

The Clermont Town Council met on April 7, 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, John Brady, Lynn Adams, Seth Weaver, and Eric Thomas. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

Mayor Nix announced Council member Kristi Crumpton was out of town due to an illness in her family and therefore would not be present for this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: CHRIS NONNEMAKER-DE-ANNEXATION: Mayor Nix opened the public hearing by explaining that we would hear from both sides regarding the recent request from Chris Nonnemaker to de-annex his property located at 6483 Cleveland Highway. This is a 5.67 acre tract and is known as Papa's Pizza. Mayor Nix said to limit the comments to two minutes so we could allow time for everyone wishing to speak. He opened it up first to those who are in favor of the de-annexation.

Chris Nonnemaker asked if he could address the citizens and say a few things before the comments begin. He presented a list of over 200 signatures and comments that he received from patrons and people in the community that were in favor of him de-annexing the property. He said the last Town council meeting was a 3-2 vote in favor of the first reading of the de-annexation. He said he was disappointed that Kristi Crumpton was not present at this due to the fact that she had previously voted in favor at the prior meeting. He asked the Mayor and Council if they continued with the public hearing would it be possible to postpone the second reading until all Council members were present. Mayor Nix explained if we have a public hearing tonight as planned, then we would have the second reading as well. He explained that we have two consecutive meetings that were previously advertised and pointed out there was a quorum present to vote. Chris Nonnemaker then made it known that he would like to suspend his de-annexation request at this time and re-submit his application at a later date. Mayor Nix told him it was his privilege and said he could not guarantee there would be five council members present at future meetings. Chris Nonnemaker said it was a guarantee there were not five council members present tonight and again stated he would withdraw his request at this time. With this new information presented, Mayor Nix said there would be no public hearing or second reading at this time. He explained we would have to go through the de-annexation process again if he submits another application. Mr. Nonnemaker approached the council and asked for his petition from patrons. The petitions were returned to him.

MINUTES: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the March 2015 Minutes. Eric Thomas seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the February 2015 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.

MARKET STREET/DRAIN BASIN-CULVERT: Mayor Nix presented a proposal with a quote for \$3000.00. John Brady made a motion to approve the replacement of the culvert on Market Street and build a collection box at the corner of Main Street and King Street. Lynn Adams seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

CHASE SANITATION CONTRACT: Mayor Nix said we had been contacted by Chase Sanitation to renew the contract for the following year beginning July 1, 2015. He stated the garbage collection fee would increase from \$12.25 a month to \$12.50 per month. The recycling would increase from \$2.50 per month to \$2.75. John Brady made a motion to renew the contract with Chase Sanitation. Lynn Adams seconded. John Brady, Lynn Adams, Eric Thomas voted in favor. Seth Weaver voted against. Motion passed 3-1.

SETH WEAVER: Seth Weaver said Mr. Pitchford contacted him and told him he had sprayed and fertilized the field where the antique tractor was held last year. He just wanted to let everyone know.

JOHN BRADY: John Brady said he had received a bid from Brian Parks for \$2,800.00 regarding the sign at the Shell Station. He also received a verbal quote in the amount of \$2900.00 for the brick and rock pillars supporting the sign. Mayor Nix told him to get something together and we would look at the budget regarding this request.

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MAYOR NIX: Mayor Nix announced the upcoming JMA meeting on Monday, April 27th which will be hosted by the City of Gainesville. More details will be given later.

WORK SESSION: The council agreed to have a work session on April 21, 2015.

John Brady said the Clermont Days festival will be September 18th and 19th. He noted that Lynn Adams had asked to be relieved of chairman duties due to her school and job demands. He said if no one else wanted to take over the chairman duties he would, and he said if there were any volunteers that would like to help to please let him know.

Warren Weaver, resident of Clermont asked if there had been other businesses in the Town to ask about de-annexation. Mayor Nix said he heard that others may want to de-annex and said he also heard that Iron Works might be closing and listing their business. He said that this was something he had heard, but that no one had spoken to him about this. He also told everyone that Mr. Palmour, owner of Burger Shake had recently passed and wasn't sure what would happen there.

Mr. McGoogan, resident of Clermont asked how the advertisement is handled regarding the public hearings when de-annexation requests are presented to the Town. The Mayor said it is published two weeks prior to the meeting in the Daily Times newspaper and he could also call the Town Hall and inquire with the town clerk.

Danny Head asked if the petition with 200 signatures given to the Mayor and Council by Chris Nonnemaker would carry any clout in the decision regarding his request for de-annexation.

Sherry Lawson asked if the signatures needed to be from people who actually reside in Clermont city limits or could people outside the city who are affected by that establishment sign a petition. Mayor Nix said he did notice some of the signatures on Mr. Nonnemakers petition were not residents of the city. He also said the meeting would be open to anyone wishing to speak.

Sandra Cantrell resident of Clermont said she would like for the Mayor and Council to consider what will happen if Chris Nonnemaker were to reapply. She reminded them they were the voice of the people and if the businesses withdraw from the Town, it takes away from the Town and if this continued there would be no Town. She said it's not logical, nor did it make any sense for a business to de-annex. She said as constituents they would like to be heard and encouraged them to think about changes that would affect this community. She encouraged them to think about what we want for this community 20 or 30 years down the road. She thanked them for letting them speak and to think hard what the vision for this community should be.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk
