



MICANOPY, SEMINOLE CHIEF

Minutes

Town Commission
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Tuesday • April 11, 2017 • 7:30 pm

1. Call to Order: 7:30 pm
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
3. Roll Call:
Commissioners Attending:
 - Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor Pro-Tem Present
 - Troy Blakely Present
 - Virginia Mance, Mayor Present
 - Timothy Parker Present
 - Mike Roberts Present

 - Debbie Gonano, Town Administrator Present
 - Stephen Lee, Town Attorney Present
 - Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Present
4. Consent Agenda Approval:
 - A. Agenda Approval
 - B. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 14, 2017
 - C. Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Parker) to adopt the consent agenda as submitted; passed 5-0
5. Guests:
 - A. Phil Howell, Code Enforcement & Arborist – Phil Howell presented his credentials
He has provided site plan review, code enforcement and periodical consulting arborist services for the Town of McIntosh for approximately ten (10) years and has over 15 years' experience working with codes and enforcing them. As an independent service provider and former City of Ocala bureaucrat, it has been his objective to serve the citizens interests as delineated by duly adopted policies and codes. He is an ISA certified arborist since 2004 and is interested in providing his services to the Town of Micanopy. Discussion ensued regarding liability insurance and potential problems that may arise from hiring a consultant.
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to allocate \$5,000.00 to have Mr. Howell's service available to the Town for tree permits and code enforcement;
Motion and second (Aufmuth/Roberts) to table this motion until next month; passed 5-0
6. Citizen's Forum:
 - A. Sabine Dickel, SE Tuscawilla Rd, when the Town searches for services it should be on the website.
 - B. Megan D'Andrea, W Smith Ave, discussed an issue that was brought to her attention by an elderly person who tripped on the side walk in front of Savino Antiques and it is dangerous. Mayor Mance explained that the sidewalks are the property owners' responsibility.
7. Citizen Board and Committee Reports:
 - A. Planning & Historic Preservation Board – David Massey, Board Member, is present but doesn't have a report.
 - B. Tree Committee
 1. Tree Committee Report – Paul Cohen, Chair, gave report. They did not have a quorum but did talk about the logistics of getting an Ad Hoc Committee together. Ad Hoc Committee's only purpose is to choose trees for the third Island downtown. Wild Spaces Public Places money is available.
 2. Downtown Island Ad Hoc Committee – Possible members: Grace Fuller, Ginny Beam, Paul Cohen, Matt Palumbo, and Jerry Morris are potential members. The Committee is not formed at this point.
 3. Tree Festival, Micanopy Tree Alliance Group, is planning an event for June 3, 2017. Mayor Mance stated that the

group must receive permission from the Town Commission to plant trees on public land and to hold an event with streets closed.

4. Paul Cohen questioned what the restoration funds for the Micanopy Native American Heritage Preserve are? This subject is a line item on the Tree Committee agenda since he became a board member. Mayor Mance is not sure what it is but Mike Campbell may have knowledge. Mr. Cohen will remove this line item from their agenda.
5. Mr. Cohen would like a list of trees that you're concerned about. Mrs. Gonano will email him the list that Duke Energy provided.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to move Chief Modican up from item #9a to now; passed 5-0

- C. Chief Modican, Micanopy Fire Department, has an issue that needs to be addressed rather quickly. They have two diesel pumps on the back of the tanker truck, this pump is dangerous to the person pulling it. One pump will replace both of the current pumps. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to replace the pump for the cost of \$4750.00; passed 5-0

Mayor Mance thanked Chief Modican for his exemplary service. Captain Lawrence is being awarded fire fighter of the year here tomorrow at noon, it is a surprise, and his family will be here to congratulate him. Mayor Pro-Tem thanked everyone for their service.

8. Town Attorney Report: Attorney Lee gave report discussing that home rule is being challenged very seriously. Mayor Mance encouraged everyone to email our legislators to discuss your views with them.
9. Town Administrator Report:
 - A. Chief Modican, Fire Department – See above
 - B. Occupational License – Paid finally.
10. New Business:
 - A. Scheduled Joint BoCC/Micanopy Commission Meeting May 30 @ 7:00 pm
Mayor Pro-Tem Aufmuth stated that every time we have a joint meeting with the Alachua County Commission we talk and then they do whatever they want. This is an opportunity for our citizens to discuss with the County Commission. This meeting will be noticed on our website, bulletin board, and emailed to citizens.

Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Blakely) to schedule the joint BoCC meeting on May 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm to be held in the Micanopy Commission Chambers; passed 5-0

- B. WSPP BoCC Matching Funds Partnership Project – The County has a WSPP matching grant and has ear marked \$85,000.00 for the Town of Micanopy. We can apply for this matching grant if interested. Discussion ensued with many questions. ***Workshop date set for May 2, 2017 – 6:30 pm.***
- C. Town Informational Kiosk Design – Mrs. Gonano presented.
Public Works are able to build the Kiosk to replace the existing one on Town right-of-way near the Micanopy Post Office. Commissioner Blakely questioned if this can be drawn up architecturally which will answer any questions that may come up. Discussion ensued. The Kiosk will be property noticed and a public hearing will be held at the next Planning & Historic Preservation Board meeting.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to approve the kiosk design and to spend up to \$500.00 on a replacement kiosk; passed 5-0

- D. Fees for Ball Park Use – Discussion ensued regarding the \$20.00 per evening charge for use of the ballpark with lights. The only people paying a fee are the softball group currently playing and they have already paid \$160.00 to play using the lights. Other citizens are utilizing the ballpark while the lights are on for the softball players. Currently there is no fee for use of the Basketball court and Tennis court lights. Mayor Mance suggested lowering the fee for our residents and tax payers. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Parker/Blakely) to leave the lights on until 8:00 pm if they are required without charging them;

Motion made and seconded to amend the above motion (Parker/Blakely) to amend the fee for use of park with lights to \$10.00 per night; passed 4-1 (Mance opposed)

- E. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center (WMSCC) Request for Liaison for This Board – Pastor Stokes presented.
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to appoint Mayor Mance as the liaison to the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center (WMSCC) board; passed 5-0

11. Unfinished Business:
- A. RFP Town Attorney – Advertised in Bar News (4/15 & 5/1)
Scott Walker, present, submitted an RFP and he wonders if procedurally does he need to reapply? Mayor Mance stated that his RFP should be sufficient if he is happy with it. Attorney Lee suggested that he should submit a letter stating that he is still happy with his RFP.
 - B. Water Plant
 1. Well Casing Video – Resultant Iron Deposits. Town Administrator Gonano presented.
The well was drilled through iron deposits and we have iron in our water. The well casing is in great shape. The water starts at 60’ and it ends at 178’. The pump is lower than the casing and after the camera was below the casing it is in rock with a reddish color. The last 12’ it is real clear water. We meet every test monthly and she wants everyone to know that we operate to DEP standards and there is no reason that anyone should be afraid of the water. Julie Glenn, N Division St, would like the Town to educate the residents on the safety of our water as some may not understand. She would like the Town to replace peoples lead pipes and is begging us to replace pipes if people cannot afford the burden. Mayor Mance stated that it is the property owner’s responsibility to maintain their own property.
 2. RFP Engineered Schematic of Water Plant – Town Administrator Gonano presented.
Now that we have checked the well casing we can move forward with the water plant schematic.
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Parker) to move forward with the RFP; passed 5-0
 - C. Recreational Opportunities (Soccer Shots, Pickleball, Softball) – Mayor Mance presented.
Josh Hamilton works with other municipalities and schools and would like to offer soccer shots utilizing our ball fields. The fee would be \$100.00 per child for a 10-week program and he would provide everything except the bathrooms and ball fields. The Town will receive a percentage or we can establish a daily fee.
Motion made and seconded (Parker/Blakely) to accept the program.
Discussion ensued.
Motion made and seconded to amend the above motion (Parker/Blakely) to accept the program, asking for more details, and having Attorney Lee draw up a contract; passed 5-0
 - D. Citizen Committee Applications
 1. Diana Cohen – Tree Committee – Mayor Mance thanked Ms. Cohen for her application and many years of service to the Town and has earned her relaxation. Mayor Pro-Tem Aufmuth stated that she has a family member on the same board.
 2. Judy Galloway – Planning & Historic Preservation Board
 3. H. Grace Fuller – Planning & Historic Preservation Board

Commissioner Blakely stated that we had previously passed an Ordinance changing the Planning & Historic Preservation Board from a 7-member board to a 5-member board and this ordinance was omitted when we updated the Land Development Code (LDC). He would like the Commission to reconsider a new ordinance changing the board to a 5-member board. Mayor Mance tabled this discussion until our next meeting. Grace Fuller stated that she is disappointed because she sat through 2 meetings and it was tabled twice.
 - E. Micanopy Great American Clean-Up Follow Up
Tires: 3.92 tons
Metal: 2.45 tons
Bulk Waste: 14.43 tons
Hazardous Waste: 1.96 tons
12. Town Commissioner Reports:
- Commissioner Joseph Aufmuth: Thank you for attending
 - Commissioner Troy Blakely: Nothing
 - Commissioner Timothy Parker: Appreciated the increase in citizens’ participation and input is welcome.
 - Commissioner Mike Roberts:
 1. Middle Island – the oak tree has a telephone line growing through the limb. Paul Cohen stated that he will look at it tomorrow.
 2. Discussed Ed Glover St where it changes to Charlie Ave, the pavement ends, and wonders if the Town can pave this? Mayor Pro-Tem Aufmuth stated that we shouldn’t pursue this as it is a County road.
13. Mayor Ginny Mance Report: She really appreciates everyone here, the ideas, and the participation. She appreciates and looks forward to hearing good news from Alachua County Sheriff Department. Thank you, Mr. Walker, for being here.

14. Adjourn: 10:15 pm

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ as amended _____ at Town Commission Meeting _____

Virginia Mance, Mayor

Patty S. Polk, Recorder