

The Clermont Town Council met on January 8, 2013. Ellen Rogers led the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Sonny Helton, John Brady, Seth Weaver, and Ellen Rogers. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: NOVEMBER 6, 2013: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the executive session minutes from the November 6, 2012 executive session meeting. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

MINUTES: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the December 2012 Minutes. Ellen Rogers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the December 2012 Financial Statement. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

REPORT: ORDINANCE 97-01 PLANNING & ZONING: The Council reviewed this report.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-01-12: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2013 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA: John Brady made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2013-01-12. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

SECOND READING MILLAGE RATE ORDINANCE: 2012-01-11 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012 AND FOR USE IN THE FISCAL 2012-2013: Sonny Helton made a motion to accept the second reading of the 2012-01-11 Millage rate Ordinance. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor.

APPOINT 2013 OFFICERS: Sonny Helton make a motion to have the same officers remain. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed. They are as follows: First Administrator-James Nix, Second Administrative officer- John Brady, Mayor Pro Tem- Seth Weaver, Town Clerk- Sandra Helton, Deputy Clerk- Amy Lomax, Town Attorney- David Syfan, Town Auditor-Walker & Associates, Building Inspector- Ronald Couch, Legal Organ- The Times.

COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:

Seth Weaver: Seth Weaver asked about storing the tractor in the shop. He also asked if we had keys to the Galleria Building and if all the things inside belonged to us. He said if we have any community service workers available, we should have them to clean it out. The Mayor asked about contacting David Looper about replacing the main beam in the Galleria Building Council

members said to go ahead and contact David Looper about replacing the beam. The Mayor told him we would try to get the tractor in the shop. He also said we had keys to the Galleria Building and that all things inside belonged to us.

Sonny Helton: Sonny Helton commented about the houses in Clermont that have gone into foreclosure and been neglected. He also said there needs to be a cleanup at 301 Dean Street. Mayor Nix said we would send a letter to the property owner with pictures requesting them to take care of the situation.

John Brady: John said the Council should decide what to use the Galleria building for and also said he suggested to Chuck, the postmaster about renting the building for a post office. Chuck told John that a new lease had just been signed for the current location. Mayor Nix said he would like to use the Galleria building for a town hall and possibly a museum upstairs.

After 11 years of facilitating Clermont Days, John said he would really like for someone else to take it over. Mayor Nix said he would like for him to stick around for the next year being that it was our 100 year celebration. Mayor Nix said he would see about getting him some more help.

He said he wanted to use some property around the gym area to set up a Frisbee disc course and he would be gathering information and pricing.

John Brady also said that he would like to repair the old rocking chair that was sitting out in front of the Galleria Building.

Mayor Nix: Mayor Nix said that our submission to LMIG has been approved .Mayor Nix said that Hall County Commissioners are ready to put out the Gym remodel project for bids. He also made mention that a new fan motor had to be replaced in the DIP Library.

The Joint Local Government has been moved from January 21st to January 22nd due to the Mayors Day event hosted by GMA.

WORK SESSION: The next work session will be the 24th of January.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk
