

The Clermont Town Council met on January 7, 2014. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: Town Clerk, Sandra Helton swore in Council members, Kristi Crumpton, Lynn Adams and Mayor, James Nix by having them place their hand on the Holy Bible and repeating the Oath of Office. Each Council member and Mayor serves a four year term.

Mayor Nix led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Kristi Crumpton, Seth Weaver, Lynn Adams, John Brady and Debra Armour. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

MINUTES: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the December 3, 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 December 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.

GARBAGE TRUCK REPLACEMENT: The Council agreed for this item to remain to remain tabled.

APPOINT 2014 OFFICERS: John Brady made a motion to have the same officers as in 2013 to continue in the same functions in 2014. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

They are as follows: First Administrator-James Nix, Second Administrative officer-John Brady, Mayor Pro Tem-Seth Weaver, Town Clerk-Sandra Helton, Deputy Clerk-Amy Lomax, Town Attorney-David Syfan, Town Auditor-Walker & Associates, Building Inspector-Ronald Couch, Legal Organ-The Times.

The Mayor said the new Council members would need to choose a person to represent them on the Planning and Zoning Board and if any of the old council members would like to change their representatives they may do so.

COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:

Seth Weaver: Seth Weaver said that Cain Equipment has a new line of tractors and since the Town is looking to purchase a tractor/ front end loader, we should be thinking about this for discussion in the upcoming work session. He also mentioned that he spoke with Demorest City Council member, Jerry Harkness and he told him that their city uses a vacuum type grinder that goes on the back of a truck. Seth said he would have more information at the work session if we were interested.

Kristi Crumpton: Kristi said she has been working on plans for the upcoming Farmers' Market and has vendors lined up for the 2014 year. She said a "Meet the Market" event will be held at the Chattahoochee Center on March 15th from 10-12pm. The purpose of this event is to let the community come out and meet the vendors who will be selling at the Market. She said she would really like to get the community more involved in the Farmers' Market this year and make it truly centered around Clermont. Seth Weaver asked if he were to purchase a corn meal grinder would he be able to sell meal at the Farmers' Market. She replied that she would have to look in the state licensing and see what is required as far as growing practices and state regulations. After obtaining this information, she would let him know.

John Brady: John Brady said we are still looking for a new director for Clermont Days Festival. He said Sept 19-20th would be approaching quickly and was only 9 months away. He said after twelve years he is looking forward to someone else taking on this responsibility. He also mentioned he still wants to work on getting a roof put over the stage.

Lynn Adams: Lynn Adams inquired about the issues with the Clermont Station roads. She understands the Town of Clermont is not responsible for this situation, but due to questions from residents, she would like to know if the Mayor or Council had any advice. The Mayor replied that we recently mailed a letter to three gentlemen who had been attending our meetings, Mr. McGoogan, Mr. Bale, and Mr. Hendrix to let them know what our attorney, David Syfan had suggested.

Lynn Adams asked when the next scheduled work session would be. The Mayor replied it would be on January 21st at 7pm.

REMOVE AND ADD NEW COUNCIL NAMES TO CHECK SIGNATURE CARD: John Brady made a motion to remove Mary Ellen Rogers and Sonny Helton's names from the check signature cards and add Lynn Adams and Kristi Crumpton. Debbie Armour seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Town Clerk: Sandra Helton reminded everyone of the upcoming JMA meeting and said that it has been rescheduled to Monday, February 3rd in Flowery Branch.

Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax said she is ready to start the newsletter and needed the articles by next week.

Rachel Nix announced the next Historical Society meeting on January 14th. They will be having a show and tell and also recognizing the library volunteers, everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Nix announced that the Town of Clermont would be hosting the next "Wisdom Project" meeting on April 25th in the Clermont Chattahoochee Center. This is a project of the Chamber of Commerce for citizens 55 years and older and it centers around business and government functions. Several groups have already attended the series of meetings included in this project. The Chamber is always looking for new candidates for further sessions, and anyone 55 and over is welcome to find out more about joining the Wisdom Project.

ADJOURN: Debbie Armour made a motion to adjourn at 7:39pm. Lynn Adams seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Town Clerk, Sandra Helton
