

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

Seth Weaver gave the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Kristi Crumpton, Seth Weaver, Eric Thomas and John Brady. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the August 2014 Financial Statement. Eric Thomas seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

COMCAST FRANCHISE RENEWAL: Ryan Fender from Georgia Municipal Association gave a quick overview of the new franchise agreement from Comcast. The Town currently operating under an expired franchise agreement with Comcast. Ryan Fender has worked with Comcast over the past year to put together a new agreement. The new franchise agreement includes a franchise term of ten years and changes the current franchise fee from 3% of Total Subscriber Revenues to 5% of Gross Revenues to be paid on a quarterly basis with extensive documentation requirements. Comcast has also agreed to contribute an additional \$500.00 to the renovation of the library. The proposed agreement incorporates all rights and regulatory authority allowed under the Cable Act and applicable FCC regulations. Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Eric Thomas seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

CHARTER/WARD MAPS: Mayor Nix said Attorney David Syfan has sent the map to the Secretary of State's office and has received a response from them regarding the issue with the differences in the number of residents that are in each ward. Attorney Syfan said if it were to be challenged, it would be left up to the court system, but being there is such a small minority population presently in Clermont, there would not be enough in the corporate limits of Clermont to have a minority ward and feels this would not be a problem. The wards would be recalculated after each census.

Attorney David Syfan is currently working on the census map because it is slightly different from the zoning map due to the fact that it involves two pieces of property which were recently annexed. These two properties were not added to the map at the time they were annexed into the City due to the fact the census had budget cuts and did not update the Census maps. Attorney Syfan has contacted Lisa Westin with DCA and is trying to get clarification regarding

these two properties and to see if they can be added to the current map. After this is clarified, a letter will be submitted to Representative Lee Hawkins and he will present it to the legislative assembly. Mayor Nix said he would like to have the resolution ready to vote on in the November meeting.

Eric Thomas as well as Louie Gailey asked why the need for five wards/five councilman. The Mayor and Council explained that after having gone over this previously with all the Council members, the decision was made to have five wards.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGED: Seth Weaver made a motion to change the November Council meeting from November 4th to November 13th. Kristi Crumpton seconded and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed. This change is being made due to the fact that November 4th is election day.

COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:

Kristi Crumpton: Kristi gave a quick recap on the expenses and income from the recent Clermont Days Festival held on September 20, 2014. The expenses for the festival totaled \$13,594.35. The income received from the festival totaled \$12,218.25. The Mayor and Council were pleased with the outcome of the finances and are looking to making even more changes next year to save money and bring the revenue higher.

Seth Weaver: Seth Weaver said he had begun working on the preparations for the Christmas parade and he would provide more details at the next work session.

John Brady: John Brady said he would like to consider the idea of building bathrooms at the Gym Park stage area since the new outdoor stage was now complete.

Mayor Nix: Mayor Nix said he would like to discuss out options for LMIG in our next work session and turned in by the first part of November. He said he did not have any new updates on the proposed SPLOST VII. He also mentioned the upcoming JMA meeting on October 27th which is being hosted by the city of Buford.

Mayor Nix said he had spoken with Bill Sanders from Jackson EMC and mentioned to him some things we would like to add to the Chattahoochee Center. He said Jackson EMC donated \$3800.00 to the Town for this project. A laptop, cordless mics, screen and projector will hopefully be installed soon. More details will be provided later.

Louie Gailey asked if the Clermont Hotel guests could refrain from parking on the yellow lined curb near his house when holding large events. The Mayor and Council agreed to contact the owner, Robin Collinson and ask her if the patrons of her business could avoid parking there.

Pam Latimer asked if the Mayor and Council have heard any reports on burglary's in Clermont. No one had heard of any reports and Kristi Crumpton said she would check with Lieutenant Brad Rounds at the north precinct.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

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