

The Clermont Town Council met on January 6, 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 December 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 November 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 the report.

**APPOINT 2015 OFFICERS:** John Brady made a motion for the same officers that we had in 2014 to continue in the same functions in 2015. Eric Thomas seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

They are as follows: First Administrator-James Nix, Second Administrative officer-John Brady, Mayor Pro Tem-Seth Weaver, Town Clerk-Sandra Helton, Deputy Clerk-Amy Lomax, Town Attorney-David Syfan, Town Auditor-Walker, Pierce, & Tuck, Building Inspector-Ronald Couch, Legal Organ-The Times.

**STATUS OF NEW CHARTER:** Mayor Nix explained Attorney David Syfan along with David Bundrick who is part of the Legal counsel for State Representative Lee Hawkins has been working on our Charter. Mayor Nix said he went through the charter and said everything was still in there that was there before. The legal counsel reorganized the charter with the exception of how elections would take place. He spoke with David Syfan and went over a few minor corrections. The legislative council wanted it to have some two year terms. The seats that are up this November would run for a two year term. In November 2017 everyone would be up for election. The Mayor and the candidates running for wards 3 and 4 would be elected for a two year term. Candidates for wards 1, 2 and 5 would be elected for a four year term. By January 1, 2018 the election process would return to normal and the charter would be fully effective. Seth Weaver asked was any way they could talk to the attorney. Mayor Nix said the attorney would come and discuss the questions and concerns of the council. He also said we need to get this back to the attorney quickly so it can be given to Representative Lee Hawkins before they go into session later in January.

After some discussion among the council, John Brady made a motion to allow the charter to be sent to Lee Hawkins. Kristi Crumpton seconded. John Brady, Lynn Adams and Kristi Crumpton voted in favor. Seth Weaver and Eric Thomas voted against. Motion passed 3-2. Seth Weaver and Eric Thomas said they would call the attorney.

**CLERK TIME:** Town Clerk Sandra Helton and Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax asked permission from the Mayor and Council to attend training in Athens in February. The Mayor and Council granted them permission to attend.

**ERIC THOMAS:** Eric Thomas mentioned Clermont resident Sonny Helton was reporting that the recently installed light at Concord Baptist Church shine into his home.

**JOHN BRADY:** John Brady said he checked on the possibility of placing signs which would prohibit trucks from traveling on GA 283 and trying to make the turn at the Galleria Building. He said after having contacted the State DOT, we could place the signs on the City streets, but we would not be able to place signs on the state route.

**LYNN ADAMS:** Lynn Adams said Jason Norton and his team are interested in using the ball field again in 2015. She said she would like to discuss the possibility of preparing a contract at the next work session. She also said she wanted to have a Clermont Days meeting on February 12, 2015.

**MAYOR NIX:** Mayor Nix reminded the Council of the meeting to be held in Commerce regarding the Service Delivery Strategy. The Service Delivery Strategy needs to be updated every ten years and said we would be needing to update for Clermont soon. John Brady said he would attend the meeting with the Mayor.

He also reminded the Council of the JMA meeting that is being hosted by the City of Oakwood in two weeks.

He said he was approached by Lieutenant Brad Rounds about the Sheriff's Office wanting to construct a small building in Clermont to use as a workout facility for the deputies. The Council discussed the options. One was for them to make repairs to the Galleria building and use that building to house the workout facility. Mayor Nix said he would ask him.

**ADJOURN:** Kristi Crumpton made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

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