

The Clermont Town Council met on June 4, 2019. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council Members, Marcia Kesler, Cynthia Jett, Seth Weaver, Doug Myers, and James Castleberry. Town Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Assistant Town Clerk, Robin Bryson also attended.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Seth Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda. Doug Myers seconded, and all council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2019-2020 TOWN OF CLERMONT BUDGET: Mayor Nix opened the public hearing on the proposed budget at 7:02 pm. He asked for any comments or questions. The proposed budget is for \$ 386,020.00. No comments or questions were raised at this time.

MINUTES- MAY 2019: Seth Weaver made a motion to accept the May 7, 2019 Minutes. Doug Myers seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

WORK SESSION MINUTES: MAY 2019- Cynthia Jett made a motion to accept the May 21, 2019, Work Session Minutes. Marcia Kesler seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Mayor and Council reviewed the April 2019 Financial Report.

REPORT: PLANNING AND ZONING: The Mayor and Council reviewed this report.

SECURITY CAMERAS: The Council reviewed two proposals from EMC Securities and Electronic Sales Company for security cameras to be installed at the area of the Chattahoochee Center and Park and the Town Hall and park areas. James Castleberry made a motion that the Council accepts the quote from EMC Securities. Marcia Kesler seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion Passed.

GALLERIA BUILDING: Seth Weaver ask for clarification on what lots are included in the sale of the Galleria building. The Mayor said it was just the lots that were purchased with the property. Seth Weaver said if the Council goes through with selling it, he feels like there should be more stipulations to protect the integrity of the building and what the uses of the building could be. The Mayor mentioned that included in the bid packet is a stipulation of 30 years on not changing the current exterior of the building or tearing the building down and the Town would approve any business that applied for a license. James Castleberry ask if there were a reason the Attorney limited the length of time to 30 years. He said he would like to have it remain the same in **perpetuity**. The Mayor said we could check with the Attorney to see if that could be changed. James Castleberry made a motion to approve the bid packet from the Attorney with the suggestion of the 30-year time stipulation on not changing the current exterior façade or destruction of the building being changed to in **perpetuity**. Cynthia Jett seconded. Seth Weaver ask if the Council was voting only to approve the bid packet. The Mayor said, yes. James Castleberry said we have the discussion option now since we have a second. He ask Seth if he had anything else he would like to add. He said no that the Council had received an email from him where he stated that he would like to keep the building. Marcia Kesler ask him what he proposed that the Town do with the building if they kept it. He said the Town does not own much property, and many of the old buildings within the Town have been torn down, and he would like for the Town to keep the Galleria building. James Castleberry asked for clarification that the Council is not voting on whether to sell the building; they are approving the bid packet from the Attorney. The Mayor said that was correct. Cynthia Jett, Marcia Kesler, and James Castleberry voted in favor. Seth Weaver and Doug Myers opposed. Motion passed.

CLERMONT CITIZEN COMMITTEE: The Council reviewed the document Marcia Kesler has put together with goals for the Committee. The Council discussed options as to what the possible responsibilities of the Committee members would be. Marcia Kesler made a motion that the Council temporarily put a hold on forming the Committee at this time. She asked each Council Member to come back to the next meeting with details and more information as to where they would like the New Town Hall located. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOVIE ON MAIN STREET: Amy Lomax gave the Council information on the Movie in the Park scheduled for June 28, 2019. Concord Baptist Church is sponsoring the Movie. The Town is going to place banners for advertisement, and Concord Baptist Church is going to put out road signs.

CLERMONT DAYS: Amy Lomax informed the Council that we have a Clermont Days meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

ADOPT BUDGET FY 2019/2020: With there being no comments from the audience or the Council on the proposed budget, the public hearing was closed at 7:47 pm. Marcia Kesler made a motion to adopt the 2019-2020 Budget in the amount of \$386,020.00. Seth Weaver seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

CULVERT ON STATON DRIVE: The Mayor informed the Council that they had ran into some issues with replacing the culvert on Staton Drive. At this time it does not look like the Town will be able to do the work due to problems with the underground utilities around the cul-de-sac where the pipe needs to be replaced. He and Tommy Rogers are looking into other options.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Cynthia Jett seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.



Amy Lomax, Town Clerk

