

The Clermont Town Council met on October 9, 2017 for a Special Called Meeting. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pastor Chatham from Holly Springs Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Kristi Crumpton, Robin Brown, Margaret Merritt, Doug Myers, and Seth Weaver, Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

Representative Lee Hawkins addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the issue surrounding the recent request from two businesses wanting to de-annex from the Town. He explained to the Mayor and Council he was there to appeal to the Mayor and Council to consider letting the businesses' de-annex. He said the state laws are very specific regarding annexation/de-annexation in the fact that cities have to agree to allow you to de-annex. He said there has been some local legislation brought challenging the issue of de-annexation and sometimes it is successful and sometimes it is not. He said he represents everyone involved and he would prefer not to have to do that and he didn't think that's the way governments should work especially in situations such as this. He again said he was there to appeal to the Mayor and Council to make that consideration for them. He said he understands the concerns of allowing the de-annexation could cause others to follow suit but he said he didn't think this would be the case in this situation. He said he didn't know of anyone else wanting to de-annex except these two businesses on Hwy. 129.

He acknowledged the de-annexation issue was because of the restriction on the sale of beer and wine in Clermont. He encouraged the Town to ask the voters to express their opinion in a straw poll to get more information than was received in the past Town Hall Meeting.

STRAW VOTE ON BALLOT REGARDING ALCOHOL SALES IN THE TOWN OF

CLERMONT: Margaret Merritt made a motion to place the non-binding questions on the November 7th ballot. Kristi Crumpton seconded. Margaret Merritt, Kristi Crumpton and Doug Myers voted in favor. Robin Brown and Seth Weaver voted against. Motion passed 3-2.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Kristi Crumpton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton
Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

Kristi Crumpton _____ *James E. Nix* _____

Robin Brown _____ *Doug Myers* _____

Margaret Merritt _____