

The Clermont Town Council met on October 1, 2013. Ellen Rogers led the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Sonny Helton, Ellen Rogers, John Brady and Debra Armour. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

MINUTES: Sonny Helton made a motion to approve the September 3, 2013 minutes. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Debbie Armour made a motion to approve the September 2013 Financial Statement. Ellen Rogers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

REPORT: ORDINANCE 97-01 PLANNING AND ZONING: The Council reviewed this report. The clerk informed the Mayor and Council that the permit holders whose permits were in active would be receiving their notification letters this week.

CENTENNIAL CLERMONT DAY CELEBRATION: John Brady said despite the rain the festival was a success. He said they would be having a final Clermont Day's meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2013 to close things out and discuss the details of how the event went and any improvements to be made for the next year.

INCIDENT AT CLERMONT DAYS: John Brady asked Deputy Calvin Stewart to explain and elaborate on the details of an incident that occurred late Friday evening following the Clermont Day's event. Deputy Stewart said that on Saturday, September 21, 2013 there were four young men ages 14-19 years of age who were summoning another 14 year old boy to a fight. There was an altercation that took place and the situation was brought under control. The incident is being investigated. John Brady said we have had some other incidents in the past to happen during the Clermont Day's events and that we may need to look into hiring some security at our future festivals.

OFFICIAL FLAG OF CLERMONT: John Brady made a motion to adopt the flag design by Logan Grindle as the official flag of Clermont. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

JOINT LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETING: Mayor Nix said Clermont would be hosting the next JMA meeting on October 28, 2013. We will be discussing more details on this in our upcoming work session.

HALL COUNTY MULTI-USE TRAILS: Mayor Nix reminded everyone about the study taking place concerning multi-use trails in the Hall county area. The group, MPO is looking at ways to fund a study for these trails. Mayor Nix said there is a \$ 40,000 match from the Greater Hall Metropolitan Transportation Group and there is a \$10,000 match from the local governments to do a study on these trails for the county. As he mentioned last month there is currently a lot of emphasis being placed on the south end of the county. They are looking to see what the interest is for expanding the study to the north end of the county. The official bike route is currently Clark's Bridge Road. Their ideas consist of trying to connect some routes to the Don Carter Sate Park. For them to include some of the study in the north end of the county, they are going to need contributions. He said that Bill Andrews had contacted him and ask for a contribution of \$133.00 from Clermont. Gillsville and Lula have also been asked to contribute as well. This would ensure a contract could be put in place to further this project. Sonny Helton made a motion for the Town of Clermont to contribute \$133.00 to the multi-use trails project. Ellen Rogers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

INTERBASE AND TRANSFERS OF WATER: Mayor Nix said he had received a draft of a letter from Kelly Randall regarding Inter basin transfer of water. He is asking the Cities join together. Mayor Nix also spoke with Dennis Bergin, City manager from Lula and he said he was not happy about trying to getting the cities to put this together. They feel like the sewer service on 365 that was recently voted by Hall County to have Gainesville to serve the new industrial park and part of that corridor on 365 is in Lula's sewer district. Lula built that with the intention of serving part of that area. Mayor Nix said he did not know if it was such a good idea for Hall County to build a new sewer plant if they already have Gainesville and Lula serving part of their area. He said he thought it would be a duplication of services and that we do not want this to jeopardize our water supply and what can be drawn from the Chattahoochee. He asked for any questions or suggestions. After much discussion, Mayor Nix said he would report back with more details.

JOINT MUNICIPAL MEETING: The Town of Clermont will be hosting the next Joint Local government meeting on October 28th, 2013 at 5:15 pm for dinner and 6:00 for the meeting. This meeting will be held at the Clermont Chattahoochee Center.

ANNEXATION AND REZONING REQUEST: Mayor Nix said the Town had received a request from Margaret Merritt, owner of 9.197 acres located at 5850 Clarks Bridge Road and 87.62 acres at 5889 Bowen Bridge Road to annex one of these said properties into the city limits of Clermont as well as rezone one of the said properties into the City limits into Clermont. The Planning and Zoning will review this request first at a scheduled meeting later in October. The Mayor and Council will have their public hearing and first reading on November 12th at the Town Hall meeting.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS: Mayor Nix reminded the council and candidates that the online filing window to file their CCDR's is now open and will be until October 7, 2013.

QUESTION & FORUM FOR THE CANDIDATES: Mayor Nix announced the upcoming "Get to know your candidate" Question and Answer forum on October 22, 2013 to be held at the Clermont Chattahoochee Center. This forum is being held for the public to find out more about the candidates who are running for Town Council in the November 5, 2013 election. Tim Merritt has agreed to be the moderator for this forum.

LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST: John Brady reminded everyone of the pancake breakfast on October 19, 2013 from 7:00am - 11:00am to be held at the Lions Club. You may purchase tickets in advance or purchase them at the door.

OLD FASHIONED DANCE FUNDRAISER FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Mayor Nix invited everyone to come out and support the old fashioned square and contra dance fundraiser for the Historical Society on October 26th at 7pm at the Clermont Chattahoochee Center. The funds raised will help future projects at the library.

ADJOURN: John Brady made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.