



Minutes

Town Commission

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday • July 8, 2014 • 7:30 pm

1. Call to Order: 7:30 pm
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
3. Roll Call:
Commissioners Attending:
 - Joseph Aufmuth Present
 - Michael Berkowitz Absent with notice
 - Virginia Mance, Mayor Pro-Tem Present
 - Richard Shutterly, Mayor Present
 - Mike Roberts Present

 - Debbie Gonano, Town Administrator Present
 - Stephen Lee, Town Attorney Absent with notice
 - Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Absent with notice
4. Consent Agenda Approval:
 - A. Agenda Approval
 - B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 10, 2014
 - C. Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports
Motion made and seconded (Mance/Aufmuth) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 4-0
5. Citizen's Forum:
 - A. Sabine Dickel, Tuscawilla Rd, thanked the Town for a great July 4th event, great parade and fireworks, and she heard from others that it was better than ever.
 - B. Layton Glenn, Division St, discussed different banks and Certificate of Deposit (CD) rates for funds and stated that he believes that the Town could be getting better rates than they currently are getting. He gave 6 printed copies of his findings to the Town Commission. Town Administrator Gonano responded again, as in previous meetings, that public funds do not pay the same interest rates as private funds. (*Town Administrator Gonano investigated every bank and bank rate presented by Layton Glenn. Not one of the banks presented at the meeting by Mr. Glenn would honor advertised rates for public funds or would even accept public funds.*)
 - C. Ginny Beam, Tuscawilla Rd, Fireworks were extra good this year and the accompanying patriotic music is great.
6. Guests:
 - A. Matthew Surrency, Mayor of Hawthorne – Boundary Adjustment Act – The ‘Boundary Adjustment Act’ title was revised to ‘Alachua County Urban Reserve Act’. The purpose of the act is to promote long-term planning for municipal annexations within Alachua County by establishing a procedure to designate urban reserve areas for each municipality. The proposed act would allow municipalities to annex only land that is located within its urban reserve area. Discussion ensued. Town Commission asked that Mr. Lee review the document prior to signature.
 - B. Richard Powell, CPA – Presentation of the Annual Financial Report F/Y Ended September 30, 2013 – Mr. Powell had a scheduling conflict and was unable to attend. He will report at the August meeting. The audit is posted on our website.

- C. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Growth Management – 1 % Transportation Sales Surtax Interlocal Agreement (ILA) – Discussion ensued. If the amendment is passed by voters in November, it is estimated that the 8-year term will bring in approximately \$200,000 a year for Micanopy to be spent on the Town’s transportation (street) project list. ***Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Mance) to approve the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with an amendment to include consideration of a rural transit project; passed 4-0***
- D. Troy Blakely – Amend Land Development Code (LDC) to allow open-air sales – Troy Blakely presented his desire to allow outside commodity sales and discussed Section 6.15.01 of the LDC that is presently in place and does not permit open-air sales. The code should also permit residents to advertise on their properties. The issue came up after a verbal complaint was filed at town hall. Mr. Blakely suggested that a formal policy should be in place to file complaints.

The consensus of the citizens present was to allow produce sales in Micanopy as it benefits everyone.

Mayor Shutterly is in favor of a workshop to discuss this topic in more detail. Commissioner Mance discussed the LDC and need for a workshop to allow for produce stands in Micanopy and suggested that current vendors be grandfathered in to allow these types of sales. Commissioner Aufmuth likes the idea of grandfathering this in until a workshop can be scheduled. This would apply to vendors who have been selling produce for a long time. Commissioner Roberts discussed the need for produce stands in Micanopy, and we should rewrite the LDC to make it friendlier for the people of Micanopy.

