



Minutes

Town Commission

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday • October 14, 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 Present
 - Virginia Mance, Mayor Pro-Tem Present
 - Richard Shutterly, Mayor 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 'Open Air Sales' Workshop and Regular Meeting both held on September 9, 2014 and Tentative and Final Budget Hearings held on September 8, 2014 and September 22, 2014 respectively, and the US Water Contract Special Meeting held on September 22, 2014.
 - C. Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports
Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Berkowitz) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 5-0
5. Guests:
 - A. Michael Fay, Alachua County Communications Director Moving Alachua County Forward 1% Transportation Sales Tax - Mr. Fay presented and is happy to answer any questions. If this amendment is passed by voters, a project list which was previously developed with certain criteria will be required to be used. No questions were asked of Mr. Fay.
 - B. John Martin, Candidate Alachua County Commission, presented his campaign for County Commission Seat #4 which will be in his area of Hawthorne. Mr. Martin thanked the Town of Micanopy for helping them with the Fire Department, as Micanopy had loaned Hawthorne our fire truck and our fire department personnel when they needed help. Mr. Martin stated that he is uniquely qualified for the County Commissioner position as he knows how small towns operate.
6. Citizens Forum:
 - A. Ken Cornell, Candidate Alachua County Commission, presented his campaign for County Commission Seat #4 and why he is the best candidate for Seat #4. Mr. Cornell is a UF graduate and has been a business owner for 18 years, has been married longer, and has two grown sons. He thanked the audience for giving him a few minutes of time.
 - B. Bud DesForges, NW Seminary Ave
 - Complimented the fall decorations in front of Town Hall.

- He is not happy with the water billing policy of charging landlords for water and solid waste removal to clean up after a renter moves out. The commission will add this subject to a future agenda.
- The veterans' memorial is in progress downtown.

7. Citizen Board and Committee Reports: None Available

8. Town Attorney Report:

- Regarding water rates, Mr. Lee reported that Hawthorne had been presented with a law suit due to water rates. Mr. Lee advised that we obtain a rate study to back up any policy. Florida Rural Water Association will do a rate study for free.
- Commissioner Aufmuth stated that there is an ethics training class scheduled for December 2, 2014. Mayor Shutterly stated that the training requirement begins on January 1, 2015 and will be offered annually at no charge by the Florida League of Cities.

9. Town Administrator Report:

- A. Buy-Out GE/Ricoh Copier Lease – Town Administrator Gonano negotiated with Ricoh for a buy-out cost of \$1,600 (down from \$2400) to purchase the machine, and she estimated that a service contract would cost about \$1,000 per year.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Berkowitz) to purchase the Ricoh copier; passed 5-0

- B. Citizens Board Member Term Expirations – Two members of the Planning & Historic Preservation Board, one term on the Tree Committee Board, and two Code Enforcement Board Members' terms are expiring. Should we send out letters notifying people of term expirations? We have already received two applications for the Code Enforcement Board, Troy Blakely and Steve Elder.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Mance) to approve Troy Blakely and Steve Elder, who applied for the Code Enforcement Board; passed 5-0

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Mance) to send board members who have expiring terms letters notifying them of the need to reapply; passed 5-0

- C. Wild Spaces Public Places Funds – Installation of Bat Houses – A representative for Bat Houses will be attending our November meeting with a presentation.

- D. Water Plant Generator and/or Town Hall Complex Generator Installation – Should we pursue additional quotes?

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Mance) to move forward with hooking up the two generators; passed 5-0

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Aufmuth would support putting the generator on the Shuffle board court as they are not used and are a slip hazard. Mayor Shutterly would like to have the shuffle board courts removed and then put a generator in a better spot. Commissioner Roberts stated that the cost of placing a generator between the buildings will be very expensive.

- E. Rainbow Play Systems of Florida – Playground Equipment – David Holton believes that he can repair the equipment before the festival. Commissioner Aufmuth stated that if a hazard comes up in the future, don't hesitate to shut it down and fix it to avoid a hazardous situation.

- F. Financial Audit F/Y 2013/2014 – Our audit is coming up in October, and we are doing well. Commissioner Aufmuth congratulated Town Administrator Gonano on a year of service, she has found ways to save money for the Town, and there is good morale in Town.

10. New Business:

- A. DEO – Evaluation and Appraisal Notification Letter – Informational

- B. Pastor Stokes – Request to Rename Division Street to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street – Debbie Gonano presented the letter from Pastor Stokes. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Roberts) to deny this request as Hwy 441 is already named for Dr. Martin Luther King; passed 3-2 (Aufmuth and Berkowitz opposed)

Commissioner Aufmuth would like more historic information on the original naming of Division Street. Possibly we can recognize both Division Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Street. He would rather table this discussion and wait for a possible solution after investigating the historical facts.

Commissioner Berkowitz would be hesitant to make a change until more information on the origination of the name 'Division Street.' Mayor Pro-Tem Mance stated that after receiving Pastor Stokes' letter in early September, she spoke with John Thrasher about the original naming of the street, and Mr. Thrasher said that he would investigate the matter. The street may have been named for the Fort, and the archives may have the answer. Commissioner Roberts recalls that several streets have had name changes in the past and the history of the original names is lost; and he doesn't like it. Librarian Beth Allerton wanted to remind everyone about the sidewalk issue and the community's profuse outpouring of sentiment regarding leaving Micanopy as it is.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mance read the last paragraph of Pastor Stokes letter regarding a memorial walk the church would like to have which would bring awareness and a sense of community to Micanopy. Mayor Pro-Tem Mance will contact Pastor Stokes to give him the go ahead for the walk and Town Administrator Gonano will send him an email.

11. Unfinished Business:

- A. Thrasher Warehouse Lease Addendum – Attorney Lee provided an addendum to our current lease. The first part provides that the Town will pay the water utility, electric, and termite inspection.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Berkowitz) to adopt the amendment to the Thrasher Warehouse lease; passed 5-0

- B. FMIT Insurance Asset Survey - The asset list from FMIT has a very high premium for the Thrasher Warehouse II building and it is up to the Commission to self-insure or not. Commissioner Roberts and Town Administrator Gonano adjusted the asset list, and Town Administrator Gonano would like to use the adjusted list for insurance.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Berkowitz) to adopt the adjusted list as submitted by our Town Administrator; passed 5-0

- C. Status of RFP – Structural Red Iron Steel Maintenance Shop/Garage – Proposals due 11/11/2014

We have four companies who have provided us with letters of intent. As Town Hall will be closed on Monday, November 10, 2014 in observance of Veterans Day, the letters of intent are due 11/11/2014.

12. Town Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Joseph Aufmuth:

- Handed out a letter from the Micanopy Trust for Historic Forts & Battlefields. He would like to be an ex-officio member of this board representing the Town Commission.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Roberts) to have Commissioner Aufmuth represent the Town Commission as requested; passed 5-0

- The building at the Micanopy Native American Heritage Preserve which is empty or used for storage may be requested for use as a museum.

- The committee would like the Town to sponsor their group until they can obtain 501(c)3 nonprofit status. Attorney Lee stated that doing this would expose the Town to responsibilities and taxes.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Berkowitz) to direct Commission Aufmuth to let the group understand the complexities of their request and to have the groups contributors give them letters of intent until the group is formally established; passed 5-0

- Commissioner Mike Berkowitz: Nothing today
- Commissioner Ginny Mance: Wish the Fall Festival all the best
- Commissioner Mike Roberts: Nothing today

13. Mayor Richard Shutterly Report: Debris and leaves are gone and the roads look great.

14. Adjourn: 9:00 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ as amended _____ at Town Commission Meeting _____

Richard Shutterly, Mayor

Patty S. Polk, Recorder