

The Clermont Town Council met on June 3, 2014. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

John Moore, Pastor from Trinity United Church led the invocation and Seth Weaver led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Kristi Crumpton, Seth Weaver, Lynn Adams, and John Brady. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014-2015 BUDGET: The budget for FY15 that begins July 1, 2014 is being set for \$309,220.00. Mayor Nix gave a brief breakdown of the budget and commented on some items in the budget as well as some adjustments to the personnel category. He said if the council agreed, a 5% raise is factored in for the clerks and maintenance employees. Another item in this budget is funding for small capital projects that often arise during the budget year. After some discussion, the Mayor said the public hearing would remain open for twenty minutes.

EMPLOYEE RAISE: Seth Weaver made a motion to give the employees a 5% raise starting at the beginning of FY15. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor.

MINUTES: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the May 2014 Minutes. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the May 2014 Financial Statement. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

REPORT: ORDINANCE 97-01 PLANNING AND ZONING: The council reviewed this report.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014-2015 BUDGET: The Mayor asked if there were any additional questions or comments on the budget. After no further questions or comments on the budget, Mayor Nix closed the public hearing.

FY BUDGET 2014-2015: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the proposed budget for \$309,220.00. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council member presents voted in favor. Motion passed.

NEW CHARTER: Mayor Nix said he has no new updates other than the email he received back regarding the compensation changes. Faith Bryan and Attorney David Syfan are still working on the district maps which will be sent to the Secretary of State's Office for review. The Mayor said he reviewed the Charter that David Syfan sent back and the only change made was regarding the compensation.

KING STREET PAVING: Mayor Nix reported the project should begin this month. He said he called Gary Anderson with A&T Enterprises to see if could install the culvert pipe on an area of King Street which has been washing away. This would need to be done before the paving crew can begin.

COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:

Kristi Crumpton: Kristi Crumpton said our first “Pickin in the Park” would be this Friday on June 13th from 7pm-10pm. There will be 4 groups performing. This is a free event which will be an evening for the people to bring a picnic and enjoy some good music. This will continue through September and will be the second Friday of each month.

John Brady: John Brady asked Seth Weaver if he had gathered any information on the new bathrooms at the park. He said he has gathered some information and was working on getting more. John Brady commented that he was still working on gathering information regarding the stage cover at the Gym Park as well.

Lynn Adams: Lynn Adams said the Mud Run that was previously talked about has been cancelled due to the fact they are also celebrating their anniversary. She said they would visit this idea for next year.

Mayor Nix: Mayor Nix said he had been in meetings with Hall County Officials and representatives from other cities in the county concerning SPLOST VII. Three public input meetings are planned to gather ideas from the public about potential projects they think should be included in the SPLOST VII or if they support a SPLOST VII. The first public meeting will be held at the Spout Springs Library followed by one to be held in Clermont. There will also be a meeting at the Civic Center. Mayor Nix said he would like for as many council members possible to attend the meeting held in Clermont and they are also invited to attend the other meetings. He also said that we need to be preparing our list of possible projects to include.

Chase Sanitation: Mayor Nix said he has drafted an information sheet outlining details concerning the changes regarding trash pick-up and recycles. This information sheet has been emailed to Chase Sanitation for review and once we get their approval, a letter will be sent out with this information to all the residents in Clermont. The new trash service will begin July 7, 2014.

OTHER:

ADJOURN: Kristi Crumpton made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk
