

The Clermont Town Council met on August 6, 2013. Sonny Helton led the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Sonny Helton, Seth Weaver, John Brady, and Debra Armour. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

MINUTES: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the July 2, 2013 minutes. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the July 2013 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. The Mayor asked if any more progress had been made regarding the status of the building permits. The clerk replied that she had been in touch with several of them and they are working to get the projects completed. However, she said a letter would be drafted for review at the next council meeting.

CENTENNIAL CLERMONT DAY FESTIVAL: John Brady reported he was working on the permit for the fireworks and the down payment had been made on the entertainment. He also said he had the permit to close the road for the parade. Sandra Cantrell asked for clarification about liability insurance for the vendors who were providing rides for the festival. The Mayor and Council agreed these vendors should have insurance.

Larry Shepherd: Larry Shepherd discussed his plans for the field located at the Clermont Community Center property on Hulsey Road. He also said he had discussion with the Clermont A's about the baseball field at 639 Main Street. After much discussion he said he would like to have the field ready by the 1st of March and said he would present a revised contract to the Mayor and Council at the work session for their review. He said he would include in the agreement that trash would be removed from the fields.

Council Member Time:

Seth Weaver: Seth Weaver asked if there would be any problem with him arranging to have the ladder truck display a flag at the Clermont Day Festival. The Mayor and Council agreed that would be fine.

John Brady: John Brady made a motion to move the Council meetings to the Clermont Chattahoochee Center beginning in September. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Relocation of the Town Hall. Mayor Nix said Comcast was scheduled make the changes with the phone and internet in the precinct building and that the Town Hall office would be moving the following Thursday. He also mentioned that Hall County would be reimbursing the town for the recent installation of the new septic tank at the Town Hall.

100th Celebration for Clermont and Open House: Mayor Nix announced the birthday celebration and open house for the newly renovated gym now known as the Clermont Chattahoochee Center. The celebration will be August 10, 2013 at 2:00 o'clock. He said Sheriff Couch would be there to make a speech and to inform the citizens more about the transition of the new precinct and answer any questions people may have. Mayor Nix said the cakes and ice cream have been donated for the celebration.

Gym Walkers: Mayor Nix said he hoped the walkers could begin walking the following week in the center.

Concrete Pad on Oxford Road: Mayor Nix said Randall Ray had an outstanding permit and he said we need to contact him about putting a concrete pad in his driveway on Oxford Road where the pavement is being damaged. Seth Weaver said he and John Brady would go talk to him about this issue.

Sink Hole: John Brady said he recently had a phone call about a 6ft deep sinkhole on Hulseley road and he told the person to call Hall County. Mayor Nix said that Hall County contacted him because they believe the culvert is in the Town. The Mayor said he, Tommy Rogers, and Jason Greenway had investigated the problem. Hall County installed the culvert several years ago and Jimmy Hightower with Hall County is supposed to check on the problem. Mayor Nix said he hoped to find out something later in the week.

Festival Parking: Sandra Cantrell asked if it would be possible to put install a culvert in the branch area near the maintenance shop so people could park near the field and walk to the festival. The Mayor said he had been considering this and they would see if this can be accomplished.

Adjourn: John Brady made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.