



Minutes

Town Commission

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday • August 9, 2016 • 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
 - Virginia Mance, Mayor Present
 - Timothy Parker Present
 - Mike Roberts Present
 - Richard Shutter, Mayor Pro-Tem Absent with notice

 - 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 July 12, 2016
 - C. Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to approve the consent agenda as submitted; passed 4-0
5. Guests:
 - A. Rory Causseaux (CHW) – Alachua County Proposed Storm Water Treatment – Mr. Causseaux presented the manual at length discussing the sources of nitrogen, the need to remove nitrogen from the water, why it's necessary, using Biosorption Activated Media (BAM) to remove nitrogen, cost of BAM, and more.
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to discuss the proposed letter re: Alachua County Proposed Storm Water Treatment under New Business Section 11D; passed 4-0
6. Citizen's Forum (public comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker, please)
 - A. DeDe DesForges, NW Seminary Ave, School is about to open and she is concerned with traffic flow on Ed Glover Street and the ball park road and questioned if an alternative route has been developed. Mayor Mance has been in contact with MACS director, Brenda Maynard, and they will advise parents to take a different route.
 - B. Conner Lassiter, Community Garden, in response to the storm water presentation earlier, wood chips or charcoal would be a better method to filter storm water.

Thank you for being so responsive to the Community Garden which has had ups and downs with membership. As far as needed redesign, it would be a good idea to lessen the number of beds, widen the lanes between the beds for mowing purposes, and to plant more trees. Mayor Mance asked Lassiter if he's aware of the limitation to the amount of land that the Town has dedicated to the garden or the fact that the space had already been exceeded; but Lassiter was not aware of these facts. The Mayor pointed out that some trees have already been planted outside the designated garden area and may infringe on the use of this parcel for parking during the Fall Festival. Lassiter discussed a grant which would help with purchasing trees and the new design would be within the area dedicated

to the garden. Basically, Mr. Lassiter wanted to know what the Commission expected and what the participants wanted to do.

Additionally, Conner stated that he recently learned a lot about Roundup and they are finding connections between use of the chemical and cancer, autism, allergies, Parkinson's disease, etc. Mayor Mance interrupted Conner reminding him that there is a 5-minute limit to citizen's forum to which he responded that the Mayor had taken up a lot of his time, perhaps commenting on the original scope of the approved Community Garden. He would hope to put a moratorium on the use of Roundup especially in the park where children are playing. Mr. Lassiter ended stating, "There, that's my five minutes."

- C. Sally Stein, Micanopy Tutoring, Lives in Gainesville and commutes here Monday thru Thursday to volunteer as the Director of the tutoring program. She thanked the Commission for their financial support in past years and asked for a \$1,000 donation for the current year. The money means a lot, and it shows that the community is willing to help. This is a budget item and is already approved. The program offers tutoring to children Kindergarten through 12th grade, with most of the children having low or failing grades when they enter the program. The program has been successful in raising a high percentage of the grades to B averages.
- D. Jerry Morris, NE Chokolka Blvd, is concerned with vehicles driving dangerously fast on Chokolka Blvd. Mayor advised him to call the Alachua County Sheriff's Department to report this problem.
- E. Bob Tuskin, resident who responded 'no thank you' when requested to give his address. Mr. Tuskin stated that he is a local activist and father with a four-year-old and often visits the playground. Mr. Tuskin detailed an incident that he specifically remembers on "April 3, 2017" he witnessed the town maintenance crew spraying an herbicide (commonly known as Roundup) directly into the sand on the playground while his son was actively playing there. Per Mr. Tuskin, the EPA estimates the life of Roundup (Glyphosate) at between 3 – 130 days. Mr. Tuskin complained that there was no notice posted that the chemical had been sprayed on the playground and expressed concern because his son gets sand in his mouth and on his skin which gets brushed into his car. Mr. Tuskin requested that spraying of the herbicide be abolished, or at the very least, notice provided to users of the playground. He suggested that it would not be outlandish to have the maintenance crew have a little good old fashion work and pick weeds with their hands. Mr. Tuskin accused the Mayor of being rude and smirking at his suggestion to which the Mayor responded that she was sorry that he felt that way. Town Administrator Gonano suggested that we could hold a community service day where the kids who actually enjoy the park could participate by pulling weeds. Tuskin suggested that this can go one of two ways: we can have negative publicity to a national audience for the Town of Micanopy or we can have positive publicity for the city showing that we took firm action on this matter and are not going to allow our children to potentially be poisoned. Mayor Mance thanked Mr. Tuskin for his concern and conciseness, and stated that the Town will look at alternatives and/or close the playground while spraying Roundup.

Additionally, Mr. Tuskin stated that fluoride 'dumbs down our children,' and he necessitated that the Town of Micanopy remove fluoride out of the Town's water supply. Town Administrator Gonano informed Tuskin that fluoride is not added to our water.

- F. Holly Morris, NE Chokolka Blvd, is concerned with the Fire Department coming out of the fire house with their sirens going late at night, which is inconsistent with past procedure as they used to wait to turn the sirens on until they reached Hwy. 441. Town Administrator Gonano will discuss this procedure with our Fire Chief.

