

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

A. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:02 P.M.

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**

(Bryan) – Discuss concerns about gaming establishments and possible moratorium on such

E. **CFO REPORT**

Previous Balance	\$91,526.92
Monies Received & Deposited	000.00
Checks Issued	6,156.92
Ending Balance	\$85,370.00

DeMott also reported that a check for about \$18,600 was deposited on 3/7/07 which is not included in the above reported ending balance and that the receipt was for FP&L which was to come in the form of an electronic transfer into the Town account.

F. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of 02/28/07 minutes

Motion by Bryan to accept the 2/28/07 minutes as written; Seconded by DeMott.

Voice vote on the motion carried unanimously.

G. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda items only)**

Nancy deVos, a resident on Laurens Avenue addressed the Council regarding a public safety issue related to the illegal dumping and ATV problem near the corner of Laurens and Vally. There is a concrete barrier there although ATVs have circumvented that deterrent. She asked the Council to consider the installation of a street light to assist in the problem with illegal dumping and ATV currently being encountered by the four neighbors in close proximity to this area of concern. Council members discussed additional street lighting may not be the solution as well as more street lights further detracting from the rural and natural nature of our Town. It was suggested that the first course might best be to contact the sheriff to see if he could monitor that area more. Morgan agreed to contact the sheriff on this situation as well as contact Roads and Bridges about the barricade. Morgan will update the Council on this issue at the 3/14/07 meeting.

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Christy Slayton addressed the Council about the clearing of 1.4 acres on Grant Road presently being used for a paint-ball park. She is concerned about the environmental issue with the building of this park as it a scrub jay habitat, gopher turtles and the such may have been disturbed in this building, and only State land surround this immediate area. Ms. Slayton did say that the park has adequate barriers between the park and the road although the sound can be heard regardless of those barriers. Questions asked by the Council included (i) whether the resident knew if the land was EELs land or might it be privately owned and (ii) how long ago the land was cleared. Ms. Slayton stated she does not believe the land to be EELs and that the land was initially cleared one to two years ago, although weed killers has been recently applied to the area cleared. She heard the first shots fired Saturday. Also, a sign is up which refers to it as a “club” (with a name like Hog Wild). Faden agreed to get a copy of the information provided by Ms. Slayton and look at the zoning, etc. to see who might own the property and the use so designated for the property.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. (Yonts) – Announcement of Advisory Board openings
 - a) Planning & Zoning Board
 - b) Citizens Advisory Council on Metropolitan Planning Organization (Commissioner Voltz appointee)

Yonts announced the openings presently available for the future P&Z board and an appointment position on the Citizens Advisory Council on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Additionally, Yonts stated that openings may be available on the Code Enforcement Board which would consist of a seven member board with two alternate positions also filled. The existence of the application/volunteer list is presently on the Town web-site and hard-copy applications are available near the Clerk’s position on the Council’s table at the end of this meeting. Some discussion was held related to not being able to serve on the P&Z board and the code advisory committee. Yonts stated the Code Enforcement Board is not being formed now but volunteers for that board are needed. More discussion as to Code Enforcement Board will be discussed during the “reports” portion of the agenda.

2. (Morgan) – Ratings of potential Interim and/or Permanent Town Managers

Morgan asked if all Council Members had received and reviewed the resumes for interim and/or permanent Town Managers. Each resume was reviewed and considerations noted in each related to, but not limited to, (i) whether the applicant expressed interest in the interim, permanent, or either interim or permanent positions for Town Manager, (ii) past work experience included on the resume, (iii) whether past work experience was in a hands-on capacity and/or in managing a staff, (iv) relevancy of past work experience to the tasking for an initial Town Manager for a town our size, (v) variety of work experience, (vi) level of earnings listed, and (v) whether additional inquiry was made as to interest in the interim and/or permanent positions subsequent to the resume completion. From the considerations and discussions resulting from

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comments from various Town Council members to each applicants' resume, the Council compiled three groupings of resumes – the “A” grouping to be resumes which seems to be most relevant to the current Town positions, and a “B” grouping which seem to be less relevant for the position to be filled. The remaining resumes were deemed to have to little town manager experience and will no longer be considered. Of the five resumes in the “A” grouping, only one person indicated interest only in the interim position and one person indicated interest in either the interim or permanent position. Morgan agreed to contact the two individuals in the “A” grouping to ask about their interest in the two positions as well as contacting the third individual to get more information on how a firm might handle the actual position tasks if for the interim position. Additionally, Morgan will ask as to the time frame in which each applicant could start in the Town Manager position. Morgan will e-mail this info to the Council. It was determined that the “B” grouping would be held pending actions taken to interview applicants in the “A” grouping. Tom Eschenberg from Malabar suggested that any interviewees making a trip to be interviewed in a face-to-face setting be coordinated between the towns of Grant-Valkaria and Malabar for convenience of the applicants given some of the same persons have applied for openings for positions for both towns.

3. (Yonts) – Ordinance format – including attorney’s signature for approved form and content and including recording of first and second reading dates

Yonts explained that the Town’s ordinances presently have varying formats although all essential information is included on them. He asked the Council if any member had any opinions on a consistent/uniform format or whether he, Karlene Folts, and Jo Faden could decide on a consistent and uniformly employed ordinance format. All agreed to allow the choosing of said format without further Council approval.

