

Town of Grant-Valkaria
Interim Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
Grant Community Center

A. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 P.M.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

C. **ROLL CALL (by Interim Council Clerk)**

Bonnie Allan - present
Denni Burr - present
Lisette Kolar - absent
Jim Tonti - present
Tim Reynolds - present

D. **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

New business: G.2. – Approve invitation letter
G.3. – Appoint substitute Interim Clerk for 11/8/06 meeting
G.4. – Approval of the ratification actions

E. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of 10/25/06 minutes – tabled until the 11/8/06 meeting as the Interim Council had not received the minutes for review

F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. (All) – First reading of Ordinance 2006-03: Granting additional homestead exemption for seniors

Interim Council Chair read Ordinance 2006-03 by title only. Motion made to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2006-03 as read.

MOTION BY ALLAN; SECONDED BY BURR

Discussion period opened. Discussion period closed with no discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE, UNANIMOUS:

Allan aye
Burr aye
Reynolds aye
Tonti aye
(Kolar -absent)

Reynolds stated the second reading would be conducted on 11/15/06 and that due to timing of having this ordinance completed by the end of November, the Interim Council could not wait for the elected Council to deal with this issue.

2. (Kolar) – Follow-up on the three previously requested seats on the VAAB

Agenda item tabled until the 11/8/06 meeting so Kolar can address the follow-up she agreed to perform on these requested seats.

3. (Allan) – Any update on the Guru Development site

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Allan stated she was still getting information from Land Development and asked that this agenda item be tabled until the 11/8/06 meeting.

4. (Burr) – Follow-up on availability of Sunrise Elementary School for the 11/15/06 Interim Council meeting

Burr reported that the school is available and will be advertised as the meeting location for Ordinance 2006-03.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. (Reynolds) – Collect resumes from prospective accounting firms

Reynolds stated that the Town would need two different accounting functions to be performed. The first function would be an annual audit which would probably be handled from a large local firm. He stated that local firms such as (i) Hoyman, Dobson, and Comp PAs, (ii) Bray, Beck & Koetter, or (iii) Berman, Hopkins, Wright, & Laham might be considered. The second function would be the daily, general chart-of-account accounting. He said he would provide more at the 11/8/06 meeting. Reynolds reiterated that this information is simply being collected and provided to the elected Council so they it may provide for more rapid decision-making.

2. [Added agenda item] – Approve invitation letter

The drafted invitation letter had been sent to the Interim Council members by Kolar. Tonti and Allan said they had some suggested edits. Overall, the Council members approved of the letter after Tonti and Allan's edits are incorporated.

3. [Added agenda item] – Appoint substitute Interim Clerk for 11/8/06 meeting

Joe Hackford volunteered his wife, Christine, to be the alternate Interim Clerk at the 11/8/06 meeting as she has performed similar functions at the Grant Community Club. Christine confirmed she would be willing to take the minutes and draft the minutes for distribution to the Interim Council members following the meeting. Motion was made to nominate Chris Hackford for the alternate Interim Clerk functions at the 11/8/06 meeting.

MOTION MADE BY ALLAN; SECONDED BY BURR.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. [Added agenda item] – Approval of the ratification actions

Discussion was heard on the item related to the gas tax revenue. Reynolds explain that it might be best to work that item as “revenue sharing” as paperwork was submitted for various types of revenue sharing through one action although the Town will receive the revenue at various times.

Tonti stated the draft seemed to be missing a “whereas” since it had a “therefore”.

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Agreement was reached that as these ratification actions are on-going, that the 11/21/06 meeting should show the listing an unfinished business pending approval of the ratification resolution.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burr reported that the second set of DVDs from the 3rd Candidate Forum has been delivered to the South Mainland and Grant libraries. South Mainland Library had stated that many patrons were checking the DVDs out and that they would like to keep a set of the DVDs for their historical records.

David Van Asdale II addressed the Council about reading in the Town of Malabar newsletter entitled "The Mailboat" that the Town was considering creating their own police department rather than pay for such services through an MSTU with the County. David asked if Grant-Valkaria could speak with Malabar as to the feasibility of a joint police force. Also, David asked if a war-chest has been considered for use in mitigating future lawsuits and needed legal support when the Town is challenged on controlled growth issues.

Allan asked George Wolfe if he had gotten anywhere with Commissioner Voltz related to the blowing dust/dirt problem affecting a large area including Riverview Terrace. George said he had written the letter to Commissioner Voltz in support of Wilma Weglein. Pat Bryan stated that the County Attorney had been asked to look into the issue as either a nuisance complaint or as a code violation.

Reynolds asked if anyone was aware of whether the inter-local agreement with Palm Bay related to the Royal Palm Charter School had been passed by Palm Bay. Reynolds stated that any of the Interim Council members could sign that agreement but that he had not been contacted by Chris Glatz for arranging for such signing. Interim Clerk stated that she had not been contacted for such signing either although the agreement was to have been passed as it appeared on the Palm Bay's agenda as a consent agenda item requiring no discussion.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made to adjourn.

MOTION BY ALLAN; SECONDED BY BURR.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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BY:
(Signature on file)

Interim Council Chairperson

ATTEST:
(Signature on file)

Karlene Folts
Interim Clerk

DATE: 11/8/06 _____