

Town of Clermont
Town Council Meeting
February 6, 2024

The Clermont Town Council met on February 6, 2024. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor James Nix, Council Members James Castleberry, Marcia Kesler, Amanda Nix, and John Brady. Town Clerk Amy Lomax also attended.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: James Castleberry motioned to approve the agenda. Amanda Nix seconded, and all Council Members voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

MINUTES-JANUARY 2024: Amanda Nix motioned to accept the January 2024 Minutes. Marcia Kesler seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Mayor and Council reviewed the December 2023 Financial Report.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: The Mayor and Council reviewed the January 2024 Planning and Zoning report.

STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT: The purpose of this agreement is to provide the framework to support mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster occurring within any political subdivision that is a Participating Party, whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, human-caused disaster, civil emergency, community disorders, insurgency, enemy attack, acts of terrorism, other significant events or homeland security activity; and Identify those persons who are authorized to act on behalf of the Participating Party signing this Agreement as their Authorized Representative(s). The Authorized Representatives for the town will be Mayor James Nix (Chief Executive Officer) and Council Members Amanda Nix & John Brady. The Designated Fiscal Officers for the Town will be Mayor James Nix and Town Clerk Amy Lomax. James Castleberry motioned to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. John Brady Seconded, and all Council Members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FCS TRASH SERVICE: This item was added to the agenda due to some concerns from people in the community that were brought to the clerk's attention. Amy Lomax informed the Council that she and the Mayor met with the owner of the company FCS to clarify pick-up times and placement of the cans. The Mayor told the Council that property owners within the Town limits are exempt from paying the \$75 solid waste fee on their property taxes. Eric Thomas asked the Mayor if it was still either you have the trash service through the Town or you pay Hall County for the solid waste fee. The Mayor said no, that if you live in the Town limits, you do not pay the fee to Hall County on your property tax bill. Amanda Nix asked what the fee for trash service was. Amy Lomax told her it was \$12.50 per month. No one else in attendance at the meeting had any comments, questions, or concerns about the trash service.

NAMING OF NEW PARK/PAVILION KING AND CARTER STREET: James Castleberry asked if this item could be discussed later when all Council Members were present. He asked the audience if anyone had thoughts on the park's name. There were no comments from the audience.

AUCTION OF UNUSED ITEM: The Mayor asked the Council if they wanted to list several items in storage or not being used on Gov Deals to be auctioned off to the public. The Council agreed that doing this would be a good idea. The Clerk will compile a list of items for the Council to review at the next Council meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES: Mayor Nix asked Larry Yori to come forward to be recognized for the Christmas light show he built and constructed in the park this year. The Mayor and Council presented Larry and David Berliner, who could not attend, with a certificate of appreciation. The Council told Larry how much they appreciated what he had done for the Community and hoped that he was planning on doing it again next year. Larry said that he was planning on putting it up again next year.

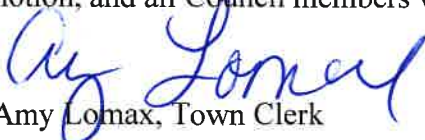
James Castleberry gave an update on the new pavilion at the corner of King and Carter Street. The concrete pad has been poured, and construction of the pavilion should begin in the next couple of weeks.

Amy Lomax presented to the Council a quote from a new fireworks company for the fireworks at Clermont Days this year. The quote was \$10,000 from Pyrotecnico Fireworks. This is a local company that the technician who has done our fireworks for many years has started working for. Amy told the Council that due to the Town's issues with the previous company last year, she has been gathering quotes from new companies but would prefer to stay with the Technician who has been shooting the show for many years. The Council agreed. She told the audience that the fireworks are fully funded by Clermont Days sponsor donations and donations collected at the Towns Cruise-Ins.

James Castleberry informed the Council that he and many others in the Community have a problem with wild hogs on their property. Some citizens are planning a community meeting to gather those also having issues with this to discuss their concerns. He invited anyone interested or has a friend or neighbor having issues with hogs to give him their contact information so he can pass it along to the people coordinating the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Mayor asked the audience if anyone had any comments. With there being none, he called for the meeting to be adjourned.

ADJOURN: James Castleberry motioned to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Marcia Kesler seconded the motion, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.


Amy Lomax, Town Clerk

