

The Clermont Town Council met on March 4, 2014. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

**MINUTES:** Kristi Crumpton made a motion to approve the February 4, 2014 minutes with the exception of one correction pointed out by Lynn Adams. Lynn Adams seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** John Brady made a motion to approve the February 2014 Financial Statement. Lynn Adams seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**REPORT: ORDINANCE 97-01 PLANNING AND ZONING:** The Council reviewed this report. John Brady asked for the record why Hall County did not have a permit to do the remodel on the old town hall. Town Clerk, Sandra Helton explained that permitting is not required between government entities. He also asked why Concord Baptist Church does not have a permit for their parking lot. The clerk explained that we do not issue land disturbance permits. They are issued by EPD and they oversee the grading project.

**COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:**

Kristi Crumpton: Kristi thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to attend the newly elected officials training in Athens. She asked the Mayor and Council for their opinion on possibly drafting a short survey to get the community's input on what they want to see done for the Town. This would be put on the Town's website and a QR code could be put in the newsletter to direct them to the survey. This would help with decision making and long term planning.

She announced the "Meet and Greet" for the Farmers Market on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 10:00 am until 12:00pm. The purpose of this event would allow the citizens of the community to meet and get to know the vendors who will be selling at this year's market and see their farming practices. She asked if everyone could help get the word out about this event.

John Brady: John mentioned the attorney had begun the process of changing the Town's charter. He stated that he and the Mayor had a meeting with Faith Bryan from Georgia Mountain Regional Commission in regards to having a map done according to the population of the Town of Clermont. This would allow for better clarification as to where these wards need to be divided and also have an equal number of citizens in each ward. Mayor Nix said the map could possibly be ready for the work session on the 18<sup>th</sup> for the Council to review.

John Brady said he had gathered a couple of different quotes concerning the roof over the stage at the gym.

Mayor Nix suggested that he should put together a set of drawings with specs so bidders are bidding on the same thing. John Brady said he would work on putting together a bid packet for this project.

Seth Weaver: Seth said he would like to move forward with the bathrooms since the library has now been removed.

Lynn Adams: Lynn thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to attend the newly elected officials training in Athens. She said the Clermont Days meetings would begin this month. She also asked the Mayor and Council if the purpose of the Clermont Days festival is meant to be a fundraiser. They responded and said no, the festival is something that was started for the Town as a celebration and something for the citizens to enjoy.

**ADJOURN:** Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Town Clerk, Sandra Helton

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