

The Clermont Town Council met on October 2, 2018. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council Members, Doug Myers, Marcia Kesler, Cynthia Jett, Seth Weaver and James Castleberry. Town Clerk, Sandra Helton and Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax also attended.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda. James Castleberry seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: James Castleberry led the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 2018: Marcia Kesler made a motion to accept the September 2018 Minutes. James Castleberry seconded and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Mayor and Council reviewed the August 2018 Financial Report.

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

PAUL WHITMIRE: Paul Whitmore expressed his concern regarding the newly acquired property of LHR Farms/ Hulsey Environmental Services located on Highway 129 in Clermont. He feels this may be attributing to this odor in the Clermont area and would affect the people living in or around this business. The Hall County Planning and Zoning Board will be having a hearing for the application to change this business zoning from "Highway Business" to "Light Industrial" to allow for a trucking terminal. He encouraged everyone interested in this issue to attend the Hall County Planning and Zoning hearing on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 5:15pm at the Hall County Government Center, 2875 Brown Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA and to contact others in the area who may be affected.

PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE: After having worked on some of the revisions of the planning and zoning ordinance in the last few work sessions, Mayor Nix mentioned there were a couple of changes needing to be finalized. Attorney David Syfan sent a memo with comments referencing these changes. Mayor Nix asked for comments from the council regarding the lot size for residential housing. After some discussion, it was agreed to keep a 2-acre lot minimum requirement for residential housing in the updated planning and zoning ordinance. The other item needing to be addressed was keeping livestock in residential zoning areas. Section 10-2.A. of the current zoning ordinance allows livestock, being horses, cows, pigs, ponies, donkeys and other domestic livestock be kept or raised in residential districts. The Mayor and Council agreed to remove Section 10-2.A. in its entirety from the current ordinance regarding livestock in residential areas.

GALLERIA BUILDING: Mayor Nix told the Council about previously meeting with two of the four architects recommended by Hall County to obtain bid proposals regarding the renovation of the Galleria Building. Larry West and Marty Nix from Hall County attended and assisted with this process. Mayor Nix shared the two proposals from Brewster and Crocker Architects and Precision Planning Inc. regarding the design and construction and administration services related to the renovations of the Historical Galleria Building located at 197 King Street. The purpose of obtaining these proposals for the Town of Clermont is to investigate the potential for renovating the existing two- story historic building to function as their Town Hall.

After reviewing the proposals Cynthia Jett made a motion to move forward with the proposal received from Precision Planning Incorporated. Marcia Kesler seconded. Seth Weaver said he would like for a representative from PPI to attend our next work session if possible to answer any questions or concerns before deciding to spend the funds. Cynthia Jett and Marcia Kesler agreed to withdraw the motion. The

Mayor and Council agreed to contact PPI and request a representative to come to our work session on October 16th at 7pm. The Mayor and Council agreed. No vote was taken.

LANDSCAPE TREE PLANTING: Mayor Nix shared the idea of enhancing the beauty of the area along Main street at the Clermont Chattahoochee Park by planting Trident Maple trees. He said we would like to have volunteers to help fund this project. The name of the sponsors would be identified with a name tag/plaque showing their support. The trees would be 8 to 10 feet tall and cost about \$200.00. He stated plans are to plant 16 trees along Main Street from Oxford Road to the parking lot at the- Chattahoochee Center. James Castleberry made a motion to move forward with this project. Doug Myers seconded and all Council voted in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN: Doug Myers made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Cynthia Jett seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk

James G. Nix
James Castleberry
Doug Myers

Scott M. Wynn
Marcia Lesler