

The Clermont Town Council met on December 6, 2016. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council Members, Kristi Crumpton, Doug Myers, Seth Weaver, Margaret Merritt, and Robin Brown, Council Member-Elect Town Clerk Sandra Helton and Deputy Clerk Amy Lomax.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Town Clerk, Sandra Helton swore in Council member, Robin Brown by having her place her hand on the Holy Bible and repeating the Oath of Office. Robin was elected to serve the remainder of the term for District 1 that runs through December 31, 2019.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda with the added item of the security system for the maintenance shop. Doug Myers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Seth Weaver gave the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** After realizing there were corrections to be made, the decision was made to wait and approve the November 2016 Minutes at the January 2017 council meeting.

**WORK SESSION MINUTES: NOVEMBER 15, 2016:** Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the November 15, 2016 Work Session Minutes. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the October 2016 Financial Statement. Margaret Merritt seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**REPORT: ORDINANCE 97-01 PLANNING AND ZONING:** The Mayor and Council reviewed this report.

**WESTMORELAND BUSINESS REQUEST:** Doug Westmoreland addressed the Mayor and Council explaining his request and answered questions from the Mayor and Council. His request is to place portable storage buildings for sale on his property at the intersection of Clarks Bridge Road and Bowen Road. His current zoning is AR-3.

After some discussion, Seth Weaver made a motion to have the Planning and Zoning Commission schedule another meeting to address this issue since there was

not a quorum at the last scheduled meeting. Doug Myers seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 82-2016-12-01: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR A TITLE FOR SAID ORDINANCE; TO ESTABLISH AND SET THE DATE AND TIME OF THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION FOR TWO COUNCIL SEATS AND THE MAYOR UPON THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLERMONT, GEORGIA;** Mayor Nix gave the first reading of Ordinance 82-2016-12-01. The election will take place November 2017 and will be for the positions now held by Kristi Crumpton, Margaret Merritt, and James Nix. Persons elected will serve a four year term.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 82-2016-11-01: AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND FOR USE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; TO LEVY SAID TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF CLERMONT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIME OF PAYMENT OF SAID TAXES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Mayor Nix gave the second reading and Seth Weaver made a motion to approve Ordinance 82-2016-11-01. Kristi Crumpton seconded and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed. The tax rate is rolled back to zero thus the Town has not imposed an Ad Valorem tax for this year.

**SECURITY FOR MAINTENANCE SHOP:** Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the Resolution 2016-12-01 authorizing the execution of the contract with Habersham EMC-DBA Power Guard Security for the Maintenance shop located at 151 Oxford Rd. Margaret Merritt seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed. This system provides monitored security for the shop building.

**BID OPENING FOR COMMUNITY CENTER PORCH:** One bid was received for the front porch addition for the Grover and Lucille Hood Community Center and was submitted by Clermont Iron Works, Inc. After reviewing the bid, the Mayor and Council agreed on Option 5 which includes a 14x7 gabled roof with Hardie shake fence, metal roof and closed ceilings (no exposed beams). Two roof supports will be constructed of 4" steel tubing which will be cased in pine and bottom of columns will be rocked 36" high to match sign in front of building. This pricing is all inclusive of material, labor, debris removal, insurance, and permits.

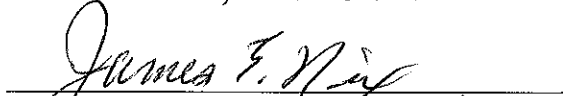
Kristi Crumpton made the motion to go with option #5 in the amount of \$6827.00 and for a Resolution to be prepared and voted on in the January meeting. Margaret Merritt seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

**UPDATE ON SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY:** Mayor Nix said the Hall County has called for the meeting to kick off the Service Delivery Strategy to be held on 12-13-2016 at the Hall County Government Center. He said the Council was welcome to attend. The service delivery strategy is expected to be done by 6/30/2017.

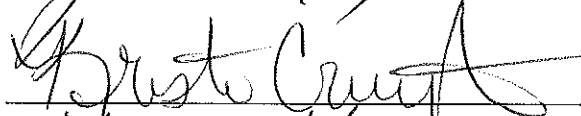
**HOLIDAY BONUSES FOR EMPLOYEES:** Kristi Crumpton made a motion to give each employee the same amount as last year, (\$150.00.) Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

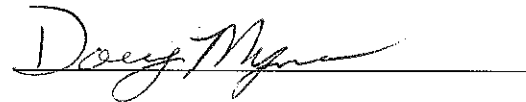
**ADJOURN:** Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

  
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