7. Citizen Board and Committee Reports

- A. Planning & Historic Preservation Board – Don Duer gave verbal report.
 - Approved a variance for two accessory buildings without a primary use structure and variance for one rear set-back.
 - Micanopy Historical Preservation Trust gave a nice presentation regarding restoration of the Montgomery Wall and possible solutions.
- B. Tree Committee – Unavailable
 - Discussed open tree permits, meetings, and minutes from the committee.

8. Ordinance (First Reading) – None

9. Town Attorney Report – Nothing to report

10. Town Administrator Report

- A. 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget/Rollback Millage Rate 5.9463 Mills
 - 1. Preliminary Budget Hearing Date – September 12, 2016 – 6:00 pm
 - 2. Final Budget Hearing Date – September 26, 2016 – 6:00 pm
 Commissioner Aufmuth complemented Town Administrator Gonano on the budget summary presentation which has come a long way. Copies of the budget message were passed around to the citizens present at the meeting, can be made available to the public via email, available in the office, and online. Mayor Mance complemented Mrs. Gonano for her work trimming our budget over the past three years, expressed that the budget report is an extremely impressive report, it is comprehensive, concise, and it could be used for an advertising pamphlet. Thank you very much.

- B. ISO Rate Reduction Plan Acceptance – Approved by ISO, however, they will evaluate the plan over the next year to see if it properly addresses the requirements. We need a vote on purchasing pagers for the off-duty fire fighters. ***Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Parker) to approve the purchase of 5 pagers for the ISO plan; passed 4-0***

Attorney Lee questioned if we have a written acceptance from ISO and does the County agree with this plan? He is concerned with the County’s continued monetary support. Town Administrator assured him that we have the written agreement and acceptance.

- C. GIS mapping has been completed by Florida Rural Water showing all water meters, streets, size of the lines, where the valves are, and fire hydrants, etc. The mapping book and wall map are available to view at Town Hall. Commissioner Aufmuth discussed overlay maps and additional data can be very useful to the Town.

11. New Business

- A. David Massey Application to Planning & Historic Preservation Board (Seat #4) – Discussion ensued. Mayor Mance questioned Mr. Massey if he will have the ability to follow our code even if the decision goes against the grain of the applicant. He understands that there is some interpretation in the code and it has to fit the code and every person counts. ***Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to approve the application for the Planning & Historic Preservation Board; passed 4-0***

- B. Sale of Parcels #16520-021-001 & #16520-002-004 (NW 7th Terrace) – Town Administrator presented. The Town owns two lots and the commission may want to consider joining these parcels together and selling them to get them back on the tax rolls.

- C. Traffic Signals Maintenance and Compensation Agreement Renewal 2016/2017. ***Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to approve as submitted; passed 4-0***

- D. Alachua County Storm Water Management Letter – Mayor Mance presented explaining that the letter is prepared on behalf of the municipalities in Alachua County: Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, LaCrosse, Newberry, Micanopy, and Waldo, in response to the County’s proposed Storm Water treatment manual. All parties involved are concerned with water quality and Storm Water in this area, but want to have fully researched the issues and implications of the County’s proposed ordinance for the present and the future. Rory Causseaux (CHW) gave a very detailed presentation and raised a lot of potential issues. It may not be a good home rule course of action. The County is only looking at one possible solution which is Biosorption Activated Media (BAM). ***Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Roberts) to direct Mayor Mance to sign the letter asking for more information; passed 4-0***

12. Unfinished Business

- A. Ordinance No. 2016-05 Trees Discussion – Discussion ensued regarding the changes requested by concerned citizens. Mayor Mance discussed the proposed canopy protection zone, tree permit time restraints, property owner rights, and more. Commissioner Aufmuth suggested having another tree ordinance workshop in October. Tree Ordinance workshop set for October 11, 2016 – 6:30 pm to discuss a copy of the tree ordinance as it is now and a copy of the notes Mayor Mance has from the July 19, 2016 tree ordinance workshop.

- B. F/Y 2016 Cycle – Grant Administrator Selection & CDBG Application – Town Administrator Gonano questioned who the commission would like to have submit grants on the Town’s behalf: Summit Professional Services, June 14, 2016 presentation or Fred Fox Enterprises, July 12, 2016 presentation. ***Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to go with Fred Fox Enterprises as he has great experience, has worked for Micanopy before, and is doing a great job for Hawthorne; passed 4-0***

13. Town Commissioner Reports:
- Commissioner Joseph Aufmuth: School is back in session – Drive carefully.
 - Commissioner Timothy Parker: Appreciates the GIS map and would like it digitized.
 - Commissioner Mike Roberts: Ricky Dale and Dennis Allen have contacted him and would like to pick up where they left off with revitalizing the recreation program. They have some leads on grants and would like to be added to the September agenda to discuss this matter.
 - Commissioner Richard Shutterly: Absent with notice.
14. Mayor Virginia Mance Report: She met with Dottie from the Alachua County Health Promotion and Wellness Coalition (HPW); they have a drug awareness program. The Mayor directed them to the senior and tutor programs, as well as the elementary and middle schools. It is always a pleasure to be here with you all. Goodnight.
15. Adjourn: 10:05 pm

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ as amended _____ at Town Commission Meeting _____

Virginia Mance, Mayor

Patty S. Polk, Recorder