

The Clermont Town Council met on August 4, 2015. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Nix stated there was a correction to be made before the approval of the agenda. He stated Ordinance 99-03 should read second reading instead of first reading. Kristi Crumpton made a motion to approve the agenda with stated correction. Seth Weaver said he would like to add executive session to the agenda. Seth Weaver seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

MINUTES: Kristi Crumpton made a motion to approve the July 2015 minutes with the correction of adding an amendment to the paragraph concerning the decision to not allow Brent Futo to discharge weapons on his property. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

AUGUST 3RD SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the August 3rd Special Called Meeting Minutes. John Brady seconded. John Brady, Seth Weaver, and Eric Thomas voted in favor. Kristi Crumpton abstained due to the fact she was not present at this meeting. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the June 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 this report.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2015-08-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015 GENERAL ELECTION ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR HALL COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO HANDLE THE 2015 GENERAL ELECTION AND 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION; This Ordinance is to provide for Hall County Elections Department to handle the 2015 General Election and the 2015 Special Election. Kristi Crumpton made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2015-08-01. John Brady seconded. Kristi Crumpton and John Brady voted in favor. Seth Weaver and Eric Thomas voted against. With there being a tie, Mayor Nix voted in favor. Motion passed 3-2.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-07-01: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA. Mayor Nix gave the second reading of the Special Election Ordinance and explained this would be held to fill Lynn Adams seat who resigned on July 30, 2015. The person who is elected will hold this seat until December 2017. This election will be held in November along with our General Election. This seat is open to all residents of the Town of Clermont. John Brady made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2015-07-01. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE: 82-2015-06: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY BELONGING TO TIM AND SANDRA CANTRELL AT 6617 WINDVANE POINT. Mayor Nix stated this property is not currently in the City limits but joins land that is in the city therefore making it eligible to be annexed. The Planning and Zoning met and made the recommendation to annex this property in the City limits of Clermont. John Brady made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 82-2015-06. Kristi Crumpton seconded.

Jack Campbell, resident of Windmill Subdivision stated this would be the second house in their subdivision to be annexed into the Town. He wanted to know what the benefits are for the residents to annex. He wanted to know what the Town provides other than what Hall County already provides to them. He expressed his concern the Town would eventually impose a property tax and said he did not see the benefit of annexing into the Town. He said eventually if the houses kept annexing, his house and property would eventually be swallowed up and therefore forcing him to annex into the town limits. He said he was certain the Town Council would have to implement a tax to survive. He stated he and the residents living in the Windmill Subdivision would pay higher taxes because their houses are assessed at a higher value. He also was concerned that if the houses in the Windmill continue to annex, he would be forced to come into the city due to the fact that it would create an island. The Council explained to him the Town would not annex property if it were going to create an island.

Councilmember John Brady stated that with each property that is annexed into the Town of Clermont, the Town receives LOST revenue which is great for the Town but we certainly do not force anyone to annex.

Councilmember Seth Weaver said we do not go out and recruit people to annex into the city, they come here and ask us to annex into the town. He said we do not have a hidden agenda and for the time being we are surviving without a tax and hoped it continued to stay that way.

Mayor Nix explained that although we don't have a whole lot of services that we offer, we do have parks and sidewalks which are often used by the Windmill residents. Garbage service is also available for the residents. In response to a statement by Ms. Campbell concerning police and fire protection Mayor Nix stated the land the fire station is on is provided by the Town as well as the building the North Precinct occupies. We have an intergovernmental agreement with them to provide police and fire protection for Clermont residents. Jack Campbell made the reply he pays county taxes and said he didn't want to have to pay a city tax down the road.

John Brady, Seth Weaver and Kristi Crumpton voted in favor. Eric Thomas voted against. Motion passed 3-1.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 99-03: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC PARKS OF CLERMONT; Kristi Crumpton made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 99-03. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

TOWN CREDIT CARD POLICY: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the Town Credit Card Policy. Kristi Crumpton proposed it would be a good idea to allow the Mayor Pro Tem and

Deputy Clerk be the auditors since the Mayor and Town Clerk each hold a Town of Clermont credit card in each of their names. This would allow for more accountability. Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the policy with these changes. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

PLAYGROUND PURCHASE APPROVAL: Kristi Crumpton stated the Mayor and Council had agreed in the last work session meeting to the purchase of the Walnut Ridge playground equipment from APC Play. She said there had been a question regarding the landscape timbers mentioned in the bid packet. She said after checking with the company, she was told the timbers are made of compressed, durable, thick plastic which means they will not splinter or fade. Kristi Crumpton made a motion to purchase the Walnut Ridge playground equipment from APC Play to replace the current playground at Chattahoochee Park in the amount of \$22,566.00 which includes installation and materials. John Brady seconded. Eric Thomas asked if this included everything and she replied that it did. He also asked had we decided what we would do with the old equipment. She replied that we had not yet decided. Kristi Crumpton said the maintenance workers would not start taking the old one down until after the Clermont Days Festival due to the preparation for the festival and having to spend most of their time mowing the grass in the town. All Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

NOVEMBER BALLOT: John Brady said a citizen of Clermont approached him asking him if the Mayor and Council would consider placing a straw vote on the November ballot to allow for the citizens of Clermont to vote on beer and wine package sales, and the serving of beer and wine on the Highway 129 corridor only. John Brady made a motion to place this on the November ballot. Mayor Nix asked for a second on the motion. With there being none, motion died. Motion failed.

Councilmember Seth Weaver said for anyone inquiring about alcohol sales in Clermont needs to come to a Council meeting.

MARKET STREET BATHROOM: Scott Cagle with Hall County Fire Services sent an email to the Town Hall referencing the requested visit he made to look at the Market Street Park bathroom and said it appeared that it does not meet ADA standards. He also stated the electric panel cannot be located inside the restroom near the sinks and toilet. Seth Weaver said he talked with Hall County building inspectors as well to confirm these findings. He stated the problem needed to be corrected. After some discussion, Kristi Crumpton made a motion to table this item until the work session so the council could talk in detail and gather ideas on how it needed to be fixed as well issuing a stop work order on the bathroom per Seth Weaver's suggestion until this can be resolved. John Brady seconded, and all council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

BALLFIELD RENTAL AGREEMENT: Seth Weaver made a motion to table this item until we had a chance to talk more in the next work session. John Brady seconded, and all council present voted in favor. Motion passed.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION PROPOSAL: Kristi Crumpton said she would like to present the idea of a back to school movie night in the Chattahoochee Park. She said

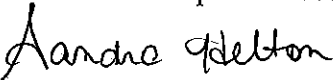
maybe we could do this on a Saturday night on the first week of September. She said the movie could be projected on the back wall of the stage. She asked if they thought this was a good idea. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea and agreed to give it some thought. Eric Thomas said there was some water issues in the park that needed to be addressed. Seth Weaver asked if the water problem can be fixed before the playground equipment installed. Seth Weaver asked if Eric Thomas would meet with the installers and make sure this problem is resolved. He agreed.

MA ROGER'S DAY: Seth Weaver announced on Saturday the 8th of August would be "Ma Rogers Day" in the Town of Clermont. He invited everyone to come out from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The event will be held at Chattahoochee Park. This is a fundraising event to support Mrs. Ellen Rogers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Seth Weaver made a motion to go into executive session at 7:45pm for personnel matter. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Seth Weaver made a motion to return to regular session at 8:24 pm. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm. Eric Thomas seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.


Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

