

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, FLORIDA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2008
(Continuation of Regular Town Council Meeting of August 20, 2008)
GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER, 4580 1ST STREET, GRANT VALKARIA, FL 32949

The Continuation of the Town Council Regular Meeting from August 20, 2008 was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Del Yonts, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call to the Council Members, with the following present:

Mayor Del Yonts	Town Administrator Richard Hood
Seat No. 1 – Joe Hackford, Vice Mayor	Town Clerk Susanne Krueger
Seat No. 2 – Danielle Morgan	Town Attorney Karl Bohne
Seat No. 4 – Cathy DeMott	Carolina Alvarez, Brevard County NPDES Coordinator
Seat No. 5 – Dan Faden	
Seat No. 6 – Jason Mahaney	

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER BRYAN

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Mahaney, and vote unanimous to excuse Council Member Bryan.

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 22-2008 – STORMWATER UTILITY ASSESSMENT

Resolution No. 22-2008 – A Resolution Of The Town Of Grant-Valkaria, Brevard County, Florida, Imposing An Annual Stormwater Utility Assessment For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2008, Against All Real Property Within The Town Limits Of Grant-Valkaria, Brevard County, Florida; Providing For Classifications Of Property; Providing Certification Of Annual Stormwater Utility Assessment Roll; Providing An Effective Date.

Mayor Yonts stated for the record that legal notice was advertised in Florida Today newspaper on August 1, 2008 and August 23, 2008.

Mayor Yonts read Resolution No. 22-2008 by title only and opened the public hearing.

The following people during spoke during the public hearing:

- Ron Griffin – inquired as to what the Town was going to do with the \$36 per year; Mayor Yonts responded that residents were paying the money to the County prior to incorporation and the Town is putting back the assessment so the Town can use the money to clean ditches, repair culverts, or used for specific projects.
- Carolina Alvarez – informed the public that the storm water utility assessment fee would be used to improve the water quality in the Indian River Lagoon; the storm water treatment system would allow pollutants to settle and helps improve pollutants into the Indian River Lagoon with the use of baffle boxes.
- John Frazier – inquired as to how is the decision made to go ahead with the Valkaria Lakes project and how does it benefit the area. Ms. Alvarez stated that the Town Council approved a 60/40 grant for the Valkaria Lakes project which would improve the water quality into the Indian River Lagoon; Department of Environmental Protection already looked at the site and approved the site; County had the grant lined up about 1 ½ years ago.
- Gus Rodriguez – resides in Riverview Terrace Estates; stated that the County used to maintain ditches; inquired as to is the Town responsible for what County used to do; Mayor

Yonts responded that there were some things that the County was responsible for, is now the Town's, and there were some things that the County did and they were not responsible for.

- Town Administrator Hood stated that there will be a Special Revenue Fund used specifically for drainage issues; smaller maintenance items are used as a separate budgetary item; any monies spent for maintenance and projects must be approved by Council.
- Homer King – inquired if there was a way to get water off Grant Road/Mulberry Lane. Ms. Alvarez stated that they would have to look at the overall site, possibly be another project.
- Bonnie Allan – inquired where the water around the south end of Town drains to. Town Administrator Hood stated that the water along north side of Grant Road travels to Brabrook, north on Brabrook, down 1st Street, along Old Dixie Highway and out around Jorgenson's Landing traveling about seven miles before getting to the Indian River; Berry Road travels to Shell Pit and into the Indian River; most of the water goes north of Grant Road.
- Mark Pagliarulo – inquired when does the project start. Ms. Alvarez stated that the project will start work October 1st and be completed in phases, taking about 2 ½ years.
- Town Administrator Hood stated for the record that since the inception of storm water fees in the 1990's the assessment amount has been \$36.00 and has not increased.
- Town Attorney Bohne stated that the storm water assessments have to be approved each year by Council.

Mayor Yonts closed the public hearing.

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member DeMott, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution No. 22-2008.

Motions by Council Member Faden, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

(signature on file)

Mayor Del Yonts

ATTEST:

(signature on file)

Susanne Krueger, Town Clerk