

The Clermont Town Council met on January 3, 2012. Ellen Rogers led the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Debra Armour, Seth Weaver John Brady, Sonny Helton, and Ellen Rogers. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: Town Clerk, Sandra Helton swore in Council members, Seth Weaver, Debra Armour, and John Brady by having them place their hand on the Holy Bible and repeating the Oath of Office. Each Council member serves a four- year term.

MINUTES: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the December 2011 Minutes. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the December 2011 Financial Statement. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

SECOND READING OF LARRY JONES ANNEXATION: 82-2011-10: ANNEXING PROPERTY BELONGING TO LARRY JONES. Sonny Helton made a motion to accept the second reading of Annexation 82-2011-10 annexing property belonging to Larry Jones into the City limits of Clermont. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

OTHER:

VISITORS REQUEST:

NEW BUSINESS:

REVIEW AD FOR SOLID WASTE REMOVAL: John Brady presented a sample ad for solid waste removal to the Mayor and Council and asked for them to review it and make possible changes. He stated that once the changes have been made we could bring it to a vote in the next meeting to move forward with placing the ad in the paper for bids. For the Town citizens this would mean that garbage service would be picked up from an outside company but the Town of Clermont would be responsible for billing the customers. Seth Weaver asked if we privatized the service would we cut hours on maintenance employees. John Brady stated that he would also like to see the garbage day changed to Tuesdays instead of Mondays. After much discussion the Mayor and Council decided to discuss this issue more in detail during the next work session on January 24, 2012.

DOT: NON-DISCRIMINATION AGREEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the Department of Transportation's Non-Discrimination Agreement. The Federal Highway Administration gives money to Georgia Department of Transportation to be dispersed to the local entities and governments. The Federal Highway administration wants cities and governments to sign the non-discrimination agreement before the funds are dispersed through the Georgia Department of Transportation. GDOT will allocate funds for special projects for cities and governments after they become compliant by signing this agreement. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2012: John Brady made a motion to keep the Town officers the same as prior year. James E. Nix as **First Administrator**, John Brady as **Second Administrator**, Seth Weaver as **Mayor Pro Tem**, Sandra Helton as **Town Clerk**, Amy Lomax as **Deputy Clerk**, David Syfan as **Town Attorney**, Walker and

Associates as **Town Auditor**, Ronald Couch as **Building Inspector** and The Times as the **Legal Organ** for the year 2012. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed. Mayor Nix mentioned to the council members to make decisions concerning their selections for the Planning and Zoning committee. Town Clerk, Sandra Helton said she would like this information by the end of January 2012.

PARK SIGN: After some discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed to discuss this item at the work session. Mayor Nix suggested they present some ideas for a park sign to discuss in the upcoming work session.

LIGHTS AT GYM/PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Sonny Helton presented some information regarding prices on some gym lighting that is in need of replacing. Mayor Nix suggested we discuss replacing the lights and additional repairs at the next work session.

Sonny Helton said he didn't think that we should spend \$50k for new playground equipment. Debra Armour suggested getting new measurements and re-evaluating the project for new equipment. Sonny Helton made a motion to spend no more than \$15k on the playground equipment and to rescind the earlier vote of spending \$50k on playground equipment. Ellen Rogers seconded. Seth Weaver suggested we do more ground work before voting. Debra Armour suggested we do more research on the area and what we need according to the size. Sonny Helton and Ellen Rogers voted in favor. John Brady, Debra Armour, and Seth Weaver voted against. Motion failed. 3-2

MEETING ROOM TABLE: John Brady mentioned he was about ready to begin construction on the new table.

ADJOURN: John Brady made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