4. (Yonts) – Scheduled coverage of Interim Town Clerk duties related to weekly minute-taking and agendas through 4/25/07.

Jo Faden has drafted a schedule of Interim Town Clerk responsibilities for the weekly minutes and agenda with Karlene Folts assigned for 3/7/07, Chris Hackford assigned for 3/14/07, and Jo Faden assigned for the remaining Town Council meetings through 4/25/07. The minutes for special meetings in that time period will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

5. (Bryan) - Discuss concerns about gaming establishments and possible moratorium on such

Bryan stated this concern with U.S. 1 or any other strip within the Town becoming a continuous strip of gaming and adult entertainment establishments. Public opinion was heard as to a possible moratorium on such establishments with all public opinion heard being positive to such a protection for the Town.

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Yonts will also discuss this issue with Karl Bohne as to the legality of such a moratorium. An alternative might be to declare no moratorium unless residents need to come before the Council for such things as zoning changes and then maybe this could be dealt with through ordinances.

Motion by Bryan to establish a moratorium on adult entertainment and further gaming establishments until determination as to the legality of gaming rooms and until the comprehensive plan is in place with the effective date being 3/7/07; Seconded by Hackford.

Voice vote on the motion carried unanimously.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. (Wolfe) – Status of date for Hurricane Preparedness meeting

Yonts said this item will be tabled until Terri and George Wolfe are in attendance and have a status upon which to report.

2. (Yonts) – Town Hall location discussion

- (Faden) update on trailer option at Grant Community Center (impact from rezoning)
- Discussions and opinions of 3/1/07 physical observations of building South of Grant Motor sports for consideration of a potential interim Town Hall at \$2,000 per month

Faden stated he had no update on the trailer option at the Grant Community Center and any possible impact from rezoning. Further discussion with John, owner of the building used for Grant Motorsports and the building to the south of that business, has occurred and the Council is moving forward toward leasing the building south of Grant Motorsports. John's concern is that due to the business of Grant Motorsports being moved to Vero Beach, the Grant Motorsports building is also up for lease and the promise of the additional twenty-five parking spots for use of the Town could be a problem. Should John promise the parking at Grant Motorsports to the Town for use in the evenings after 6 P.M., that might inhibit the lease of that building as well as not knowing what business buys that building, they may still be open for business during the evening hours when those spots would be needed by the Town. Although John will move the fence back at the side to allow for more parking spots, with twenty cars counted at this meeting tonight, more parking should be sought. It was decided that the Council will speak with the owner/proprietor of the Boathouse Bar & Grill to see if we could use parking there. Additionally, Hackford pointed out that if adequate regular parking could not be arranged at that building, larger meetings could be held at the Grant Community Center. Also, Faden will check to see if maybe the parking area could be leased separately.

J. REPORTS

Yonts:

Barefoot Bay resident(s) have complained to the Town as well as to the County about the dust coming from the Sebastian Beach and Tennis Club. FPL is currently burying

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power lines. The club agreed to do their best to continue to water-down the area to prohibit the blowing of dust as best they can.

A Code Enforcement Board will be established after the establishment of the Planning and Zoning Board. The first draft of the ordinance for the Code Enforcement Board is in Yonts hands and will be sent to Mahaney who should send directly to Karl Bohne with any further comments/concerns.

The first reading on the landscape ordinance will be at the 3/21/07 Town Council meeting.

On 3/7/07 (today), Yonts met with Palm Bay and the Royal Palm Charter School about concerns as to water establishment through wells as referred to in the Town charter and to which was mentioned during the establishment of the inter-local agreement between the Town and the charter school some months ago.. The charter calls out wells for “future” development. As the Royal Palm Charter School was already developed prior to the establishment of the Town and wishes to get their water from the City of Palm Bay, the question is the intent of “future” development and reference to wells. Therefore, the Council should look at the charter to establish whether the intent was for new development to be served by well and septic and therefore maybe the wording should be changed from “shall”. Council agreed that Karl should draft a definition of what “future” means (the interpretation) as this presently affects the Royal Palm Charter School as well as the Eagle’s Nest.

The first reading of the Code Enforcement Board ordinance will be at the 3/21/07 Town Council meeting.

For any calls placed to speak with applicants/candidates for the Town Manager and Town Clerk positions, the discussions should be documented as to what is discussed and when the call was made. Morgan said that notes should not be written on the individuals’ resumes.

Yonts stated that Morgan and himself are planning on attending the Space Coast League of Cities meeting to be held on 3/12/07. DeMott said she would provide a check for that attendance.

Bryan:

Stated he has received three or four responses for the planner position. They are currently located in Orlando, Vero Beach, and Jupiter.

Hackford:

The Grant Seafood Festival party for all the volunteers will be on 4/14/07 at 7 PM.

DeMott:

Still in the request phase for the search of an accounting firm. Trying to contact Tim Reynolds related to the RFP.

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K. PUBLIC COMMENT

No further public comment offered.

L. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Morgan to adjourn; Seconded by Mahaney.
Voice vote on the motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

BY:
(Signature on File)

Del Yonts
Mayor, Grant-Valkaria

ATTEST:
(Signature on File)

Karlene Folts
Interim Clerk, Grant-Valkaria

DATE: 3-14-07