

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, FLORIDA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 30, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida, Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Del Yonts followed by the Pledge, and roll call with the following present:

Mayor Del Yonts
Vice Mayor Joe Hackford
Council Member Danielle Morgan
Council Member Pat Bryan
Council Member Cathy DeMott
Council Member Dan Faden
Council Member Jason Mahaney

Town Manager Matthew Brock
Town Clerk Susanne R. Krueger

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Yonts requested moving agenda item K.1 after J.1 and adding item I.2 – Resolution 06-2007 following item I.1 under Tabled Items.

Council Member ~~Mahaney~~ Bryan requested adding item J.5 – discussion regarding Florida League of Cities City Manager of the Year and Council Member of the Year awards.

Council Member ~~Faden~~ Morgan requested adding item J.6 – setting date for ATV meeting with Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

CFO REPORT

Council Member DeMott gave her report which will be an attachment to the minutes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Manager Brock suggested that Council attend the Annual Florida League of Cities Convention which will be held sometime around August 15, 2007. Request was also made to have the authority to fill the position of a part time code enforcement officer.

Motions by Council Member Faden, second by Council Member DeMott, and vote unanimous to authorize Town Manager Brock to fill the position of a part time code enforcement officer. Discussion was made that this position would work under the direction of the town manager and work approximately 15-20 hours per week and be paid comparable wages of other cities.

Town Manager Brock suggested Council that they should go out for bids for a new banking account since the existing account with Suntrust is not an interest bearing account, and to make sure the Town is getting the best bang for the buck.

Motions by Council Member Faden, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to have Town Manager Brock solicit various banks in the area for proposals.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mayor Yonts recognized resident Mr. Leroy Rotgers, recent recipient of the Jefferson Award for his various community contributions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenny Lawton Seal requested Council approve an unpaved road agreement on property owned by her on Medjool Road. Ms. Seal was informed by Mayor Yonts that the Council is currently reviewing the unpaved road agreement language and staff will inform her when this item will come before Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular City Council Meeting – April 24, 2007

Motions by Council Member Bryan, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of April 24, 2007.

TABLED ITEMS

1. NOTICE TO VACATE A RIGHT-OF-WAY IN PLAT OF MODEL INDIAN RIVER GARDENS IN TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 29 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST (Donnie R. Narmore)

Motions by Council Member Bryan, second by Council Member Faden, and vote unanimous to remove from table the above notice to vacate right-of-way in plat of model Indian River Gardens in Town of Grant-Valkaria in Section 13, Township 29 South, Range 37 East.

Motions by Council Member Mahaney, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to approve the above notice to vacate right-of-way in plat of model Indian River Gardens in Town of Grant-Valkaria in Section 13, Township 29 South, Range 37 East.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 06-2007 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA VACATING AND ABANDONING A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY

LOCATED IN THE TOWN AND DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC USE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Yonts)

Mayor Yonts gave a brief synopsis of Resolution No. 06-2007.

Motions by Council Member Bryan, second by Council Member Faden, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution No. 06-2007. (Resolution No. 06-2007 will be recorded Brevard County land records, and copy of recorded document will be sent to the owner.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Brevard County Fire Department – Presentation on EMS services provided to the Town of Grant-Valkaria by BCFD; Discussion on how Valkaria Volunteer FD can augment BCFD services

A lengthy presentation was made by Mr. Orlando Dominguez and Chief Hall, Brevard County Fire/Rescue explaining all the EMS services currently being provided to the town.

A lengthy presentation was made by Mr. Steve Eastwood, Valkaria Volunteer Fire Department on how his organization can augment County services.

Mayor Yonts and Council commended Chief Hall on all services rendered to the Town.

The following persons from the audience spoke regarding using the services of Valkaria Volunteer FD:

Bob Feene
Gary Becker
George Wolfe
Tom Sammons
Terry Wolfe
Lisette Kolar
Kimberly Moore
Bonnie Allen
Mark
Harold
Al Janeski

Motions by Council Member DeMott, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to not entertain the Valkaria Volunteer Fire Department for the Town at this time. It was the consensus of Council to commend Mr. Eastwood for his enthusiasm.

RECESS

Mayor Yonts called a brief 15 minute recess.

Meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review & Discussion with Planning firm Miller-Legg: about proposed planner contract and work authorization

Todd Peetz of Miller-Legg gave a presentation about the proposed planner contract, cost breakdown, and work authorization.

