

Town of Grant Valkaria
Town Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.
Grant Community Center

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:10pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL. (by Interim Clerk)

Del Yonts	present
Joe Hackford	present
Danielle Morgan	present
Pat Bryan	present
Cathy DeMott	present
Dan Faden	present
Jason Mahaney	present

D. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

New business H-4.-Town E-mail System

E. CFO REPORT

(DeMott)

Previous Balance \$36,287.21

Checks Issued \$1,474.62

Ending Balance \$ 34,812.59

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Bryan made a motion to add to the minutes of the meeting dated 1/10/2007
The minutes should read the workshops are for, picking administrative methods and
establishing LPA future land-use elements. The workshops are a whole planning &
zoning & comp plan process.

Motion by Dan Faden Motion to accept minutes as amended

Second by Danielle Morgan,

Voice voted on the motion carried unanimously,

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. (Faden) -Obtaining FPL franchise fee amount to send to County

Dan Faden stated that, he spoke to FPL revenue department, regarding the August
and September Franchise Fees. (Faden) has e-mailed the State on why we are not
receiving ½ sales tax estimated at – 200 k a year. Also that an ordinance must be
submitted for us to receive Communications Tax. (Faden) is working to find out when
and how often we will receive the monies from these taxes. Dan Faden also pointed out
that the occupational licenses fees maybe minimal along with mobile home fees, but are
additional revenue sources for the Town.

2. (Wolf)-Emergency management grant

George Wolfe reported that he confirmed that the emergency management expenses must be paid out by the Town first and then the grant monies will be paid to the Town. George also mentioned that there are provisions for advances to the town and that he feels this is very possible. Also pointed out was that the competitive grants are for \$200,000.00. He pointed out that there is a considerable amount of writing to be done for these grants and that a letter of transmittal needs to come from the Mayor. He also provided an example resolution from Manatee County to the Council. He reminded the Council that, we need to start thinking about a resolution (copy of a resolution provided to council).

Jason Mahaney stated that we may be able to get a short term loan until the grant comes through. George stated that, Ray Kolar had done extensive work with EDC communication infrastructure, and hoped to have a hard draft for the next meeting.

Ray Kolar discussed a 3 tiered approach in the grant plan:

1. **800 Mhz radios**
Joe Hackford said he has box of these radios. Ray stated that the Town can turn in the old ones and get new ones and Ray said, all he needed was the serial numbers off the old radios, Ray said additionally, the Town will incur the cost \$50.00 / year per radio for backbone charge + \$10.00, / month per radio for a Maintenance contract and not all radios would need to be connected to the Backbone.
2. **UHF GMRS (ground mobile radio)** for certs require license for an individual that will own the repeater not the town. The county has approved the use of the 400' tower located in Barefoot Bay.
3. **Wideband (internet)** Will allow the signal to go from Palm Bay tower to Barefoot Bay tower. The qualifier: needs to be the County Commissioner Coordinator whom must discuss with the county to coordinate.

Application is limited to 15 pages (2 pages are for the budget) Del Yonts spoke with Bohme he said the council can just take a vote but we may want should have a resolution anyways.

Dan Faden wanted to say "Thank You" to George Wolfe, Terri Wolfe, and Ray Kolar, for all the work they have done on this project.

Del Yonts stated that the Council can vote with out a resolution, but that it would be best to have a resolution anyway.

The deadline is 2/19/07 and George Wolfe says he should have a hard - draft by Monday.

3. (Yonts) Designation of Interim Town Clerk for 1/24/07.

Mary Kestner has volunteered to take minutes for the meeting on 1/24/07.

4. (Morgan) Town Manager & Town Clerk Job Descriptions

Del Yonts suggests we keep Mary only doing the minutes and agenda right now. Denni Burr suggested that Mary Kestner be paid for her taking minutes and agenda. She also said they can run an add for the Town Clerk for \$300.00 for 100 words or on line for \$250.00. Danielle Morgan) said we need to push the deadline for the applications for Town Clerk out a week because it did not show up on the website and they want to allow people to have a chance to apply, Del Yonts discussed pushing it out to a week after Tim gets it on the website. Danielle Morgan recommended that they set an amount to be paid to the interim clerk, she has checked into this and found that the standard pay is \$10-\$12 or maybe \$15 If using personal equipment, Del Yonts discussed maybe setting price for the clerk & a stipend for equipment usage. Pat Bryan suggests \$11 per hour plus a \$2.00 stipend for (temp) aka Mary to do minutes & agenda. Then \$10-\$15 plus a stipend after a (temp Town Clerk is hired). Mary Kestner said she would do the job \$ 10.00 per hour for minutes and agenda until the Council makes a decision, then if she is hired the \$10-15.

Motion by Danielle Morgan made a motion for \$10.00 per hour to be paid to Mary for agenda and minutes until someone is hired and that \$12-\$15 plus stipend of \$2.00 be established as the amount we would pay the interim town clerk. The stipend to be eliminated after the Town gets an office with equipment for the interim clerk.

Motion was seconded by Dan Faden

Voice voted on the motion and carried unanimously.

It was suggested that an item requesting resumes. For a town administrator be placed on the town website.

Del Yonts will by next week a plan present for interim Town Manager. He will has checked with a group for help over in the next 3-4 months and also will talked with a gentleman from Indian River County.

Bonnie Allan will provide an example contract to the council as used for independent contractors, The Interim Clerk and Interim Town Manager are responsible for their own taxes and they will get a 1099 at year end.

H. New Business (Time Certain)

3. (Yonts) Citizen's Coalition of South Mainland

Presentation by Vickie DeNoit President of Citizens Coalition of South Mainland and Shelly Woods. Ms. DeNoit states that in 2 years time Palm Bay has annexed 24,000 acres and has 36 comp plan amendments to increase density, in South and West areas especially interested in density around Micco Rd. The Current average daily trips on Micco Rd are 12,160 and the average daily trip added to Micco Rd. with increased density of 9076 homes would be 56,900 trips. Ms. DeNoit suggests that letters be written to the Department of Community Affairs, newspaper editors and politicians. They will let the council know when this request is officially submitted.

G. New Business

5. (Mahaney) Code Enforcement

Jason Mahaney is collecting complaints (he has only had 2 this week). Jason is going to check this week to see if the complaints can be made public and the name of the person kept private.

6. (Hackford) Seafood Festival

Joe Hackford is taking permits for the seafood festival to Viera on 1/18/07. The liquor permit is done.

Dan Faden) questioned as to event insurance. Joe Hackford said The organization already has insurance.

7. (Yonts) Status of County Contracts

No New Information

8. (Yonts) Additonal Status Updates

No new information

9. (Bryan) Zoning and Land Use Committee

Pat Bryan wants to cover Administrative process and appoint "ourselves" as LPA for Planning & Zoning. He also wants to know how to make up the members and get a comp plan started and future land use started. He will e-mail the info again to the Council and send it also to Tim for the Town website and add the 4 steps.

10. Rental Property/ Potential Lease Sites

Dan Faden reported that no rental property is available in the Grant Valkaria area.

He has checked with Remax, and Arista Reality. He contacted a rental company to rent a trailer (just to get baseline for price) and expects that information by the end of the week.

Joe Hackford stated the fire department building is available for \$ 450.00. At the Grant Antique Mall on the North side is a yellow building that is also available along with another building (red) \$1,200.00 for both buildings, with one month free. The yellow building needs air conditioning and is \$800.00 per month separately leased. The red building was \$700.00. Joe also pointed out that we could get one month fee to compensate for work we would have to do.

Mary Kestner stated that she has a friend that owns an Electric Company and he has a construction trailer in great condition with a bath room and 3 offices which, he has stated that he wants to get rid of it. Mary will call him first thing in the morning to find out how much he wants for it.

Walt Smith suggested that the Council remodel the train depot. It's 50x20 feet and handicapped accessible right on the water. He said they Grant Historical Society presently, lease the land for \$1.00a year. The depot currently needs restrooms and that water is available 150 feet away. Walt will check with David White to see what can / can't be done to the depot. Del Yonts pointed out this is a long term solution.

Joe Hackford) suggested the Council puts a building near the Grant Community Center.

Option 3 is Real Choice Realty who has a small house that is presently being leased out on weekends.

Pat Bryan mentioned meeting space potential at Royal Palm Charter School, and it sounds like no charge which may be a consideration as to space needed for the temporary Town Hall.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **(Yonts) Workshops: Method of voting**
Voting or not during workshops, should voting be done right after discussion during

Workshop. If voting takes place at workshops that leaves the public out of it. It was decided no voting at workshops and that the item be put on agenda for the following meeting.

Yonts reminded Council that the 1/31/07 agenda will only consists of Emergency Management, seafood festival permits, and rental property for office space.

2. (Yonts) Emergency management inter-local agreement

Inter local for debris removal with towns and cities is managed by the Brevard County,

Motion by Danielle Morgan) made a motion to approve the inter local for emergency management debris removal.

Seconded by Joe Hackford

Voice Voted on the motion carried unanimously

3. (Mahaney) Unpermitted clearing of land

Jason Mahaney received has a complaint on un permitted land clearing from the county and they want to know how we will handle this? It was agreed by the council, to see if the county would handle these calls until we have a system in place. Jason stated that he would contact the county and let them know.

(Mahaney) reiterated that the county attorney advised against letting anyone volunteer for code enforcement, The county attorney stated there is no cap on a civil law suit.

(Mahaney) does not want discourage phone calls from the county during work hours. When a county employee calls he is able to collect valuable information from them.

I. REPORTS

Del Yonts reports to (Cathy DeMott) that he can not open the e-mail on the expense reports, and others said they could not either. Cathy says the reports are done on WORD and she will check into it. It was mentioned that she may be saving the files as something other then a doc WORD file.

He reported that he had a meeting scheduled with someone at the property appraiser office and that person, he no longer works there so he will have to follow up with property appraiser office.

He is attending a summit with county and cities coordinated by, Jackie Colon Friday.

Anyone that wants to volunteer should contact the Council or the Town.

Bellsouth says the hyphen has to be removed from the GrantValkaria name in their records and asked if the name was going to be officially changed to omit the hyphen. Yonts told them it would be considered.

The town received a packet from Brevard County that gave information on the River Breeze development. Thomas O'Donnell who claimed to be the developer from River Breeze and two other developments and their attorney Mr. Lagano may mirepresenting information on the property.

Pat Bryan

Maps have been ordered and should be available for the workshop. He needs to fill out the PO to be paid by the Town when the maps are available.

Dan Faden

Will not be present for the 1/24/07 meeting, but will e-mail others on existing issues.

Joe Hackford

Another boat ramp meeting was held tonight and few examples of a map provided at the meeting was shared with meeting attendees.

Dan Rabino feels there are problems with the docks as the docks go from 5ft, 3ft, 2ft, one floating dock. They are using grates instead of wood which will be better in case of hurricanes. Dan also states that they have not submitted permits yet, and that the Town may have a dock by the year 2008.

Jason Mahaney

He said he will checked on making code enforcement complaints public and he said he thinks they can be but wants to follow upon that before he releases any complaints.

Cathy DeMott

She wants to know if she should open another account for gas tax. She also wanted to know about getting Town monies into an interest bearing account. D. Yonts opinion was to keep one account with records of the gas tax revenues identified. It was suggested by a member of the public that Florida Investments might be contacted for handling cities and towns monies to receive interest. Cathy will follow up with Florida

Investments and get back to Council.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

K. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by D. Morgan to adjourn
Seconded by P. Bryan
Voice vote on the motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

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By:

(Signature on File)

**Del Yonts
Mayor Grant- Valkaria**

ATTEST:

(Signature on File)

**Mary Kestner
Interim Clerk, Grant Valkaria**

Date 1/24/07

