

The Clermont Town Council met on November 13, 2014. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL:** Town Clerk, Sandra Helton swore in Council member Eric Thomas by having him place his hand on the Holy Bible and repeating the Oath of Office. Eric Thomas was the only one to qualify for the seat of Debra Armour during the qualifying period this past August. He will serve the remainder of her term which will end on December 31, 2015.

**MINUTES:** Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the October 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 September 2014 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.

**NOVEMBER FAMILY MONTH PROCLAMATION:** 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.

**FIRST READING OF MILLAGE ORDINANCE 2014-11-01: AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 AND FOR USE IN THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2014—2015;** The gross millage rate is set at 4.4 mills on each \$1,000.00 of taxable property and is hereby reduced by a roll back of 4.4 mills and therefore the net millage rate of 0.00 mills for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The second reading will be Dec. 2, 2015

**RESOLUTION 2014-11-02: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA, TO ADOPT A NEW TOWN CHARTER FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA AND REPLACING THE OLD TOWN CHARTER BEING THE CHARTER APPROVED ON APRIL 5, 1994;** John Brady made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-11-02. Lynn Adams seconded. John Brady, Lynn Adams, Kristi Crumpton, and Seth Weaver voted in favor. Eric Thomas voted against. Motion passed 4-1.

**NEW DISTRICT MAP/DATA SHEET ACCOMPANYING THE CHARTER:** John Brady made a motion to accept the new map reflecting the new the four district plan. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**NEW CHARTER:** John Brady made a motion to accept the new charter as it is written. Kristi Crumpton seconded. John Brady, Kristi Crumpton, Seth Weaver, and Lynn Adams voted in favor. Eric Thomas voted against. Motion passed 4-1.

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

**Kristi Crumpton:** Kristi said she would like give an update on the old post office. She said she would like to thank Tommy Rogers, Jason Greenway and Marcia Dutweiler for helping out with the removal and cleanup of old wood out of the Dip post office. She said they did place boards on the ceiling and if you had time to go by check it out.

**John Brady:** John asked if anyone had been contacted about making repairs to the Galleria building which was hit by a large truck while making a turn. The Mayor said he had contacted Landry Crumbley and said he was supposed to come by and give an estimate. There was some discussion about getting street signs to prohibit the large trucks from passing through and possibly checking with the DOT to see what could be done.

**Seth Weaver:** Seth said he was considering having the parade end at the Clermont Chattahoochee Center instead of the Clay E. Gailey Park and having the tree lighting there as well. He said a tree would need to be planted and asked the council what their thoughts were on the matter. They discussed the cost of planting a new tree and other particulars. Seth said he would decide and let everyone know what the decision would be.

**Mayor:** Mayor Nix said he recently attended another SPLOST VII meeting with the county. He explained that according to recent information, the SPLOST VII share the Town of Clermont would receive is a little more than \$650,000. Receiving these funds, however, would depend on SPLOST VII passing in a March 2015 vote. He said we would discuss this more in the upcoming work session. The county is working on the intergovernmental agreement and said we should have a copy of it soon to review.

He also mentioned that we needed to discuss which road project to submit regarding our 2015 LMIG funds.

**SANDRA HELTON:** Town Clerk Sandra Helton asked the Council if everyone wanted to meet for appetizers immediately following the December meeting. Everyone agreed. It was also agreed to invite the Planning and Zoning Board.

**ADJOURN:** Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

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