

Town of Grant-Valkaria
Town Council Agenda
Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.
Grant Community Center

A. **CALL TO ORDER** 8:10 P.M.

B. **ROLL CALL (by Interim Clerk)**

Mayor, Del Yonts – present
Council Member, Seat 1, Joe Hackford – present
Council Member, Seat 2, Danielle Morgan – present
Council Member, Seat 3, Pat Bryan – present
Council Member, Seat 4, Cathy DeMott – present
Council Member, Seat 5, Dan Faden – present
Council Member, Seat 6, Jason Mahaney – present

C. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

D. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

E. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. (Yonts) – Designation of a Town Clerk

Yonts stated that Karlene Folts has agreed to take the meeting minutes for this evening and that Chris Hackford has agreed to take the minutes at the 11/29/06 meeting. Motion made to accept the designation of Town Clerk for the 11/21/06 and 11/29/06 meetings as stated.

MOTION BY BRYAN; SECONDED BY DEMOTT.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. (Yonts) – Designation of a Town Attorney

Yonts stated that Mr. Karl Bohne had performed the Town Attorney duties during the Interim Council sessions and that he was willing to continue as the Grant-Valkaria Town Attorney at the same stated hourly rate. Motion was made to keep Bohne as the Town Attorney.

MOTION BY BRYAN; SECONDED BY HACKFORD.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Yonts also passed out copies of excerpts from the Sunshine Laws provided by Bohne. An overall explanation was provided as to the prohibitions and Yonts stated that further discussion related to these laws will be held as the Council meets.

3. (Yonts) – Resolution: Ratification of actions by Interim Council

Yonts stated that the Interim Council had provided a detailed list of the actions they took which would require ratification by the elected Council. This list of actions was not read in its entirety. Motion was made to accept the resolution as provided.

MOTION BY HACKFORD; SECONDED BY MORGAN.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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4. (Yonts) – Selection of a Vice-Mayor

Motion made to submit the name of Joe Hackford as Vice Mayor.

MOTION BY FADEN; SECONDED BY BRYANT.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. (Yonts) – Establish time and place of future Town Council meetings

Yonts stated that although Karl Bohne had stated he was available to attend Council meetings only on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, that weekly meetings seemed reasonable for the Council at the on-set. Motion made to meet at the Grant Community Center each Wednesday through the end of the year.

MOTION BY BRYAN; SECONDED BY HACKFORD.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Some discussion as to whether a meeting time of 7:00 or 7:30 PM was better for the Council Members. Motion made to meet at 7:00 PM.

MOTION MADE BY HACKFORD; SECONDED BY FADEN.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. (Yonts) – Authorization of new signatories on bank account

Yonts stated that per the signatory form from the bank, it looked as if up to six signatories could be identified. Reynolds, Interim Council Chair, addressed the Council in stating that the Interim Council had specified all Interim Council Members as signatories on the bank account with two primaries designated as writing checks. Motion made to designate the Mayor and Vice Mayor as the two primary signatories on the account.

MOTION MADE BY BRYAN; SECONDED MORGAN.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made to designate Bryan and Faden as the two alternate signatories on the account.

MOTION MADE BY HACKFORD; SECONDED BY MORGAN.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. (Yonts) – Authorization of new contacts for Emergency Management

Currently, Tonti and Allan from the prior Interim Council were the Town contacts for emergency management with George Wolfe being the initial contract between the Office of Emergency Management and the Town. Motion made to have Morgan and Mahaney as the new contacts for emergency management.

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MOTION MADE BY FADEN; SECONDED BY BRYAN.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. (Yonts) – Designation of Chief Financial Officer

Motion made to designate Yonts as the Chief Financial Officer.

MOTION MADE BY BRYAN; SECONDED BY MORGAN.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reynolds, Interim Council Chair, presented the bank account statement, current balance in account, and the transaction log to Yonts.

9. (Yonts) – Establish members of a transition working group to transfer all necessary items pertaining to the Interim Council to the Town

Faden asked if any Interim Council Members would like to volunteer to be part of the transitional working group. Reynolds, Kolar, Burr, and Allan volunteered. Motion made to form the transitional working group with members being Reynolds, Kolar, Burr, and Allan from the Interim Council and DeMott from the elected Council.

MOTION MADE BY MORGAN; SECONDED BY BRYAN.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. (Yonts) – Mayor and Council Members’ reports

Mayor’s report included comments as follows:

- A beginning and an end
- 200+ people attending the Board of County Commissioners meeting for the feasibility study
- Meeting two to three times per week at the Grant Community Center during the charter process
- The feasibility study and charter went through various committees then the House, Senate, and final approval by the Governor
- Various fund-raising including a huge garage sale
- What do you want the Town to become?
- Council must start looking at the tasks at-hand
- We now have a solid base for the Town, but please be patient

Council Members’ reports included comments as follows:

- Impressed with the Interim Council and they are an example to live-up to
- It’s been a long road and now “we start”
- We will cooperate with the County and other surrounding municipalities as we are now an “equal”
- Believe we will be a unique island between a cookie-cutter society
- Ready to get to work

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F. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janice Walters stated that as the Interim Council stepped-down and the elected Council took their seats, she noticed a change. The current Council sits shoulder-to-shoulder and through the shoulder-to-shoulder approach, we will progress. Onward.

Tom Eschenburg, Mayor of the Town of Malabar, stated Malabar is pleased to have a neighbor to the South with a “rural” focus as rural residential is a focus in Malabar’s charter also.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Yonts stated that refreshments were available in the adjoining room. He also stated that the next meeting would be next Wednesday at 7 PM at the Grant Community Center.

Motion made to adjourn.

MOTION BY BRYAN; SECONDED BY DEMOTT.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

BY:
(Signature on File)

Del Yonts
Mayor

ATTEST:
(Signature on File)

Karlene Folts
Interim Clerk

DATE: 11-29-06