

The Clermont Town Council met on May 7, 2013. Ellen Rogers led the invocation. Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Seth Weaver, Sonny Helton, 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 April 2, 2013 Minutes. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

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

CLAY E. GAILEY PARK RESTROOMS: Sonny Helton investigated the installation of an automatic door lock on the restroom door in the Clay E. Gailey Park. The cost to do this would be at least \$1,200.00. Deciding that these upgrades would be too costly, it was decided not to proceed with this option. Maintenance Supervisor Tommy Rogers, checked prices on a faucet with an automatic cut-off. It was decided to leave the restrooms unlocked at this time, monitor the situation, and continue to investigate other options.

CLERMONT DAYS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: John Brady said the committee was working on getting things done. There will be no Clermont Days meetings unless there is a called meeting. Everything will be handled through email. John asked if the Centennial banners had been ordered and Amy Lomax replied they ordered 18 banners and should be here by the 14th of June. The cost is \$26.00 per banner.

COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:

Seth Weaver: Seth Weaver asked if Tommy Rogers and Jason had mentioned anything about needing help. The Mayor said he talked with Marty Nix, Assistant Administrator of Hall County and Walt Davis, Warden for the Hall County Correctional institute about getting probationers to help with work in Clermont. They promised to see if we can get some of the workers. The warden promised to get back in touch with Mayor Nix. Seth Weaver asked what jobs the maintenance personnel have besides cutting grass. Louie Gailey said the grass in the park was being cut short enough and that it should be cut at 2 to 2 ½ inches.. Seth said he was not questioning the work of the maintenance workers but was just asking to know if they have to run errands that keep them from their duties. Mayor Nix said he did not think so. Debbie Armour asked if Tommy and Jason could divide up the jobs in the Town instead of working together. The mayor explained that that they often use the truck and trailer to move the equipment from one part of Town to another and they perform different task once they get there.

DEBBIE ARMOUR: Debbie Armour said after speaking with some people she knows who have had experience with remodels and demolitions; she was told the old library would be too expensive to be renovated. Debbie Armour made a motion to have the old library torn down. Ellen Rogers seconded the motion. Ellen Rogers commented that the old building was an eyesore and that it had been added on to several times and was not a historic building. Debbie Armour, Sonny Helton, Ellen Rogers, and John Brady voted in favor. Seth Weaver voted against. Motion passed 4-1.

Debbie Armour stated the playground was coming along and the only things she still needed to do was to order gravel for the parking area and a small amount of mulch.

John Brady: John said he was in the process responding to the request from the Department of Transportation Traffic Engineer regarding the speed limits in the Town. He said after speaking with them, they told him we need to submit a proposal showing the exact areas and what the speed limit needs to be on each stretch of road. The

Mayor and Council said the speed limit needs to be 35 MPH on all State roads within the Town limits. John said he needs to submit the proposal before July 1, 2013.

John Brady said he was working on a new name for the Clermont Gym. He suggested Clermont Culture Art Theatre. (CAT) The Mayor told him it needed to have the word park in the name. The Mayor and Council told him to keep working on some other names.

Mayor Nix: Mayor Nix reminded everyone of the GMA meeting in Dawsonville on Wednesday, May 8, at 11:30am.

He also said he had been meeting with Lieutenant Brad Rounds about moving the Town Hall into the Sheriffs Precinct building and the sheriff opening a North Hall precinct that would have someone on duty during business hours and serve as shift change headquarters for a number of deputies. The Sheriff is currently working out some reorganizational issues that have to be done before the moves take place. This decision would mean that we would have more police officers available in the Town. They are working on a written intergovernmental agreement that would make sure we have officers on duty in the office, unlike what we have now.

Mayor Nix said we had started receiving revenue from the car fee that was instituted to replace the sales tax on automobiles and stated that we don't know how much we will be getting each month. We will have to wait several months to get an idea of much we will be receiving. This revenue is intended to offset the revenue that we previously received on the sales tax on automobiles. Both our LOST and SPLOST revenues were reduced when the sales tax on automobiles was stopped as of March 1, 2013.

Mayor Nix told the Council that the AT&T phone line we now have at the library does not have the capability to support the internet service to be included in the remodeled Clermont Library. The Town Clerk recently called and compared prices between AT&T and Comcast. Comcast would save us more than \$100.00 a month for improved service over what we now have in Town Hall and can provide us with the service we need at the library. The Mayor and Council agreed to make the change our service to Comcast when we make the shift in buildings with the Sheriff and to change to Comcast at the library.

CHANGE FROM AT&T TO COMCAST: Seth Weaver made a motion to switch from AT&T to COMCAST. Sonny Helton seconded and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Other: The Clerk reminded them of the work session on May 21st.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver 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

