Town of Clermont Town Council Meeting March 5, 2024

The Clermont Town Council met on March 5, 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, John Brady, and Seth Weaver. Town Clerk Amy Lomax also attended.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Seth Weaver motioned to approve the agenda with the change of moving the Hog Infestation item to be discussed after reviewing the Planning and Zoning report. Marcia Kesler seconded, and all Council Members voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

MINUTES-FEBRUARY 2024: Marcia Kesler motioned to accept the February 2024 Minutes. John Brady seconded the motion, and all Council members voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Mayor and Council reviewed the January 2024 Financial Report.

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

HOG INFESTATION: James Castleberry addressed the audience and the Council about the issue many in the community have with wild hogs on their property. James said the hogs cause property damage and are unsafe for other animals and humans, and he has been approached about getting the community together to discuss the issue. He introduced Sandra Carnet, who has been very active in unifying information on employing resources to address the issue. There was much discussion about the issue among the audience members. The Council said they would contact some of our legislators and State agencies to see if they would be willing to help address the issue.

AUCTION OF UNUSED ITEM: Seth Weaver motioned that a list of the items be compiled, a minimum bid price be set, and the items be listed on Gov Deals for auction. John Brady seconded the motion, and all Council Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

GAZEBO ROOF REPLACEMENT: James Castleberry motioned that the Town get three quotes on replacing/repairing the gazebo roof in Market Street Park. John Brady seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

LATHEM DRIVE, SPEED BUMP: Seth Weaver informed the Council that someone who lives on Lathem Drive contacted him and asked if the Town could place a speed bump on

Lathem Drive. The Mayor said he would also like to hear from the other street residents and get their input before the Town considers placing a speed bump. Seth said he would contact them about coming to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (REAL ESTATE): Seth Weaver motioned that the Council go into executive session at 7:40 p.m. Marcia Kesler seconded. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion passed.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Seth Weaver motioned that the Council return to regular session at 8:08 p.m. Amanda Nix seconded, and all Council Members voted in favor. Motion passed.

PROJECT UPDATES:

James Castleberry informed the Council that the Park at the King and Carter and Brown Street intersection had been completed, except for choosing a name and landscaping. He has received many positive comments from residents about the new pavilion/park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Mayor asked the audience if anyone had any comments. Sandra Cantrell, President of the Clermont Historical Society, invited everyone to the Cheever Play, which will take place from April 11 to 14. The council is invited to a special VIP night on April 9th.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver motioned to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. James Castleberry seconded the motion. All Council/members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Amy Lomax, Town Clerk

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