

TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 3, 2016
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Angela Thomas, Councilmen; Eddie Cole, Rodney Daniels, and Theo Washington.

STAFF: Attorney Joseph Morrell, Roger Dixon, Chief Administrative Officer, Abu Canady, Public Works Director, Rod Bargaineer, Recreation Director, Joseph Jenkins, Deputy, Sherron Fort, Special Assistant, and Cathlene Williams; Town Clerk. **ABSENT:** Katrina Gibson, Finance Director.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM-**Vice Mayor Thomas called the Council Meeting to order at 7:36 PM., a quorum is established.
- II. **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Pastor Critton led the Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; Vice Mayor Thomas opened the meeting to **Citizen Participation.**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-

Maye St. Julien, in my research on St. Johns Water Management District, the organization is in trouble on their management style, the Governor had to get involved; citizens need to be aware that we must be concerned about our Town, and whether we are being treated fairly. Council need to ensure that our citizens are getting all the information that we need, before a law is passed, because an Ordinance is a law.

Michelle Fort- 515 Lemon Street- I am all about conserving resources, but if we are going to do water conservation, let's look at getting the citizens educated, we are all here for the greater good, some lawns may take more water than others, I am planting a garden, and need to water at least 3 times a day, let's get educated on this before it comes for a vote. How much water does Eatonville consuming as a Town, does it fluctuate by month, landscaping is 30% of the water usage, but not a lot of that is done in Eatonville, we all can work together on this, I think we can use different options, like rain barrels; this information should be available. **Councilman Cole;** indicated that in his research there is data taken, in the future when we have Ordinances, that we have data

associated with the Ordinance; there would be no penalties associated with this Ordinance if I passed it tonight. In referring back to the comment made by Ms. St. Julien to put information in the water bills.

Vice Mayor Thomas- the watering consists of things that are not agricultural; such as grass, and flowers, with the Ordinance it's up to the Council and Code Enforcement would allow a resident to water more than (30) days; a copy of this Ordinance is available for your review, it does address agricultural. If this Council decides we want this to be a different day other than Sunday, we can adjust that, no fines or penalties will be assessed to anyone until they get the full education of this Ordinance. Section (4) landscape irrigation, it gives several options to use; the Ordinance does not say it will give a fine if the water is not used correctly; it is for the conservation of water, we will do workshops to educate the residents, not all residents come to Council meetings, or read the flyers; it is up to this Council to honor the Oath that we took, to do what's best for the Town of Eatonville; no Council member will do anything that is detrimental to the Town residents.

Mr. Dixon- most of the cities are participating in this water Ordinance; there are water shortages in Florida; all of the legislative organizations that are responsible for this conservation are trying to come up with different options to avoid the water shortages. As mentioned by Vice Mayor Thomas, you have exceptions for conserving options for certain types of growing that you may have, please take advantage of this. This Ordinance will not be activated until we believe everyone is fully educated; we will have flyers, on the website, in the water bills, the information will be given to the residents.

III. AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY

- A. Discussion by Winter Park Health Foundation-** Program and Project overview. **(WORKSHOP ONLY).**
- B. Discussion of Hungerford Property request for Proposal, (RFP). (WORKSHOP ONLY).**

V. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Approval of the second reading of Ordinance #2016-2, Implementation of the Water Conservation Rule for Landscape**

Irrigation of the St. Johns River Water Management District. (Administration). PREAMBLE READ BY TOWN CLERK- AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER CONSERVATION RULE FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR VARIANCES FROM THE SPECIFIC DAY OF THE WEEK LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **No further discussion, PREAMBLE READ BY THE TOWN CLERK. Motion by Vice Mayor Thomas, motion failed for lack of a second.**

- B. Approval of first reading of Ordinance #2016-4, amending current water & sewer connection and services fees. (Public Works).** Mr. Canady explained that this Ordinance deals with connection fees for new construction; the fees are based on the current Ordinances, we are charging half of what the Town should charge in terms of our costs; we only modified the section of the Ordinance related to our fees; based on what it cost us to make those connection fees. Councilman Cole asked if we have put anything in place to get this information out for new construction. Mr. Dixon indicated that it is the responsibility of the developer/contractor to be aware of this information, which is a part of their building packet. Mr. Canady indicated this information will be on the Town's web site. **Motion by Councilman Cole, motion seconded by Councilman Washington; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

PUBLIC PERIOD- NONE

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the April 19, 2016 Town Council Minutes. (Clerk's Office).**
- B. Approval of the April 27, 2016 Emergency Meeting Minutes. (Clerk's).**
- C. Approval of Proclamation for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2016, Orange County.**

- D. Approval of Resolution #2016-13 establishing a Canvassing Board for Special Election. (Administration). MOVED TO COUNCIL DECISION.**
- E. Approval of Development Agreement between the Town of Eatonville and Host Dime. (Administration). TABLED.**
- F. Approval of Personnel Policy Amendments, Section 1100. (Administration). TABLED, until the 5/17/2016 meeting as recommended by Councilman Cole.**

Motion by Councilman Cole to approve the Consent Agenda with items (E & F) being tabled, and item; (D)being moved to Council Decision; the motion was seconded by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, Motion Passes.**

VII. COUNCIL DECISION

D. Approval of Resolution #2016-13 establishing a Canvassing Board for Special Election. Councilman Cole indicated that the canvassing board is a very strong job, for the first time; Ms. St. Julien is trained, Mr. Dunn, it was his first time on the board; I would love for Ms. Maye St. Julien can start teaching Ms. Brooks, the canvassing board is real touchy, I have much respect for you, personally for me, I would not want to put you in that situation, I want her first experience to be a lasting experience. Attorney Morrell stated that he is at the Supervisor of Elections during the election, they provide guidance for the canvassing board. Vice Mayor Thomas replied that with her experience and tenacity I don't believe she would have too hard of a lesson to learn; with Attorney Morrell, Ms. Cathy, and staff from the Supervisor of Elections there for guidance. Ms. Brooks; a licensed insurance agent, just moved back to the Town, 4th generation, I learn very fast. Councilman Washington asked Ms. Wright her length of time on the canvassing board; she replied for 8 years; Mr. Dunn has been on the board one (1) year. Councilman Daniels stated that Ms. Brooks will be able to do this task, under the leadership of Ms. St. Julien, to show her what to look for. Vice Mayor Thomas stated she trained under Ms. St. Julien on the Historic Preservation Board, she is a good mentor, the Town Attorney will also be there. Historically the canvassing board has only two (2) as stated by Attorney Morrell. Vice Mayor Thomas entertained a motion to have Ms. St. Julien, Tanisha Brooks, and Derrick Dunn on the Canvassing Board. The motion failed for lack of a second. Motion by Councilman Daniels, to have Ms. St. Julien and Ms. Tanisha Brooks on the Canvassing Board for the Special Election; the motion was seconded by Councilman Washington; **AYE:** Councilman Cole, Councilman Daniels, and Councilman Washington; **NAYE:** Vice Mayor Thomas, **MOTION PASSES.**

VIII. STAFF REPORT

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL/ATTORNEY REPORT

Councilman Cole- introduced C2M nutrition to the Council and audience. They are a new business in the Town; 213 W. Kennedy Boulevard, we have had a few citizens from the Town to visit, they have been very supportive, and we are here to bring a healthy Eatonville. They are open Monday – Saturday; 7 am-1 pm- re-open 4-7 pm. With respects to street closure for the Caribbean festival as asked by Councilman Cole to Mr. Bargaineer; replied he has given Caribbean festival deadlines to get back with him on which is within a week, he will update Council on this. Councilman Cole requested a copy of all rentals from the Denton Johnson Center; the gym and cafeteria for our staff, the purpose of the rental, for the last two (2) years. In regards to the Special Council meeting on April 27, 2016 to fill the vacancy of Seat 5, on June 21, 2016; in reference to Section 13, of the Town Charter, an Interim appointment of the Mayor should happen, and schedule a Special Election. I have put my name in to run for the final two (2) years of Seat (1); if its two (2) years, and for the record, you are always innocent until proven guilty. We need to go ahead and deal with the appointment of an Interim Mayor as stated in the Charter. I have collected enough signatures to qualify for the election, just want to thank everyone.

Councilman Washington- should we appoint someone tonight for the Interim Mayor? Attorney Morrell stated the Charter says appointment of an interim Mayor, but does not say how soon it has to be done. In regards to Winter Park Health Foundation, not sure of their purpose, they keep coming back trying to get another contract through this Council, she discussed things that the Administration should be doing.

Councilman Daniels- thank Anthony, he had to leave, but he is pretty much in my house everyday help my daughter; there are three (3) young men that I pour myself into. Do we still have the Winnie Mount scholarship, and if so how much money is there, can we support these young people with the scholarship money, maybe help them with a book. Also I would like to see if we can get our Council packages earlier maybe Tuesday or Wednesday, a lot of information to read, may have questions for Administration, this is just a suggestion. The minutes, in my comments where I stated I wanted to be Mayor someday; Ms. Davis always stated that the minutes are so important to your history to see what you were thinking a lot of my comments are not in the minutes; my first sentence I stated, I don't want to be egotistical, lets write the minutes as stated with all the information. Want to thank Ms. Fort and Ms. St. Julien for giving their comments on the water ordinance; we should educate our citizens first, and to save water, I am all for that, to have quality water for my family. The audience may see me on my i-phone; not being disrespectful, I am actually looking at the Council Agenda; we have to come up to technology as former Mayor Mount stated; I am always in favor of i-pads or some type of form of saving paper. I like the comments from Winter Park Health Foundation on community driven projects, it should be a Council driven process on how we do things, will save time on us being here until 9PM, we can get with our CAO with this information, or whomever is here at that time, Council can't talk with one another, outside of the sunshine law. Thank everyone for coming out.

Attorney Morrell- NO REPORT

Mr. Dixon- in regard to the 7 story building being considered by Host Dime as mentioned by Councilman Cole; simultaneously what is going on now is we are doing the Comprehensive Plan, and LDR to be amended, which will come to the Town Council; the Hungerford property will have their own Land Development Codes. As a matter of information, in terms of water

conservation, although the Ordinance failed for lack of a second; the Ordinance is intended as a synergy for the entire Florida, not just for Eatonville. Will look into getting lap tops for Council; will work on getting the Council packets out as suggested by Councilman Daniels.

Vice Mayor Thomas- I don't think this Board or Council will do what our Oath says to do what is best for the Town, not for an entity or a person.

ADJOURNMENT- Town Council Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by



Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk