eustis.org. The 2009 Mayor’s Message will be available for review on the City’s website after the City Commission meeting on January 15, 2009.

The first new change of the newly seated Commission was the decision to change the Regular Commission Meeting start time to 6:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. This new meeting start time will take effect on January 15, 2009.

One final surprise of the evening came from Mayor Scott Ales who proclaimed January 12, 2009 as “Evelyn H. Smith Day” in the City of Eustis for her 20 years of faithful service to the residents of the City.

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