A joint workshop was planned with the Planning & Historic Preservation Board on August 19, 2014 – 6:30 pm to discuss allowing produce stands.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Aufmuth) to allow the current long-term vendors to continue with their produce stands without requiring a license or fee until a permanent conclusion is reached; passed 4-0

- 7. Citizen Board and Committee Reports:
 - A. Planning & Historic Preservation Board – Fro Warren gave a verbal report covering events from the June 24, 2014 P&HPB meeting
 - B. Tree Committee – Not present
- 8. Town Attorney Report: Absent with notice
- 9. Town Administrator Report:
 - A. Buy-Out Ricoh Copier Lease – Our lease on the office copier is going to expire soon and Ricoh will supply a buy-out amount, which Town Administrator Gonano would like to accept.
- 10. New Business:
 - A. Sabine Dickel, Samuel “Billy” Mountain, and Tim Parker - Applications for Service on P&HPB
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Mance) to table this decision until our next meeting; passed 4-0
 - B. 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget and Millage Rate – Mayor Shutterly presented and discussion ensued. Town Administrator Gonano discussed the requirement of the Commission to accept the millage rollback rate if they did not intend to increase the millage rate. Town Administrator explained that, once decided and voted on, the rate advertised on the mailed TRIM notices can always be lowered, but never increased.
Motion made and seconded (Mance/Aufmuth) to accept the roll-back rate (8.2545) as submitted; passed 4-0

A budget workshop was scheduled for August 12, 2014 – 6:30 pm prior to the regular Commission meeting.

- 11. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Derelict Housing Status:
 - 1. Total Derelict Houses Demolished = 5
 - 2. Total Derelict Houses Planned for Demolition = 5
 - 3. Derelict Houses to be Considered for Demolition = 2
 - a. 303 W Smith Avenue
 - b. 301 SW 3rd Street
- Commissioner Mance is recusing herself, as the property located at 301 SW 3rd St is owned by her daughter. Commissioner Aufmuth suggested removing 301 SW 3rd Street from the current demolition list until Attorney Lee is able to be present during discussions.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to postpone the property at 301 SW 3rd Street; passed 3-0 (Mance recused)

Town Administrator Gonano expressed her opinion that the house should be left on the current demolition list, but that Ms. Mance should file an appeal for extension of time with the Town Commission sitting as the Appeals Board for Dangerous Buildings and Hazardous Land. Commissioner Mance explained that the derelict house would be slated for removal as soon as legal proceedings are finalized in 'quieting the title.'

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to move forward with 303 W Smith Ave; passed 3-0 (Mance recused)

12. Town Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Joe Aufmuth stated that he has been deep in thought the past month about the poor manner in which he felt that the Mayor had treated him at the last meeting, and he offered a motion for the Commission to remove Mr. Shutterly as the Mayor.

Commissioner Mance seconded this motion for discussion purposes only.

Mayor Shutterly rebutted Commissioner Aufmuth's accusations. Mayor Shutterly expressed his utmost respect for Commissioner Aufmuth's opinions, but the Mayor felt that Commissioner Aufmuth's recent facial expressions and some comments during the meetings were disrespectful to the Mayor, as chair.

Commissioner Mance discussed the different gifts that all the Commissioners bring to the table. Commissioner Mance stated the need for all the Commissioners to focus on what is best for the Town.

Commissioner Roberts stated that the Town is very fortunate to have both Mayor Shutterly and Commissioner Aufmuth on the Commission.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Mance) to have Mayor Shutterly removed from the position as Mayor; Motion failed; vote of 1 – 3 (Mance, Shutterly, Roberts declined)

- Commissioner Mike Berkowitz: Absent with notice
- Commissioner Ginny Mance: Commissioner Mance thanked the residents for the opportunity to be a commissioner and hopes to be serving the residents in future years.
- Commissioner Mike Roberts – The drainage is doing well down by the ballpark and our maintenance crew is doing a great job.

13. Mayor Richard Shutterly Report: Discussed the proposed pre-engineered steel maintenance shop/garage building out back and the options available to move forward with this project. It seems that the only solution to satisfy Mr. Lee, as town attorney, is to hire a contractor to take responsibility and build the entire building. Should we send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for bids to have this building built?

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Aufmuth) to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) package for the new storage building and put the request out for bid; passed 4-0

Readdressing the issue concerning Commissioner Aufmuth, Mayor Shutterly apologized for any unintended insults to either Commissioner Aufmuth or Julie Penrod-Glenn.

14. Adjourn: 9:45 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ as amended _____ at Town Commission Meeting _____

Richard Shutterly, Mayor

Patty S. Polk, Recorder