

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, FLORIDA  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 11, 2007  
GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER  
4580 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, GRANT, FL 32949

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida, Town Council was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Del Yonts followed by the Pledge, and roll call to the Council Members, with the following present:

Mayor – Del Yonts

Seat No. 1 – Joe Hackford

Seat No. 2 – Danielle Morgan

Seat No. 3 – Pat Bryan

Seat No. 4 – Cathy DeMott

Seat No. 5 – Dan Faden

Seat No. 6 – Jason Mahaney

Town Manager Matthew Brock

Town Clerk Susanne Krueger

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mayor Yonts requested to add Item #I.5 to Unfinished Business – Straw ballot for town name.

PRESENTATION: Florida Power & Light Co – Craig Bock – Storm/hurricane/disaster recovery

Sandy Sanderson, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), introduced Mark Hillman who is the account manager assigned to this town for before and after the storms. Craig Bock of his office will be at the Emergency Operations Center in Brevard County (Bob Lay's Office) during the storms. Mr. Sanderson stated that Matt call the Emergency Operations Center and then Mr. Hillman. The goal of FPL is to get the most amount of people up with the least amount of time. After everyone has power, they go through again and methodically check everything. After the first forty-eight hours, FPL will get more detailed information to Town Manager Brock. Mr. Sanderson handed out his personal business cards to each Council Member and requested that his number NOT be released to the public; but, Council could contact him if they wish.

Mr. Sanderson stated that if you notice that a line is down, to call it in. He briefly talked about backup generators in that homeowners should read the owner's manual and to energize the circuit to the house you need to open the main breaker to the house.

Bob Thiem asked if we should we deemphasize underground versus over ground utilities. Mr. Sanderson responded that underground takes seven times longer to find break, the average cost of the electric bill for all would be double, must obtain easements from land owners for ground transformers, and are more prone to flooding. Overhead is the most cost effective; however, if people are interested in obtaining underground they are to contact Town Manager Brock who will obtain the costs, etc. from Mr. Sanderson.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2007

It was the request of Council Member Faden to have staff develop a form and procedure as to how residents can place items on the agenda and have some level of information to be placed on the agenda, and how staff will respond, and when and where it will be placed on the agenda. Council Member Faden also requested that the minutes be more elaborate in regard as to who spoke. He requested that it state what their opinion was, what their point was made, what their issue was, and where they stood. He requested a more in depth and laborious minutes.

It was the consensus of Council that the minutes have more information about speaker as to what their main comments are - their points of what they are speaking about.

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve the minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting, June 27, 2007 with the correction of spelling of Janis Walters.

#### PUBLIC HEARING –ORDINANCE NO. 2007-11 – SECOND READING – COUNCIL ACTION

- 1) An Ordinance Of The Town Of Grant-Valkaria, Brevard County, Florida Amending Ordinance 2007-05; Extending The Duration Of That Certain Moratorium Declared In Ordinance 2007-05; Providing For Severability; Providing An Effective Date. (Brock)

Mayor Yonts stated for the record that legal advertisement was published in Florida Today Newspaper on June 28, 2007.

Mayor Yonts declared the public hearing open.

Janis Walters asked if the extended moratorium coincides with the comprehensive plan schedule. Mayor Yonts responded in the affirmative.

Motions by Council Member Faden, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2007-11, second reading with the roll call votes as follows:

Mayor Yonts – Yes  
Vice Mayor Hackford – Yes  
Council Member Morgan - Yes  
Council Member Bryan - Yes  
Council Member Demott - Yes  
Council Member Faden - Yes  
Council Member Mahaney - Yes

#### REPORTS

- 1) Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Brock informed Council that he will be on vacation during the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 2) Treasurer's Report

Town Manager Brock gave the reporting starting balance as \$205,244.03 and an ending balance of \$209,598.45 as of July 11, 2007.

## 3) Town Attorney's Report

No report given, Town Attorney excused by Town Manager Brock.

## 4) Council Reports and Comments

Mayor Yonts requested a staff report from Lisette Kolar. Lisette Kolar inquired if staff was keeping the books, and what is Tim doing? Town Manager responded that staff is keeping the books and that he did not know what Tim was doing.

Council Member Faden thanked Lisette Kolar on sending out the newsletter. Ms. Kolar stated that the newsletter was dropped off on Monday and the newsletter arrived over the following weekend. She asked if there was a time turn-around when dropped off and when it would be mailed out and arrived at the residents.

Council Member Morgan announced that Vic from Silver State Helicopters was in attendance to observe the meeting and will meet with Council at a later date since he is new to taking over.

Vice Mayor Hackford stated that he would continue grass cutting at Town Hall building in exchange for power to the sign as per gentleman's agreement with John Chase. Discussion was made among Council as to needing an amendment to the lease. Vice Mayor Hackford assured Council that he was comfortable with Mr. Chase's agreement.

Discussion was made between Ms. Kolar and Vice Mayor Hackford regarding needing signs for Grant-Valkaria Day festivities. It was agreed by Vice Mayor Hackford to create a sign that would have changeable dates on it and be placed somewhere in the Historical House park. Motions by Council Member DeMott, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to authorize Vice Mayor Hackford to purchase lettering for the sign in front of Town Hall and making a sign for Grant-Valkaria Day.

