

TOWN COUNCIL  
**MINUTES**  
FEBRUARY 2, 2016  
7:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Grant, Vice Mayor Angela Thomas, Councilman Rodney Daniels, and Councilman Theo Washington. **ABSENT:** Councilman Cole.

**STAFF:** Attorney Joseph Morrell, Roger Dixon, Chief Administrative Officer, Abu Canady, Public Works Director, Sherron Fort, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Joseph Jenkins, Deputy, Eric McIntyre, Chief of Police, Katrina Gibson, Finance Director, and Cathlene Williams; Town Clerk.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM- **Mayor Grant called the Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM., Pastor Critton led the Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Grant** expressed with deepest sympathy to Mr. Williams Billy's family, Mr. Billy was a part-time member of the Town of Eatonville's staff, a long-time resident, very active in the community he passed yesterday, he will certainly be missed.
- II. **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. **Financial Quarterly Update. ( WORKSHOP ONLY)**
- IV. **DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY**
- V. **PUBLIC HEARING**
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. **Approval of January 19, 2016 Town Council Minutes.**
  - B. **Approval to sale M26 Taser equipment that is no longer serviced by Taser International Inc., and to purchase the live scan finger print machine.**
  - C. **Approval of Legal Advisor Services with J. Edwin Mills for the Eatonville Police Department.**
  - D. **Approval of Walk-In-Bill Payment Service Station at the Post Office. (MOVED TO COUNCIL DECISION).**

In regards to Item **(C)** on the Consent Agenda, Councilman Washington asked if Administration will come back to Council with a Budget amendment; Mayor Grant responded Yes. Vice Mayor Thomas requested Item **(D)** be moved to Council Decision.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Thomas, Motion seconded by Councilman Daniels to approve the Consent Agenda, with item (D) being moved to Council Decision; AYE: ALL, Motion Passes.**

## **VII. COUNCIL DECISION**

**D. Approval of Walk-In-Bill Payment Service at the Post Office.** Motion by Councilman Daniels, seconded by Councilman Washington; With regards to security, Councilman Daniels asked will there be security at the Post Office, now that we are putting in this pay station? Mr. Dixon replied that, a bullet proof window will be installed at the Post Office, the front and back doors will be secured and this will be brought back to Council. **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

## **VIII. STAFF REPORT**

## **IX. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL/ATTORNEY REPORT**

**Councilman Washington-** NO REPORT

**Councilman Daniels-** Prayers' for Mr. Billy's family; in regards to the Zora Festival, the concert was great, but received numerous complaints about the pricing, garbage cans, would like to have a meeting with someone from Zora to go over these issues.

**Vice Mayor Thomas-** in regards to the contract with Preserve Eatonville Community (PEC) and the 2016 Zora Neale Hurston Festival; I had a telephone conference call with Mr. Chad McKendrick and Roger Dixon, (CAO) on Monday, February 1, 2016 in reference to the breach of contract with PEC. I received a telephone call from Deputy Jenkins on the amount of money received from Zora; which was in breach of the contract. As the liaison, and Council person, is to advise Council that there was a breach of contract, the contract states that if any part of the contract was breached by PEC, it's up to the Council to ensure that our police officers are paid in full, which is due by February 19, 2016, however since they are in breach of the contract, I am requesting payment in full, ASAP. I am requesting that a letter from the Town go out tomorrow, Wednesday, February 3, 2016 demanding payment in full no later than 5 PM on Thursday, February 4, 2016 if not, under the direction of the Town Attorney that we file a lawsuit against PEC, and in the contract they are responsible for all legal fees. During our conversation, Mr. Chad indicated that he would be asking the Council to have me replaced, fell as though I am not fair.

**Mayor Grant-** Presentation on Departments, to keep Council up to date on projects; where we are, and where we are going; we will be presenting this to Council on a quarterly basis. None of these projects would be possible without the support of the Town Council. The Host Dime project, we will be closing over the next three (3) weeks, we had challenges with Orange County School relocating the bill board. The CRA Board has given approval for the Town to renovate the old police station, and turn it into a career center, we have the highest unemployment rate, and we need to do something about that. We have contacted Rhodes & Brito to do the design conceptual; we are anticipating August or September for completion. The Zora Museum, a five (5) year capital improvement project, I will be appointing an advisory committee, in which I will

ask Councilman Cole to Chair, we will be asking the Tourist Development Board for funding. The Council authorized a Contract for an extension of the School Board property until June 2015 to sell that property, RFQ should be going out this week. Two lawsuits have been dismissed by Council; Zora Neale Hurston and Hungerford Trust. One million dollars will be contributed to Hungerford Trust. We are asking FDOT to totally renovate Wymore Road and Kennedy Boulevard with red brick, and light poles. The Town's web site should go on line this week. Code Enforcement hearing Attorney and Magistrate, RFP's will be going out. Mayor Grant read a letter from Ms. Clarice Hopkins, regarding the great customer service help she received from; Ms. Smith, Ms. Persaud, and Mr. Canady, Vice Mayor Thomas following up my request to get this issue resolved. Mayor Grant thanked staff for their help with the Black Mayors the past week-end, we rolled out the red carpet for them, and they were quite impressed and felt Welcomed.

**Attorney Morrell-** waiting for the general release from the judge regarding PEC lawsuit.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

NONE

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-**

**Louissteen Cummings-** Catalina Park, the project is going good, but something needs to be done about the holes. Mayor will have Mr. Canady take a look at them.

**Rosalyn Burgmon-** why haven't we tried to get our own zip code; Mayor responded, in 1995 we petitioned the United States Postal Service with Corrine Brown; zip codes are by population growth according to Federal Law.

**X. ADJOURNMENT-** Council Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.



**Respectfully Submitted by:  
Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk**