

CITY OF OAK HILL

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
234 South US Highway 1
Oak Hill, FL 32759
(386) 345-3522



January 11, 2016

6:00PM

MINUTES

A. OPENING

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

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Gibson, Vice Mayor Bracy, Commissioner Livingston, Commissioner Bittle, Commissioner Hyatt.

B. PRESENTATIONS – Mayor's City Address

The mayor stated during 2015 your city commission was very busy with many issues. The City continued free annexations. Doing so has led to eight Annexations into the City. An official zoning map was approved, after 20 years without one. Sunrise Park was purchased from the J.R. Vann Family for \$125,000 and grants were obtained for the purchase by Planning Solutions, to offset the cost to the City. The contract with the Volusia County Sherriff for police services in Oak Hill at the cost of \$565,000 was renewed. The City hired a part time Code Enforcement Officer, entered an agreement with CMA, Inc. to bring internet, TV, and phone services into the City at a fair rate soon to be available to the citizens and City requested that Volusia County put infrastructure, water, and sewer, for Oak Hill into its Capital Improvement Plan. 415 acres on US1 was rezoned to industrial; this will include 70% of the property used as conservation and Agriculture with the 30% industrial building located in the center of the property. This was completed even though there was outside intervention and misinformation given to our citizens. The Oak Hill Kitty Committee began efforts to reduce feral cats within the City. They have successfully spayed and/or neutered 85 cats. Also within this year Wood Ave was resurfaced at a cost of \$32,000 and repaired a hole on Lazy Z Ln. for \$13,000. After several years without a city representative on the Volusia Growth Management Commission Mark McGee was appointed. The building department has been busy with 8 new residential houses built. The City has also completed a Brownfield Assessment 1 & 2 of the old public works building.

During the upcoming year the Commission will be faced with several issues that were not completed in 2015. The commission plans to accomplish the following: Start a brown-field assessment for the old Kelly's bait property and create a redevelopment plan for the old public works building. The Commission will continue to find ways to reduce property tax for the citizens. To review and finalize the City Administrators contract and make the necessary corrections to the City Employee Manual. Find grants and apply for permits to replenish the shoreline at Sunrise Park. Enter an agreement with Volusia County, Edgewater, and NSB to obtain a plan to im-prove water quality of the Lagoon. The plan is needed to obtain grant monies to remove septic systems from along the river. The City is continuing efforts to bring water and sewer to citizens. Look to resolve issues of non-conformity for several property own-ers. Complete the Inter Local Boundary Service Agreement with the County, as it is needed for future annexations and services. The City's will have an upcoming election of 3 seats. Mayor, seat 2, and seat 4. Through the year is-sues will come up that the commission will need to address and citizens input will be needed. Please come to our meetings and let your voice be heard

C. CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Review of the Bills and Paid Interim Bills for December 14, 2015, December 29, 2015 and January 11, 2015

NONE

2. Joint Workshop with Community Trust and School Board

The City Administrator reminded everyone about the joint workshop tomorrow January 12, 2016 at 6:00PM

3. Boat Mooring Workshop January 25, 2016 at 5pm.

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4. Volusia Leagues Dinner March 24, 2016

The City Administrator stated the Commission needed to choose a venue for the March Volusia Leagues dinner meeting.

After a short discussion the Commission chose Sugarmill Golf Club.

5. ECHO Grant reimbursement – Sunrise Park

The City administrator stated the City received the reimbursement check from ECHO for Sunrise Park.

6. Request to change River Road signs to River Drive

The City Administrator stated that the Volusia County Emergency dispatch requested the signs on River Road to say Road Drive; after research she has found that the legal descriptions on that road state the name as River Road. She went on to request permission from the Commission to ask the County to please acknowledge that road as River Road.

The Commission agreed to send the letter.

D. CITY ATTORNEY NON AGENDA ITEMS

E. VOLUSIA COUNTY SHERIFF ITEMS

F. CITY PLANNER ITEMS.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. County property 185 North US Highway 1

The Mayor stated this item came to his attention through Geraldine Clinton whom works for the doctor; he stated although the City does not own the property and therefore there is little that the city can do. He went on to state he sees the need for this facility and he thinks the City should request the property be donated to the City.

Vice Mayor

Donia Dewees 240 Adams Street,

Derwin Smothers, Gary Avenue. Bert Fish Trust

The Commission agreed by consensus to send a letter to request the County donate the property to the City.

Geraldine Clinton, Clinton Ranch, thanked the Commission for their help in keeping this important facility open.

2. Reasonable Assurance Plan

The City Administrator stated this plan is part of the Volusia County Water Quality Plan as a step to begin to improve the water quality of Mosquito Lagoon and other bodies of water in Volusia County. Another benefit of creating the Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP) is to work along with the Department of Environmental (DEP) services to implicate steps to help Mosquito Lagoon recover from past pollutants and algae blooms. The City Administrator stated, working with DEP now before the Lagoon is deemed impaired, will show that the Cities and County are committed to improving water quality and have already taken steps to protect the waters, therefore avoiding possible fines and stricter regulations. This plan will cost a total of \$378,000 with the City of Oak Hill's portion being \$25,000 that can be made in three payments.

The Vice Mayor stated he feels it is not fair for the County to require this plan as a condition of the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement.

The Mayor stated this plan will open up future funds for the removal of septic tanks here in Oak Hill and the rest of Southeast Volusia County.

Motion: To approve entering the agreement for the Reasonable Assurance Plan after the wording in regards to funding and change orders is clarified., Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Livingston, Seconded by Commissioner Hyatt.

Motion passed unanimously.

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CITY GOALS

Annexations

Road Repair – Culvert at E Halifax and S Gaines

Motion: To approve the quote from and give the City Administrator up to \$5000.00 to rectify the issue, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Hyatt, Seconded by Vice Mayor Bracy.

Motion passed unanimously.

Water and Sewer

K. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EZDA (Enterprise Zone Development Agency) - Change to Economic Development Director

Mike Arman

Mike Nicotra

Waterfront Committee

PLDRC (Planning & Land Development Regulation Commission)

Parks and Recreational Advisory Board

L. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (NON AGENDA ITEMS)

Derwin Smothers, updated the commission on the sale of Bert Fish.

Theodore Prindle stated there is still a hole in front yard from FPL.

Jane Andrews, US Highway 1

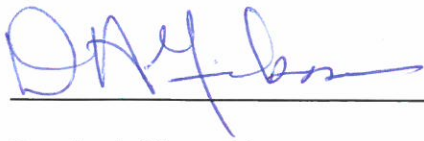
M. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Livingston, citizen turning 100 years old and

Mayor stated the City should create a proclamation for Sheriff Ben Johnson for his 40 years of service.

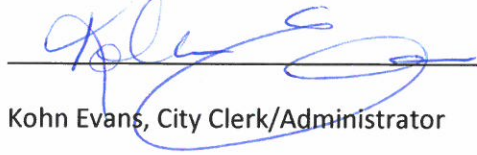
The Commission agreed.

N. ADJOURNMENT – 7:00PM

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Douglas A Gibson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kohn Evans, City Clerk/Administrator

Note: In accordance with Resolution 2006-17, a three (3) minute time limitation per speaker will be imposed. A speaker may address the Commission for a maximum of three (3) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, and for a maximum of three (3) minutes during any specific Agenda topic. Pursuant to Florida Statute 166.041 (3) (A), if an individual decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that individual will need a record of the proceedings and will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.