

The Clermont Town Council met on January 3, 2017. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council Members, Kristi Crumpton, Doug Myers, Seth Weaver, and Margaret Merritt. Town Clerk Sandra Helton, and Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kristi Crumpton asked if we could move the Executive Session down on the agenda after the Bell Tower approval. Kristi Crumpton made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes made. Seth Weaver 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.

APPOINT 2017 OFFICERS: Kristi Crumpton made a motion for all 2016 officers to continue in the same functions in 2017. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

MINUTES- DECEMBER 2016: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the December 2016 Minutes. Margaret Merritt seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

MINUTES- NOVEMBER 2016: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the November 2016 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 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 Bridge Road. His current zoning is AR-3. These buildings would sit between Bowen Bridge Rd and Mr. Westmoreland's home. Seth Weaver made a motion to approve this request with the exception of no more than five buildings on the property. Doug Myers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

BELL TOWER APPROVAL: Sandra Cantrell gave a brief presentation and shared a design/drawing of the bell tower plaza area which will stand near the old school flagpole in the Clermont Chattahoochee Park. The purpose of the tower is to house the old school bell which was rescued from a scrap metal pile during the demolition of the school building.

Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the construction of the bell tower. Doug Myers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Seth Weaver made a motion to go into executive session at 7:30pm. Doug Myers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

SECOND 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 second 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. Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 82-2016-12-01. Doug Myers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-01-01: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY CENTER FRONT PORCH ADDITION: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-01-03. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed. This resolution awards the contract for the front porch construction to Clermont Iron Works, Inc and the expenditure of \$6827.00 from SPLOST VI- account number 751 Municipal Buildings VI.

APPROVAL TO UPDATE CHECK SIGNATURE CARD: Kristi Crumpton made a motion to add Council Member Robin Brown to the check signature card for the Town of Clermont checking account. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Doug Myers seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton
Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

James E. Nix

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Doug Myers

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