

Town of Clermont
Town Council Meeting
November 1, 2022

The Clermont Town Council met on November 1, 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 also attended.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Doug Myers motioned to approve the agenda. Amanda Nix seconded, and all Council Members present 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-SEPTEMBER 2022: James Castleberry motioned to accept the October 2022 Minutes. Marcia Kesler seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

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

SHORT-TERM RENTALS: Town Clerk Amy Lomax provided the Council with some information she had gathered on Short Term Rentals and an example of a noise ordinance. The Council briefly discussed the questions that the Attorney had for them regarding the example of a short-term rental ordinance he had given them to look at. Council Member James Castleberry said he would like to see what the surrounding Municipalities have in place for short-term rentals. The Clerk said that she would research and provide that to the Council.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Council Member James Castleberry gave an update on the status of the research he has been doing to gather information on getting a red light placed at the intersection of Hwy. 129 and Clarks Bridge Road. After looking into past information and previous studies that were done several years ago, he believes it may be best if the Town request an updated study of the traffic at the intersection. He is going to continue to do research and will get back to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Mayor asked the public if they had any comments.

Clermont Historical Society President Sandra Cantrell gave the Council an update on Clermont Cares, which provides toys, gift cards, and food to local families in need for Christmas. Donations can be taken to the Library or Town Hall during business hours or dropped off at the Christmas Parade. Sandra also said the Historical Society is working to produce a video about Clermont and its history.

Danielle Iglehart gave an update on the Christmas Decorating Contest. The event will be advertised on Social Media, as well as in flyers and the Town Newsletter. Danielle has contacted

sponsors for the 1st place winner's gift basket. She will put together a map of the houses that will be put on social media along with a link for the public to vote this year.

Brittany Bowen with Holly Springs Baptist Church wanted to thank the Council for the condition of the park and the Chattahoochee Center when the church rented it for an event on October 26th. She said everything was in great shape.

Kevin Gudmensted asked the Council some questions about the plans for the Galleria Building. He asked what the long-term goal was for the building. Marcia Kesler told him that right now, the main purpose right now is to preserve the history of the building. When funds are available, the Town hopes to restore the building. Amanda Nix mentioned that she has been in contact with the University of Georgia Engineering Department in hopes of having it chosen as a project for their senior year students to come in and give us a to up to date engineering plan and cost estimate of restoring the building as well as ideas of things that could be done with the building. Kevin also asked if the Town knew if the hotel was for sale, and the Council responded that they did not know. Kevin asked if the Town would ever consider buying the building, and the Council said not at this time.

The Mayor asked if anyone had anything else they would like to say. With no additional comments, the Mayor called for the meeting to be adjourned.

ADJOURN: Doug Myers made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. James Castleberry seconded the motion, and all Council present members voted in favor. Motion passed.



Amy Lomax, Town Clerk

