



**Town Commission  
Special Meeting  
Independence Day Celebration – Fish Fry  
Thursday • June 24, 2021 • 6:30 pm**

**Minutes Special Meeting**

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1. Call to Order: 6:35pm

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

3. Roll Call

*Commissioners Attending:*

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| • Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor         | Absent with notice |
| • Timothy Parker, Mayor Pro Tem | Present            |
| • Virginia Mance                | Present            |
| • Troy Blakely                  | Present            |
| • Mike Roberts                  | Present            |
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| • Sara Owen, Town Administrator | Present            |
| • Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk | Present            |

4. Agenda Approval

***Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Mance) to approve agenda as submitted; Passed 4-0***

5. Independence Day Celebration – Fish Fry – Sara Owen & Patty Polk presented

The Thrasher Warehouse Board has decided not to host the fish fry at the Independence Day Celebration this year. Since the event has been advertised in Micanopy and surrounding communities, the decision for the Town to sponsor the fish fry is proposed to the Commission.

*Citizens present: Bud DesForges, Dan Young, and Cheryl Roberts.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker stated that he thought a representative from Custom Caterers would be here today and Patty Polk responded that they are working in Alachua today and could not attend. Polk went onto present that in your packet is the proposed menu and that Custom Caterers are willing to cater the meal; we will pay \$10 per meal which we will sell for \$10 per meal.

Bud DesForges, Thrasher Warehouse Board, (554 NW Seminary Ave) discussed that in previous years they have sold between 125 and 325 fish dinners. In 2019 they sold 125 meals prepared and sold by Custom Caterers (125 was all the meals that were available).

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker read the recommendation in his packet of 125 – 150 meals and questioned if we should increase this number to 175 to 200 meals? Commissioner Roberts stated that that is \$2000 dollars. Commissioner Mance suggested increasing to 300 meals.

***Motion made and seconded (Mance/Blakely) to set the number of meals that can be offered by the cater meals to 300 meals;***

Bud DesForges stated that a representative should be here to answer questions. Dan Young, Thrasher Warehouse Board (101 NE Seminary Ave) stated that one of the stipulations this year from Custom Caterers was that they do not handle the money; they will prepare the meals and present them to whomever gives them a ticket. Patty Polk called Janina Dylla, Custom Caterers, and she is available on speaker phone. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker spoke to Janina and explained that we were discussing

increasing the proposed amount to 300 meals and Janina was agreeable with whatever amount we are comfortable with. Commissioner Roberts is not comfortable with the town spending \$3000 for 300 meals. Commissioner Mance stated that it is a gamble.

**Amend the above motion and second**

**Motion made and seconded (Mance/Blakely) to set the number of catered meals to 200 meals; passed 4-0**

Discussion ensued regarding left over food. Custom Caterers will box up any left-over food and the commission can decide how to distribute the excess.

Thrasher Warehouse Board will set up tables and chairs in warehouse II, will hang the fish fry banner, will bus tables, and take out all garbage. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker directed the Town Administrator to contact the Sky radio 97.3 to request a public service announcement (PSA) to advertise the fish fry.

**Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Blakely) to provide up to \$200 to purchase cleaning supplies for the Thrasher Warehouse Board;**

**Amend above motion and second (Roberts/Blakely) to amend the above motion to have town staff provide supplies; passed 4-0**

Signage discussion ensued. Sara Owen will order signs, put them up, and advertise for the event.

6. Florida League of Cities Annual Conference Scholarship – Sara Owen presented. The Florida League of Cities is offering scholarships to municipal officers serving small communities to attend this year's annual conference in Orlando, August 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due by July 12<sup>th</sup>, before our next regular meeting, and requires a letter from the commission nominating a representative. The nominated representative must submit a letter with the application stating how they would benefit from attending. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker would like to attend the conference.

**Motion made and seconded (Mance/Blakely) to nominate Tim Parker to be the commissioner to attend the conference and apply for the scholarship; passed 4-0**

7. Adjourn 7:26 pm

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**MINUTES APPROVED:**

As submitted  as amended  at Town Commission Meeting 13 July 2021

  
Joseph L. Aufmuth, Mayor

  
Patty Polk, Deputy Clerk