



Town Commission - Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Mayor Aufmuth called the meeting to order 8:26 pm

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

3. Roll Call

Minutes:

Commissioners Attending:

- Troy Blakely Present
- Jiana Bradshaw, Present, Newly seated
- Judy Galloway, Present, Newly seated
- Virginia Mance, Mayor, Present
- Mike Roberts, Mayor Pro-Tem, Present
- Kiersten Ballou, Attorney Present
- Sara Owen, Town Administrator Present
- Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Present

4. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Mance) to approve the consent agenda as submitted; passed 5-0

a. Agenda Approval

b. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 8, 2022

c. Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports

5. Swearing in of Commissioners and Annual Organizational Meeting

Minutes:

Now retired Mayor Aufmuth handed the meeting and the gavel over to Administrator Owen.

a. Commissioner for Seat 1 takes Oath of Office

Minutes:

Administrator Owen swore in our new commissioner for seat #1, Judy Galloway.

Applause all around with many smiles.

b. Commissioner for Seat 2 takes Oath of Office

Minutes:

Administrator Owen swore in our new commissioner for seat #2, Jiana Williams.
Applause all around and many smiles.

c. Annual Reorganizational Meeting

Minutes:

Administrator Owen called for nominations for Mayor
Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Galloway) nominated Commissioner Mance for Mayor.
Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Galloway) to close nominations for mayor; passed 5-0
Nominations closed.
Congratulation Mayor Mance
Administrator Owen handed over the gavel to our new Mayor Mance. Mayor Mance called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem
Motion made and seconded (Mance/Blakely) to nominate Mike Roberts as Mayor Pro-Tem; passed 5-0
Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Galloway) to close nominations; passed 5-0
Mike Roberts is our new Mayor Pro-Tem.

6. Guests

a. Lena McNeer, Alachua County Library District

Minutes:

Lena McNeer, Micanopy Librarian, had to leave early, she left some flyers about Alachua County Truth and Reconciliation Essay Contest. For more information go to <http://www.aclib.us/researching-racial-injustice>

7. Citizen's Forum

Minutes:

*Sally Chapel bought the little red story house. She came to this meeting to introduce herself.
*Sandy Tyson congratulated the new commissioners. She does not like all of the campaign signs and they should be limited.
*Bishop Stokes congratulated Commissioner Galloway and Commissioner Bradshaw. He discussed a negative anonymous letter that was circulated during the campaign.
*Marian Baron congratulated the commissioners.
*Margaret discussed the desire to rename Division St to Unity St which will be brought to the commission in the future. She talked about a bulletin board at Shady Oak and it is a nice board.
*David Massey discussed the political signs and you cannot restrict them. The bulletin board near the post office is a community bulletin board.

*Stanley Strobles daughter is proud of her heritage. The anonymous letter angered her.

*Carol Young congratulated our new commissioners.

*Wendi Lin stated that today is international womens day.

*Bud DesForges hoped everyone enjoyed the food. Our new commissioners have a lot to learn but will have help from Town staff and others in town.

*Stephen Eisenman congratulated the new commissioners.

*Stanley Strobles encouraged the new commissioners to serve for at least 25 years. Commissioners must have a vision and work hard towards it even though it is very hard.

*Tim Marden, Newberry City Commissioner, there is a bill going through Tallahassee to put on the ballot "single member district" to vote on county commissioners. This will be heard on the 7th floor on Thursday, if the commission would like to send a letter. Other cities have sent letters already. Mr. Marden will wait in the hall if anyone would like to ask him questions.

*Deborah Hart is against the anonymous letter. She thanked Bishop Stokes for all he has done for this community and apologized to him for the letter even though she didn't have anything to do with it.

*H. Grace Fuller has an idea that possibly an adhoc committee can be formed with Tim Parker as the chair to discuss water issues and planning.

*Joe Aufmuth commented that now Mitthauler & Associates can bid on Town jobs.

*Marian Baron discussed the amendments that were not on the ballot that should have been. Attorney Ballou stated that the reason that the Charter referendum wasn't on the ballot was because we had an issue with the supervisors of elections , dead lines, and language for the referendum and what was legally sufficient. The commission can hold a special election or piggy back on the upcoming elections.

8. Citizen Board and Committee Reports

a. Planning & Historic Preservation Board

Minutes:

Chair Warren presented a verbal report. The minutes from our January 22, 2022 meeting were tabled until our next meeting. Organizational meeting resulted in Chair Warren maintaining his seat as well as Vice Chair Baron maintaining her seat. The shed next door is still in limbo and will be addressed soon. New business Dakota Johnson resigned. Unfinished business Jail designation, the site of the water plant/jail is designated local historic. Marian Baron added to the report she recommends a registered licensed engineer should inspect the jail. Discussion ensued.

b. Tree Committee

Minutes:

Paul Cohen gave a verbal report. They will have a tree planting at Micanopy Academy on March 18, 2022 for Tree City USA. Next tree committee meeting

9. Town Attorney Report

Minutes:

Attorney Ballou discussed Ordinance 2021-05 regarding nonconforming lots and variance review. Based upon the edits we had in the last meeting regarding this issue, there are 8 sections in the Land Development Code (LDC) that would need to be altered. Attorney Ballou stated that this is very extensive and our attorneys can continue to work on this with additional billing or the Town can hire a land planner to review the LDC.

10. Town Administrator Report

a. Pay Increase for Lieutenants of Micanopy Fire Rescue

Minutes:

Duke Energy is going to start tree trimming per our Vegetation Management Plan.

Administrator Owen explained that when wages increased recently, the lieutenants pay did not receive the correct increase.

Discussion ensued. Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Williams) to increase the wages as submitted, retroactive from February 1, 2022; passed 5-0

11. New Business

a. Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation

Minutes:

Mayor Mance read Proclamation in entirety and will sign it and forward it onto the Daughters of the American Revolution.

b. Agreement between Town of Micanopy and Micanopy Athletic Association

Minutes:

Administrator Owen presented the agreement between the Town and the Micanopy Athletic Association. Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Roberts) to leave the contract as is and make edits later; passed 5-0

c. Donation of Gazebo and Park by Friends of the Micanopy Library

Minutes:

The Friends of the Library have offered to donate the Gazebo to the Town.

Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Galloway) to accept the Gazebo with the knowledge that we will have a survey and title search; passed 5-0

Mayor Pro-Tem Roberts recommends getting 3 survey quotes to include one from George F Young.

d. Arbor Day Proclamation

Minutes:

Mayor Mance read the Arbor Day Proclamation in entirety and will sign it and forward it onto the tree committee.

12. Unfinished Business

a. Tree Removal

Minutes:

Administrator Owen presented 3 estimates for tree removal .

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Blakely) to go with the Wood Dr as recommended

Amend above motion (Galloway/Blakely) to include stump grinding not to exceed \$2000 total; passed 5-0

13. Town Commissioner Reports

a. Commissioner (Seat 1) Galloway

Minutes:

Commissioner Galloway is very happy and overwhelmed and will live up to her promises. Eddie Glover was her father and the first black commissioner in Micanopy. She is very proud to be able to sit here and represent the Town of Micanopy. Thank you for the opportunity and to the other commissioners for such a warm welcome.

b. Commissioner (Seat 2) Williams

Minutes:

Commissioner Williams said thank you to the Town of Micanopy, especially to all the neighbors who helped, and stood by her. Thank you thank you thank you.

c. Commissioner (Seat 3) Ginny Mance

Minutes:

Mayor Mance stated that this is a beautiful night and she looks forward to this every year. She is always in admiration for the fact that the reason they sit here is for these people. She is always in awe of the mayors seat.

d. Commissioner (Seat 4) Troy Blakely

Minutes:

Commissioner Blakely stated that H. Grace Fuller discussed water issues that Tim Parker was striving to correct and Tim may be able to help us on a committee designated to water.

e. Commissioner (Seat 5) Mike Roberts

Minutes:

Mayor Pro-Tem Roberts stated that letters went out about him the first time he ran for commission. Tim Parker has much information regarding water. Micanopy is a family of a town and we do try to do what's best for Micanopy. Congratulations on your new positions Commissioners.

14. Adjourn

Minutes:

Mayor Mance adjourned the meeting at 10:40 pm

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