

The Clermont Town Council met on September 4, 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, and Ellen Rogers. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

PUBLIC HEARING: MARKET STREET ABANDONMENT: Mayor Nix opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm. The adjoining property owner is requesting that the portion of the Market Street right of way that is south of Spring Street be released to Valerie Watson Holcombe. He asked if anyone had any questions, comments, or wished to speak on this matter. With no questions or comments coming forth, Mayor Nix said the hearing would remain open for twenty minutes.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON LOST NEGOTIATION: Mayor Nix reported the last meeting between the County and Cities was August 13, 2012. At this time no allocation agreement has been reached. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 17, and 18th with a mediator. If no agreement is made at this meeting, the next step is baseball arbitration where the judge will make the decision.

GYM PARK LOT REPAVING: Mayor Nix reported that we currently have the bid packets out for the Gym parking lot repaving.

ADDITIONAL FENCE @ CLAY E. GAILEY PARK: Mayor Nix reported that we currently have the bid packets out for the addition of the remaining fence at Clay E. Gailey Park.

NEW LIGHTING AT THE CLEMONT GYM: John Brady made a motion to purchase and install new lighting in the Clermont Gym using funds from the SPLOST VI account. The lights and miscellaneous parts to install them should be around \$1600.00. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed. Hall County will loan us the scissor lift to use in the work.

PROPOSAL FOR FACILITY & FIELDS: Larry Shepherd, Next Level Sports, LLC spoke to the Mayor and Council about renting the ball fields at the Community Center and at the Clermont Gym to

hold weekend tournaments as well as offer training and conditioning in the desired sport of interest. He also wants to use the Gym on an as needed basis providing it is not being used by others. He would like to rent the facilities for \$100.00 per month and he will maintain the facilities and grounds. He would like to convert the field at Hulsey Road (Community Center) to a smaller 200FT softball/baseball field at his expense. John Brady made a motion to have Larry Shepherd present a contract for the Mayor and Council to review. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON MARKET STREET ABANDONMENT: Before closing the public hearing, Mayor Nix asked for any final comments in favor or in opposition of this request. With there being none, Mayor Nix closed the public hearing at 7:35pm.

RESOLUTION: 2012-09-01: ABANDONMENT OF MARKET STREET: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-09-01. This resolution is for the abandoning of a portion of a certain street and public way described as Market Street, and lying and being upon and between properties owned by Mary J. Watson and Valerie Watson Holcombe (f/k/a Valerie Watson Garrison), and being that part of Market Street. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

CERTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT: The Certification of Abandonment is for the portion of Market Street shown in Resolution 2012-09-01. Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the certification of abandonment. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF QUICK CLAIM DEED: This is an agreement between the Town of Clermont and Mary J. Watson and Valerie Watson Holcombe (f/k/a Valerie Watson Garrison), for the Town of Clermont to remise, convey and forever a QUIT-CLAIM to these said parties for the portion of Market Street shown in Resolutions 2012-09-01. Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the Quick Claim Deed. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION: 2012-09-02: THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLERMONT REGARDING REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-09-02 that spells out the procedure for handling minutes and executive sessions. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION: 2012-09-03: FOR THE PURPOSE OF NAMING AN OPEN RECORDS OFFICER, AN ALTERNATE OPEN RECORDS OFFICER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. This Resolution names the Town clerk as the Open Records Officer and the Mayor, as the alternate Open Records Officer. These positions currently are being held by Sandra Helton and James Nix, respectively. Seth

Weaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-09-03. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION: 2012-09-04: TO AUTHORIZE THAT WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES BY AUTHORIZED FOR THE PARK PAVILLION, AND ALSO BE LOCATED AT THE MAINTENANCE SHOP OF THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA AND BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FOR USE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Seth Weaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-09-03. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE ENERGY EXCISE TAX: This is an intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Clermont and Hall County which allows them to levy and collect an excise tax on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy. This is an agreement that allows for the collection of these taxes should the parties to this agreement decide to do so. Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the intergovernmental agreement for the allocation and distribution of proceeds from the energy excise tax. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:

Debbie Armour: Debbie mentioned that she recently had some phone calls regarding speeding issues on Spring Street as well as Oak Street. Seth Weaver mentioned to contact Deputy, Calvin Stewart and let him know. Debbie mentioned possibly looking into speed bumps. The Mayor mentioned we have tried speed bumps in the past in other areas and they did not work out too well.

She also mentioned a citizen who lives on Green Mountain Lane that repairs motorcycles. She asked him what hours he works on the bikes and told him if it was a business he needed a business license. There have been complaints from the surrounding neighbors. It was noted that a repair business in this residential area is not legal.

John Brady: John Brady made mention of the next Clermont Days meeting on September 6, 2012 at 7:30pm.

CLERK TIME: The Town Clerk noted the upcoming JLGM meeting on October 22, 2012 which is being hosted by the City of Buford.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: John Brady made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Seth Weaver made a motion to return to regular session. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

OTHER:

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. John Brady seconded and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk
