

The Clermont Town Council met on March 5, 2013 Mary Ellen Rogers led the invocation. Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Sonny Helton, Seth Weaver, John Brady, Debra Armour, and Ellen Rogers. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

MINUTES: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the February 2013 Minutes. Debra Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the March 2013 Financial Statement. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

DOT ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: Mayor Nix said the DOT has a program that compensates you to maintain work on the road mileage in your City. He said he and Tommy Rogers met with Billy Cantrell from the Department of Transportation and looked over the maintenance agreement contract. They will pay up to \$3500.00 per mile per year. He explained that there are seven items to choose from. If you choose all seven you would more than likely be compensated \$3500.00. The Mayor suggested we omit three of the seven items due to the fact that we do not have the equipment to work on guard rails, remove snow and ice, or provide emergency service. We would be responsible for mowing and cleaning right of ways, shoulder maintenance, ditch cleaning, and other pertinent maintenance functions needed to keep the roads in a safe operating condition. Mayor Nix said we would receive \$2500.00 to \$3000.00. Seth Weaver asked about the sinkholes that often arise. Mayor Nix said we would repair minor sinkholes but if there were major repairs needing to be done, the DOT would handle such matters. Seth Weaver asked if the State would be responsible for resurfacing the roads. The Mayor replied they would keep doing the resurfacing and the stripping as usual. Mayor Nix said there is a total of 3.8 miles of eligible roads. At \$2500.00 per mile, we would receive \$9,500.00, at \$3000.00 per mile, we would receive \$11,400.00. We would receive it on a monthly basis. It is automatically renewed on a yearly basis. You may also amend the contract if you wish to add or take away any items.

RESOLUTION:2013-03-01 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND AUTHORIZING JAMES E. NIX TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE TOWN OF CLERMONT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. John Brady made a motion to accept Resolution 2013-03-01 with the 4 items listed in the agreement. Sonny Helton seconded. John Brady, Sonny Helton, Debra Armour, and Ellen Rogers voted in favor. Seth Weaver voted against. Motion passed 4-1.

ELECTION 2013: After some discussion and reviewing the fees for Hall County to conduct the Town of Clermont's election, the Mayor and Council agreed to continue with doing our own election as usual with no changes.

CLERMONT DAYS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: John Brady said the next Clermont Days meeting would be March 14, 2013 at 7:30pm. He expressed he was looking forward to a big celebration this year and invited anyone wishing to help with the celebration to the Clermont Day meetings. He asked Sandra Cantrell and Kristi Crumpton if they wanted to share some ideas they had been working on concerning the Centennial celebration. Kristi explained she had revamped the Clermont Days website and encouraged everyone to check it out. She also said they wanted the festival to be more of a true arts and crafts festival with more folk art. She said they had a list of vendors they were going to contact and hopefully have some demonstrations such as black smith, basket weaving, and storytelling. She mentioned they would like to have some events throughout the year to celebrate being this is the 100th year. A list of ideas for events was submitted to the Mayor and Council. An image of the banner design to hang on the poles depicting the Town being 100 years old was shown to the Mayor and Council.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE TOWN OF

CLERMONT: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the intergovernmental agreement providing for the municipal court of the Town of Clermont. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:

Seth Weaver: Seth Weaver brought up the ordinance concerning weapons discharge. He explained that a recent problem with hogs in the city limits has come about. He wanted to know how the Mayor and Council felt about changing the ordinance to permit citizens to shoot the hogs if on their property. The current ordinance has provisions for the Council to grant permission for the discharge of firearms under certain conditions. The Mayor and Council agreed for anyone wishing to shoot hogs on their property needs to seek written permission from the Mayor and Council first. There will be no changes to the original ordinance.

Debra Armour: Debra mentioned the see saw and the geo –dome is waiting to be installed. The installation would be installed by professional installers from Southern Playgrounds, Inc. The cost for installation would be \$765.00 for both pieces of equipment. The Mayor and Council agreed for this to be done.

John Brady: John Brady mentioned that the North Hall Lions Club would have a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 13, at the Lions Club building in Clermont. He said he has tickets available for those wishing to attend.

ADJOURN: Sonny Helton made a motion to adjourn at 8:23pm. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk
