

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, FLORIDA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008
GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER, 4580 1ST STREET, GRANT, FL 32949

The Town Council Regular Meeting of September 24, 2008 was called to order 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	
Seat No. 6 – Jason Mahaney	

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS BRYAN AND FADEN

Mayor Yonts stated that Council Member Bryan is back in the hospital and Council Member Faden is in the middle of changing jobs and may arrive late.

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 30-2008– COUNCIL ACTION (Hood)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR
TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read Resolution No. 30-2008 by title only, stated that legal notice was advertised in Florida Today newspaper on September 16, 2008 and September 22, 2008, and opened the public hearing. No one spoke; therefore, Mayor Yonts closed the public hearing.

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution No. 30-2008 with the correction that the gross taxable value for operating purpose not exempt from taxation is \$476,598,873, and added statement that the final operating millage rate is .4976 which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .4660 mills by 6.78%, passed at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 31-2008 – COUNCIL ACTION (Hood)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read Resolution No. 31-2008 by title only, stated that a legal notice was advertised in Florida Today newspaper on September 16, 2008 and September 22, 2008, and opened by public hearing. No one spoke; therefore, Mayor Yonts closed the public hearing.

Motions by Council Member Mahaney, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution No. 31-2008, passed at 7:18 p.m.

Town Administrator Hood presented Council with a bound copy of the Official Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2008 (continuation of Regular Town Council Meeting of August 20, 2008)

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to accept Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2008 (continuation of Regular Town Council Meeting of August 20, 2008).

REPORTS

- 1) Town Manager's Report

Town Administrator Hood stated he attended the Christensen Boat Ramp appeal in Deland last week, the County lost their appeal, and there will a ground breaking sometime before elections. It was Council consensus approve posting the Space Coast League of Cities/Waste Management Scholarship Program information on our website.

Town Administrator Hood stated he is working with the County regarding the street light bill. Mayor Yonts stated that he received a call from Assistant County Manager stating that if we did not pay the bills he would have the lights turned out, the County will pay up to October 1, 2008 and then the Town will reimburse the County. Town Administrator Hood stated that he will try to reduce the number of street lights that the Town pays. Motions by Council Member Mahaney, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to approve negotiations with the County regarding the non-county owned street lights.

Town Administrator Hood stated that the scheduled October 2nd workshop with Local Planning Agency has been cancelled at their request in view of they want copies of the comprehensive plan that Council has to ensure changes were made as recommended, and that Miller Legg will provide 10 copies of the comprehensive plan for them. He suggested that possibly on October 15th they may be able to have a joint workshop with Local Planning Agency. He stated the following upcoming meetings: October 8th and October 22nd regular meeting dates; October 15th comprehensive plan review; October 29th Air Fest review; Candidate Forums on October 9th, 23rd, and 30th.

Lisette Kolar stated that the state requires the comprehensive plan be completed in 3 years, and if we cannot make that deadline maybe Miller Legg can request an extension.

Town Administrator Hood stated that the contract with CDM for ditch cleaning expires September 30th, they have been responsive to the Town's needs, and requested Council approval to extend CDM contract for an additional year. Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to extend CDM contract for ditch cleaning for an additional year.

Town Administrator Hood informed Council that the previous dates he would be out of office have been change to September 30th and October 1st, and on October 20th through October 23rd.

Town Administrator Hood stated that after reviewing correspondence from Waste Management regarding the increase of rates from \$21.70 per month to \$23.31 per month for residential, he determined that they did not give us what the contract asked for according to operating cost description. He stated that he sent Mr. Geletko, Waste Management a letter requesting his presence at the October 8th meeting with the breakdown according to the contract. It was Council consensus to agree that a breakdown is needed according to the contract.

2) Council Reports and Comments

Vice Mayor Hackford stated that someone has been clearing pepper trees by Shell Pit Road, Old Dixie and First Street. The pepper trees have been pushed into our ditches. Town Administrator Hood stated he would check on it.

Mayor Yonts inquired about the status of the Florida East Coast (FEC) crossing. Town Administrator Hood stated that he received a letter stating that we are responsible for \$62,000 for the crossing but we never approved it and we were never billed; just received bill for about \$1,000 for annual signal maintenance. Mayor Yonts stated that this year FEC planned on only one crossing being done and it was at Shell Pit Road; next year it will be Valkaria Road; Lisette Kolar check with Palm Bay, got reasons why they need it done, and had it stopped.

Mayor Yonts stated that the Valkaria Airport Advisory Board is being disbanded at a meeting scheduled September 30th 9:00 a.m. He introduced Mr. Dale Miller who was in attendance for a project in his government class.

3) Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)

No one from the public spoke.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion/Action Re: Request By Mr. Mario Nicolo To Close In The Wrap-Around Porch On The Western Building Located At 5890 US Highway 1 (Hood)

Town Administrator Hood stated that Mr. Mario Nicolo requested to enclose around his porch at 5890 US Highway 1 on the western building. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Board reviewed Mr. Nicolo's request, unanimously approved it, and informed Mr. Nicolo that the remainder of the conditional use permit will still apply.

Mr. Jim Emory spoke about concerns regarding the noise being contained within the walls; he had no problem with him enclosing the space, smokers in screened are will create some noise; can he ensure the noise does not go beyond the boundary of the property.

Motions by Council Member Morgan, second by Council Member Mahaney, and vote unanimous to approve enclosing of west building.

Note for the record - Council Member Faden arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Motions by Council Member Morgan, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to recess the regular meeting to hold the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Mayor Yonts reconvened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during public forum.

Motions by Council Member Morgan, second by Council Member Mahaney, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

(signature on file)

Mayor Del Yonts

ATTEST:

(signature on file)

Susanne Krueger, Town Clerk