Council Member Mahaney requested addressing the frequency of meeting dates. Mayor Yonts suggested maybe every other week, second and fourth Wednesday.

Council Member DeMott thanked Lisette Kolar regarding the newsletter.

Mayor Yonts brought up discussion about the Valkaria Airport Advisory Board (VAAB). He stated that Brevard County pulled the appointment of Malabar off the VAAB. He stated that he doesn't recall County appointing Malabar. Mayor Yonts stated that he would provide something for Council that we are not supporting the Master Plan, and that Council previously stated that they would attend

meetings and voice their non-support. He also requested twice for the Town to be appointed to the VAAB.

#### 5) Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)

Janis Walters stated that she sent in to the Town last Friday regarding item on agenda requesting town policy regarding procedures on placing things on the agenda. She also stated that the guys from Silver State are here and they should also get acquainted with the Town of Malabar folks too.

Linda Mason spoke about the airplane crash that occurred in Sanford, and several others over the years. Ms. Mason also stated that the helicopter flew over July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> about 3 or 4 times over her house between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. She also stated that she took photos of them going around in circles, called Matt, and faxed in to the airport.

George Wolfe spoke about cutting grass on River View Terrace right-of-way, and that the grass is getting pretty tall. Mayor Yonts stated that the County is out there now and the schedule is to get everyone every three months, and the Town still has County till October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Curt Lorenc stated that he was glad that Council addressed the minutes to check that staff does state what the public says and what the Council actually states. He stated that he talked to Malabar Fire Chief who stated that this area cannot adequately deal with an air crash. He stated that FAA permits are required by skydivers and that they require a waiver from FAA and that they clearly violated the agreement with the Town.

Mayor Yonts requested Town Manager Brock to follow-up with the airport regarding proof that people with leases (hangars or tie-down leases) have adequate insurance on file and obtain a copy.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1) Discuss Grant-Valkaria Day (Yonts)

Lisette Kolar gave a progress report on the Grant-Valkaria Day festivities which included:

- Need to order food from Grant Community Center for hotdogs and hamburgers, and the Town will reimburse the Grant Community Center
- There will be about 144 T-shirts made at a cost of about \$315, which will be sold for at cost
- There will be about 144 mugs given away free to the public, which the cost will be donated by the Grant Valkaria Preservation Committee (GVPC)
- If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact herself or Denni Burr.

Council Member Morgan stated that several restaurants are willing to donate food.

Vice Mayor Hackford stated that 29 students received \$45,000 in scholarships from the Grant Community Center and \$10,000 in scholarships from the Grant Fire Department.

It was the consensus of Council to plan the next meeting for Wednesday, July 18, 2007.

2) Discuss Unpaved Road Agreement (Yonts)

Mayor Yonts explained changes were made so that the Town has the option to make assessments. Motions by Council Member Mahaney, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to accept the unpaved road agreement with the modification that the Town has the option to make assessments, and send this to the Town Attorney for review who would then forward it to the County Attorney for review.

3) Discuss RFP for Solid Waste (Brock)

Town Manager Brock informed Council that the Request for Proposal (RFP) would be advertised on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and placed on the agenda for the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The following people agreed that collection should stay at two times a week:  
Jo Faden, Janis Walters, Dan Robino, and Gus Rodriguez.

Motions by Council Member Bryan, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to accept the RFP with the following amendments:

- Section II Proposal Guidelines (f) – change to “collected two times a week”
- Section II Proposal Guidelines (m) – change to “quote a zero percent and a 10% franchise fee”
- Section III Proposals (e) & (f) should be combined to make (e)
- Section IV Current Contract Data – change town limits to “31 square miles”
- Section VIII Inquiries – change address their questions to the following to “mail their questions to PO Box 766, Grant, FL 32949 or hand delivered/courier service to 5120 Highway US1, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32949.”
- Correct anywhere Grant-Valkaria is spelled incorrectly and address is incorrect

Town Manager Brock suggested to Council that discussion regarding the revenue portion of the budget and management presentation to Council only be addressed under new business.

Motions by Council Member DeMott, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to table “New Business” items J.1-Presentation of Budget for FY 07/08 and J.2-Selection of Auditing Firm until the next Council meeting of July 18, 2007.

4) Discuss RFP for Transportation/Road and Bridge Engineering (Brock)

Town Manager Brock recommended to Council not to go out for RFP’s regarding transportation/road and bridge. He further explained that this doesn’t fall under the competitive bid act, and that the Town should get small, local firms to help us.

5) Straw Ballot For Town Name (Yonts)

Mayor Yonts stated that a decision needs to be made tonight regarding the straw ballot times, location and days of week. It was the consensus of Council to make the decision at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to either keep the name Grant-Valkaria or move forward with a referendum. have a name selected by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was made regarding fixing the address issue where owners of vacant lots received newsletters and some people received two newsletters. Also discussed was obtaining a bulk rate permit from the Post Office for non-profit. Jo Faden volunteered to create the ballot and will present a rough draft without dates to Council at next meeting.

Council Member Mahaney informed Council that he will not be in attendance at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member DeMott, and vote unanimous to adjourn meeting at 10:20 p.m.

(signature on file)

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Del Yonts, Mayor

ATTEST:

(signature on file)

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Susanne Krueger, MMC, Town Clerk