

Town of Clermont
Town Council Meeting
May 3, 2022

The Clermont Town Council met on May 3, 2022. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council Members, Marcia Kesler, James Castleberry, Doug Myers, and Amanda Nix. Town Clerk Amy Lomax and Assistant Town Clerk Robin Bryson also attended.

PROCLAMATION OF PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERK WEEK: Mayor Nix read aloud and presented a proclamation designating May 1- May 7, 2022, as Professional Municipal Clerk Week in the Town of Clermont.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: James Castleberry motioned to approve the agenda. Doug Myers seconded the motion and all Council Members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

MINUTES-APRIL 2022: Marcia Kesler motioned to accept the April 2022 Minutes. Doug Myers seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Mayor and Council reviewed the March 2022 Financial Report.

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

ALEXANDER CHAVEZ: Alexander Chavez approached the Council to discuss the possible rezoning of the property at 6535 Cleveland Highway. The property is currently zoned R1 and he would like to rezone a portion of it to Highway Business. The Mayor and Council informed him that he would have to apply and go through the rezoning process for approval.

BUDGET REVIEW: The Council was given a final draft of the FY 2022-2023 budget to review for adoption at the June 2022 Council meeting.

CHRISTMAS TOUR 2022: Amanda Nix and Danielle Iglehart proposed to the Council and Mayor the possibility of having a Christmas Tour of Homes this year. After some discussion, it was agreed to move forward. The probable date was set for December 3rd.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY: The Council agreed to proceed with the process of beginning Dolly Parton's Imagination program. Through this program, all children that live within the Town limits under the age of 5 would receive 2 free books in the mail each month. Marcia Kesler said that she would like to sponsor the postage fee for the first year.

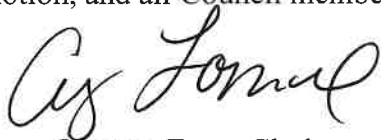
PROJECT UPDATES: Adam Hazell gave a brief update on the Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor and Council should have the draft of the Plan by the end of May and the plan should be ready for adoption at the July Council meeting.

Amanda Nix gave an update on the meeting she had with Michelle the program director of the UGA Archway program. Michelle toured the Town and is very excited about the possibility of a partnership between the Town and the Archway program. We would need to submit projects to her by the end of July for the students to choose from. Amanda also informed the Council that she has been in discussion with the State Botanical Gardens based out of Athens. They are looking for green spaces to install pollinator gardens or native plant gardens. The project consists of the botanical gardens coming out and designing the landscape and installing the plants in a space that the Town dedicates to the project. The Town would be responsible for finding a group to maintain the garden after the installation. Amanda said she had reached out to the schools and different groups in the area to gauge interest in the project. She has another phone call scheduled with the director of the program this week and should have more details soon. Amanda also gave the Council an update about the Community Thrift ^{Sale} Store that will take place on May 13th -15th. The proceeds from the sale will go toward projects in the Town. Amanda said that she has also been in contact with Georgia Power about installing additional lighting at the Chattahoochee Park and should have a proposal from them soon.

CLERMONT DAYS MEETING: The Clermont Days meeting will be on June 7, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Mayor asked the audience if anyone would like to speak. Danielle Iglehart presented to the Council a proposal to repurpose the Galleria building for a multi-use development opportunity.

ADJOURN: James Castleberry made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Doug Myers seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.



Amy Lomax, Town Clerk