Mayor Yonts requested a meeting the Todd Peetz, Lisette Kolar, Mr. Brock and himself sometime next week regarding the details of comprehensive plan submittal.

Town Manager Brock recommended Council approve the proposed contract, cost breakdown and work authorization.

The following persons spoke from the audience regarding the proposed planner contract and work authorization:

Dan Robino
Lisette Kolar

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve the contract as written.

Motions by Council Member Morgan, second by Council Member Bryan, and vote unanimous to approve the work authorization, not to exceed \$19, 814.00.

NEW BUSINESS

2. (Yonts) – Town Newsletter - Ideas for content in newsletter, Date to publish, include info on straw poll

Lisette Kolar suggested that the newsletter should include items such as town hall address, phone number, upcoming events, staff info, Council pictures, website address, new computer system, town hall grand opening, to name a few.

It was the consensus of Council to have newsletter out by July 9, 2007.

3. (Yonts) – Procedure for selecting town name - Straw Poll info - Cost & Effect of Changing town name - Timeline for Public Meeting Schedule

Discussion among Council indicated consensus to include the following in Straw Poll: a) Question - If residents want to keep the name Grant-Valkaria as their official town name; b) cost impact of changing name; c) other kinds of things that would impact residents if name was changed.

It was the consensus of Council to schedule a meeting for renaming the town to be included in the newsletter and on the marquee at the Grant Community Center which should be prior to August 31, 2007.

4. (Yonts) – Ratification of Past Town Expenditures

Motions made by Council Member Mahaney, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to accept ratification of all past town expenditures as of today.

5. (Bryan) – Florida League of Cities City Manager/Mayor/Council Member of the Year

Council Member Bryan requested that Council consider Mayor Yonts as Mayor of the Year for initiative, integrity, vision, innovation and commitment to the formation of the Town prior to employment of Town Administrator.

Motions by Council Member Bryan, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve recommendation to the Florida League of Cities the nomination of Mayor Yonts based on the above mentioned reasons.

L. REPORTS

Council Member Morgan requested discussion regarding ATV/Dirt Bike activity in town be placed on the June 13th Town Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Hackford informed Council that he is working on a platform for Council meetings and the new town hall sign. Mr. Nelson will be donating the landscape material and Vice Mayor Hackford will be bringing in sketches next week of the sign.

Council Member Mahaney informed Council that he will not be in attendance at the June 6th meeting; however, he requested that City Attorney look into a legal access way into Grant Farm Island.

It was the consensus of Council for Town Manager Brock to check with Malabar about sharing cost of Building Official.

For the record, the following persons will be attending the Space Coast League of Cities dinner in June – Mayor Yonts, Town Manager Brock and Council Member Bryan.

Mayor Yonts received a letter from St. Johns River Water Management regarding a Land Committee meeting in the Brevard County Commission Chambers on June 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Yonts and Council Member Bryan will try to attend.

Mayor Yonts suggested that the wordage be changed on the “Unpaved Road Agreement” by keeping the part about MSBU, and placing it on the next Council meeting on June 6th.

The following persons from the audience spoke regarding unpaved roads:

Tom Sammons
Bonnie Allen
Dean Atkins
Lisette Kolar

Lisette Kolar informed Council of several issues:

- 1) She received responses regarding the Town’s letter sent to Department of Community Affairs, objecting to the comprehensive plan amendment submitted by Palm Bay. Representative Poppell and Representative Altman gave their support for the Town.
- 2) Suggested that the Town look into the architectural style ordinance that is similar to the Town of Sebastian which resembles the old Florida fishing village.
- 3) Financial disclosures have been sent in .
- 4) Ethics Commission was sent all names and addresses of all Board s and Council.
- 5) Business cards and stationary will be printed as soon as phone and fax number have been confirmed.
- 6) Recommend keeping Tim Reynold’s phone number for one month or until number situation resolved.

It was the consensus of Council to keep Tim’s phone number for one month and track how many calls are received, and to change recording that the number is no longer town hall of Grant-Valkaria, please call whatever number we will be using.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda items only)

Andrew ~~Groben~~-Grogan spoke regarding the roll-back ad valorem rate and super exemptions.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motions by Council Member Bryan, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 p.m.

(signature on file)

Del Yonts, Mayor

ATTEST:

(signature on file)

Susanne R. Krueger, MMC, Town Clerk