



## **CITY OF OAK HILL**

### **REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

#### **COMMISSION CHAMBERS - CITY HALL**

**234 South US Hwy 1**

**Oak Hill, FL 32759**

**386-345-3522**

**JANUARY 24, 2011**

**6:00 P.M.**

#### **MINUTES**

##### **A. OPENING**

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

**Commissioner Ron Engele, Present; Mayor Darla A. Lauer, Present; Vice Mayor Mary Lee Cook, Present; Commissioner Kathy Bittle, Present; Commissioner Linda Hyatt, Present.**

##### **B. PRESENTATION**

1. Citizen of the Quarter Jay Moeller

**Mayor Darla Lauer presented Mr. Moeller with the proclamation of Citizen of the Quarter.**

2. Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Phil Ehlinger, CRA Director, Volusia County

**This was tabled till a later date.**

##### **C. CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

**No Report**

##### **D. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Non-agenda – 15 Minutes)**

**Some citizens had stated their opinions on how great the police department has been running since Chief Diane Young took over and some citizens stated their concerns that the police department is not running correctly.**

##### **E. CITY ATTORNEY NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Scott Simpson)**

**No Report**

##### **F. POLICE DEPARTMENT RELATED ITEMS (Chief Young)**

Chief Diane Young presented her recommendation to terminate Officer Mike Ihnken to the commissioners. The commissioners asked several questions of Chief Diane Young in regards to her recommendation. Officer Mike Ihnken read a statement that he wrote in response to Chief Diane Young's recommendation to terminate. The commissioners asked several questions to Officer Ihnken. Chief Diane Young then asked Officer Mike Ihnken questions. Officer Mike Ihnken also asked Chief Young questions. After a 15 minute break the commissioners stated their concerns on the facts that were presented to them. The Mayor then passed the gavel to the Vice Mayor and made the motion to reject Chief Young's recommendation to terminate Officer Mike Ihnken, seconded by Commissioner Engele. The Motion carried 3-2 with voting as follows: Commissioner Engele, Yes; Mayor Lauer, Yes; Vice Mayor Cook, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, No. Commissioner Hyatt, No.

The commissioners stated that they were concerned about what was told to the Mayor by the State Attorney Office. They felt that the citizens deserved better. Mayor Darla Lauer felt that the commission should look for an independent auditor to make an informed decision on how the department is running.

#### **G. CITY PLANNER ITEMS (Montye Beamer)**

**No Report**

#### **H. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Bills and Paid Interim Bills for January 23, 2011.
2. Approval of January 10, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Vice Mayor Cook to approve Consent Agenda Item 1, 2. The motion carried 5-0 with voting as follows: Commissioner Engele, Yes; Mayor Lauer, Yes; Vice Mayor Cook, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, Yes. Commissioner Hyatt, Yes.

#### **I. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **1. RESOLUTION # 2011-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAK HILL, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPOINTING LAURA GOODEARLY AS CITY CLERK AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Mary Lee Cook and seconded by Commissioner Engele to accept Resolution No: 2011-05. The motion carried 5-0 with voting as follows: Commissioner Engele, Yes; Mayor Lauer, Yes; Vice Mayor Cook, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, Yes; Commissioner Hyatt, Yes.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. The hiring of a part time worker for the Park and Recreational Department (Commissioner Kathy Bittle)

Commissioner Bittle explained to the commission that Mr. Bill McGee, Kohn Evans, and Commissioner Bittle held interviews and picked the top three applicants to fill the part time position in the Park and Recreation Department. They have picked Terry Payne and will send him to be drug tested stating the background test has been completed. A Motion was made by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Vice Mayor Mary Lee Cook to offer the position of part time worker to Terry Payne, per Commissioner Bittle's recommendation, with the understanding that all pre employment tests are completed. The motion carried 5-0 with voting as follows: Commissioner Engele, Yes; Mayor Lauer, Yes; Vice Mayor Cook, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, Yes; Commissioner Hyatt, Yes.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAK HILL, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAK HILL AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY THE CITY; SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Engele and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to accept Resolution No: 2011-07. The motion carried 5-0 with voting as follows: Commissioner Engele, Yes; Mayor Lauer, Yes; Vice Mayor Cook, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, Yes; Commissioner Hyatt, Yes.

**K. BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

EZDA (Enterprise Zone Development Agency)

Mike Arman wants to get the board up and running because this could help bring business into the city.

Economic Development Board  
Waterfront Committee  
PLDRC (Planning & Land Development Regulation Commission)  
Parks and Recreational Advisory Board  
Historical Preservation Board  
Grant Committee

**L. COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commissioner Ron Engele stated that the old Viking Pool property might have a buyer and could bring jobs to the city. The buyer is currently working with the bank.

Commissioner Kathy Bittle informed the commission that the silk fence is up at Mary Dewees Park and that the School Board will decide on the charter school on Tuesday.

Commissioner Linda Hyatt reminded everyone that there is a 5K run on February 20<sup>th</sup> and that some of the proceeds will go to the Community Trust for the school. Also Community Trust and the Friends of the Library are holding a free concert at the VIA Hall on February 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Mayor Darla Lauer wants to set up time to be at the VIA Hall for the citizens to talk one on one, and wanted to know if any other commissioner wanted to do it also.

**M. ADJOURNMENT 8:45pm**

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DARLA A. LAUER/MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

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LAURA GOODEARLY, CITY CLERK

**APPROVED FOR LEGALITY AND FORM:**

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SCOTT E. SIMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY

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