

The Clermont Town Council met on February 3, 2015. 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, John Brady, Lynn Adams, Seth Weaver, and Eric Thomas. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

**MINUTES:** Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the January 2015 Minutes. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**MINUTES: SPECIAL CALLED MEETING:** Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12th special called meeting. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**MINUTES: SPECIAL CALLED MEETING:** The Mayor and Council agreed to table the approval of the minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> special called meeting due to some corrections needing to be made.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the December 2015 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 the report.

**BRAD ROUNDS-WORKOUT FACILITY:** Lieutenant Brad Rounds explained to the Mayor and Council that the deputies would like a facility where they could exercise in Clermont. He said there was not enough room in the north precinct and they were looking for a location to possibly build a facility. The building would need to have 24 hour access due to the officers working different shifts and the approximate size would be a 30x40 with a roll up door.

In the future if a new North Hall Precinct is built, possibly four or five years down the road, the building would be turned over to the Town. The Mayor said he and Lieutenant Rounds met and looked at some possible locations and suggested placing it behind the outdoor stage at the gym park. The Mayor and Council agreed this would be ideal.

Lieutenant Rounds stated if the Town Council was agreeable to this option then he would present it to Sheriff Couch. He said this would be great for both entities involved. Kristi Crumpton made a motion to approve the preliminary plans to allow the North Hall Precinct to move forward with pursuing plans for a workout facility in Clermont. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-1-01: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2015 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA;** John Brady made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2015-1-01. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed. The three seats that are up for election in November are Council members, Seth Weaver, Eric Thomas, and John Brady. The qualifying fee is \$43.20.

**RESOLUTION 2015-02-03: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA, TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA, AND REPLACING THE OLD TOWN CHARTER APPROVED ON APRIL 5, 1994, AS AMENDED;** John Brady made a motion to approve the new charter and Resolution 2015-02-03. Kristi Crumpton seconded. John Brady, Kristi Crumpton, Lynn Adams, and Seth Weaver voted in favor. Eric Thomas voted against. Motion passed 4-1.

**KRISTI CRUMPTON:** Kristi Crumpton said she spoke with Shane Giles from Department of Transportation and requested they reroute the trucks that are coming through the Town. This has been an ongoing issue in the town and one of the city owned buildings was recently hit.

The DOT told her they were going to review the situation and design a plan to reroute the trucks over to Highway 52. When she receives the final plans from Mr. Giles she will share those with the Mayor and Council.

**JOHN BRADY:** John Brady said he was still working on gathering prices for the new sign that he is proposing to be replaced on the corner of Main Street and Highway 129 in front of the Shell Station. He said he had one company looking at the design and was waiting to hear back from them.

**LYNN ADAMS:** Lynn Adams presented an example of a facility use agreement for the Mayor and Council to review. She said this would be a document that we could look at putting into place when we are renting the fields. She said it would affect the team that is currently using the field and we would need to give them consideration since they have been working and maintaining the field. Jason Brooks, Jason Norton and Nick Kelly who are the coaches currently using the field offered up their concerns and after some discussion she asked for the council to review this document and offer suggestions. She also thought it would be a good idea for attorney David Syfan to review the final agreement.

**MAYOR NIX:** Mayor Nix said House Bill 170 which pertains to Transportation funding is currently being introduced and could have an impact on the Town's revenue if the bill is passed. The bill proposes to take away sales tax money from fuel and place it in the general fund for Transportation. This would result in the municipalities receiving less of the SPLOST and LOST revenues. He said the city of Gainesville and Hall County are going to write a letter to the legislators in protest to this bill. He asked the Council if they were in agreement to the Town sending letters of opposition as well. The Council agreed for the Mayor to draft the letters and have the Council sign them on behalf of the Town.

**Letter from Officer Calvin Stewart:** Mayor Nix told the Council about a letter that Officer Calvin Stewart submitted to the clerk's office. In the letter he is suggesting the Town put a few "mailbox style" boxes with bags in them on Main Street for citizens to help with litter cleanup. The other suggestion was for someone to clean out the deep ditch located from John Cronic's house back toward the funeral home. The Mayor and Council agreed to check into this suggestion and clean up the area mentioned.

**WORK SESSION:** The council agreed to have a work session on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Lynn Adams seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

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