

The Clermont Town Council met on November 12, 2013. Ellen Rogers led the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Ellen Rogers, 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 October 1, 2013 minutes. Ellen Rogers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**MINUTES: Emergency Called Meeting-October 17, 2013:** Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the minutes from the emergency called meeting. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the October 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. Mayor Nix asked if we had received any response from the letters mailed to the permit holders. The clerk replied that we had not. John Brady asked how long we were going to wait before taking them off the report. Mayor Nix informed the clerk she could go ahead and remove the names of the permit holders who have had no activity in the last six months.

**PROCLAMATION: NOVEMBER FAMILY MONTH:** Mayor Nix read the proclamation stating that November would be family month. George Wangerman spoke and said that family is the most important unit in the world. He said no other success can compensate for failure in the home. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to come.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Nix opened the public hearing at 7:16 pm for all requests pertaining to the annexation and rezoning of Margaret Merritt's property. The request is to annex a tract of land located at 5850 Clarks Bridge Road. The parcel consists of 9.197 acres. The owner, Margaret Merritt is also requesting this property be brought in under the current zoning of Planned Commercial Farm Development (PCFD). She is also requesting a rezoning of parcel number 12065-000001 located at 5889 Bowen Bridge Road. This parcel consists of 87.62 acres and the request is to change the zoning from R-1 to Planned Commercial Farm Development, (PCFD). He asked if anyone had any questions, comments, or wished to speak on this matter. Mayor Nix asked Margaret Merritt if she had any comments. She stated that she is making these requests because she has a contract with Scott Glover. Scott Glover said that this was the same locations where Rogers Head had a dairy operation many years ago and that in recent years beef cattle had been on this farm. He said they are proposing to move their dairy operation to this property and they will build two new barns. They are also planning to do some agritourism. Hearing no other comments, Mayor Nix said the hearing would remain open for twenty minutes.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE: 2013-01-11 MILLAGE RATE:** This Ordinance sets the millage rate for the town and it also rolls it back to zero. John Brady made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2013-01-11. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Mayor Nix called for further comments on the properties belonging to Margaret Merritt. He mentioned that there apparently was no one else in the audience to speak on this and he closed the public hearing.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE: 82-2013-01 ANNEXING PROPERTY BELONGING TO MARGARET MERRITT.** Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 82-2013-01. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE: 82-2013-02 REZONING PROPERTY BELONGING TO MARGARET MERRITT.** Since this property is being annexed under the same zoning as it in Hall County, this ordinance just amended the zoning map of Clermont. Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 82-2013-02. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE: 82-2013-03 REZONING PROPERTY BELONGING TO MARGARET MERRITT.** Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 82-2013-03. Ellen Rogers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**GARBAGE TRUCK REPLACEMENT:** Seth Weaver said we need to replace the garbage truck and that we needed to decide how to pay for it. Mayor Nix suggested we privatize the garage service. He said we were the only municipality other than the City of Gainesville who does not privatize. After some discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed for John Brady to gather some information on privatizing the garbage and for Seth Weaver to gather information regarding the purchase of a new truck. This information is to be presented at the December Council meeting.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:**

John Brady: John asked when we were getting the monitors put up in the Clermont Chattahoochee Center. Mayor Nix said he had been in contact with Ken Eller and they are supposed to meet and discuss the installation of these monitors and look at the old sound system.

Seth weaver: Seth Weaver invited everyone to attend the Christmas parade on November 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be free hot chocolate, Christmas music and the annual tree lighting following the parade.

Debbie Armour: Debbie Armour asked why they have not started renovating the old Town Hall for the Sherriff's building. Mayor Nix said he wasn't sure why and was under the impression that the construction should have already begun. He has been told they will begin soon.

Town Clerk: Sandra Helton asked if everyone would be interested in having our Christmas gathering following the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Everyone agreed to this idea and will bring a covered dish.

Mayor Nix announced the event being sponsored by the Historical society on Thursday, November 21, 2013. It will feature Paul Brown who presents history lessons through songs and tales. The event is free and will be held in the Clermont Chattahoochee Center.

**ADJOURN:** Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm .Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.