

MEETING MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL BUILDING, 5120 HIGHWAY US1, GRANT VALKARIA, FLORIDA 32949

The Regular Town Council Meeting of March 11, 2009 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Del Yonts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member DeMott, and roll call to the Council Members with the following present:

Mayor – Del Yonts
Seat No. 1 – Joe Hackford
Seat No. 2 – Lisette Kolar
Seat No. 5 – Dan Faden
Seat No. 6 – Cathy DeMott

Town Clerk Susanne Krueger

Note for the record, Vice Mayor Mahaney arrived at 7:04 p.m. and Council Member Bryan arrived at 7:05 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (non- agenda items)

There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Discuss/Action Re “Community For A Lifetime” Statewide Initiative Within The Department Of Elder Affairs That Addresses The Benefits And Challenges Of Elder Population (Yonts)

It was Council consensus to assist the elder population in any way they can without passing a resolution.

- 2) Discuss/Action Re St. Johns River Water Management District Request For Local Governments To Assist In The District’s Landscape Irrigation Rule By Adopting An Ordinance Incorporating their Landscape Irrigation Rule (Hood)

It was Council consensus to support St. Johns River Water Management District irrigation rules, to post them on the website and not adopt a separate ordinance with their rules.

REPORTS

- 1) Town Administrator’s Report

Mayor Yonts stated that Town Administrator Hood is not present due to his daughter being involved in an auto accident.

2) Finance Report

There was no finance report.

3) Council Reports and Comments

The entire Council thanked Council Member Kolar for starting the business roundtable discussion for the local businesses.

Council Member Kolar stated that the business roundtable had about 42 people attend representing the Town's businesses; they were very interested in organizing this group and they had no interest in having the Chamber of Commerce come in; she started the organization on the Town's behalf and turned it over to Mr. Keith Ryan of Orbit RV who will be spearheading the next meeting April 2nd at the Grant Community Center; they will meet the first Thursday of each month at the Grant Community Center; since the mailings were sent out using the business tax receipts listing it missed inviting the farms in the area since they do not require a business tax receipt; all businesses wanted to keep it rural but wanted it to grow in certain places only; out of the 250 businesses about 37 were along Highway US1 and the rest were home businesses; the businesses were interested in water/sewer along Highway US1 but did not want more taxes.

Council Member DeMott requested an update at the next meeting on the boat ramp. Vice Mayor Mahaney stated he will not be at the April 1st meeting. Council Member Hackford thanked everyone who helped with the Grant Seafood Festival.

Mayor Yonts stated that he attended the Sheriff's Department award ceremony; he did not attend the Space Coast League of Cities meeting; requested a post review of the Grant Seafood Festival and Air Fest whenever agenda time permits letting the applicants know they will be reviewed and when; he received phone calls about airplanes and he told them they cannot call our Town Attorney because he charges per hour; Town Administrator Hood is still gathering data regarding the airport ordinance; County Parks and Recreation is looking for about 4-5 Council volunteers for the Fishing Tournament for Kids on April 18th at Fisherman's Landing - Council Members Kolar, DeMott, Faden and Mayor Yonts will volunteer.

It was Council consensus for the Town to pay for the meeting last Thursday at the Grant Community Center.

4) Board Reports and Comments

Dan Robino of the Town's road crew stated that he will be back to work next week but he will only drive during his recovery.

Royce Stifflemire of the Town's Citizens on Patrol (COPs) stated that his group will be glad to assist any of the businesses and he would like to have the COPs attend the next business roundtable meeting. It was Council consensus to have the COPs attend the next business roundtable meeting.

Vince Wilson of the COPs stated that at the Seafood Festival a 5 year old girl was missing and it was one of our COPs that found her and brought her to a Deputy at the same time the parents reported her missing.

ADJOURN

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

(signature on file)

Mayor Del Yonts

ATTEST:

(signature on file)

Susanne Krueger, Town Clerk