



Town Commission - Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

7:00 pm

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

3. Roll Call

Minutes:

Commissioners Attending:

- Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor, Present
- Troy Blakely, Present
- Virginia Mance, Present
- Timothy Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem, Present
- Mike Roberts, Present

Staff Attending:

- Kiersten Ballou, Attorney, Present
- Sara Owen, Town Administrator, Present
- Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk, Present

4. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

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

- Agenda Approval**
- Minutes of Tentative Budget Hearing of September 13, 2021**
- Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021**
- Minutes of Final Budget Hearing of September 27, 2021**
- Minutes of Special Called Meeting of September 27, 2021**
- Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports**

5. Guests

a. Lena McNeer, Alachua County Library District

Minutes:

Ms. McNeer provided a written report. Sign up for ACLD reads by visiting aclib.us/acldreads. Tell the library staff what you like to read and they will make

monthly recommendations via email.

6. Citizen's Forum

Minutes:

1. Stoney Slaton (104 NE Seminary Ave) is happy to see that the well is being drilled and that the Town is moving forward with it.
2. Bud DesForges (554 NW Seminary Ave) is a member of the Thrasher Warehouse Board and it was brought to their attention at their meeting last night that the live play on November 12 & 13 for the Bicentennial Celebration will need lighting as they will be performing two presentations in the evening. Mr. DesForges suggested that the Town, as the owner of the property, rent lights or convince the group putting on the event to put on matinees. Mayor Aufmuth directed Town Administrator Owen to work with the play committee to address these concerns and possibly urge them to consider matinees. Discussion ensued.

7. Citizen Board and Committee Reports

a. Planning & Historic Preservation Board

Minutes:

Planning & Historic Preservation Board – Fro Warren presented report

1. Special Use Permit Application for a Home Office was discussed and tabled until we have further information from our attorney.
2. The board would like to send a thank you to the presenters of the Certified Local Government (CLG) training. The whole board was appreciative of this important training.
3. Where are we with the changes the Commission would like to make to our board hearing variances? Mayor Aufmuth responded that the attorney will let us know under item 8, Town Attorney Report.

b. Tree Committee

Minutes:

1. They have been meeting via Zoom and it is going well.
2. Gary Ellis, Gulf Archaeology Research Institute (GARI) will research the sites of our tree planting at the Micanopy Native American Heritage Preserve (MNAHP) at no charge. Tree planting is planned for November 13th or December 22, 2021 and they would like everyone to attend. They invited Mayor Aufmuth to read the proclamation and would like to have a historian speak. Mayor Aufmuth recommended Joe Knish as the historian.
3. They are purchasing a live oak tree from Marshall Tree Farm.
4. At the previous Town Commission meeting a tree on NW Tangerine Street was discussed and Gary Hunt was concerned with the tree's future. No action was taken regarding this tree

8. Town Attorney Report

Minutes:

1. Home based businesses 559.955 Florida Statute, they are researching this issue as sections of the LDC are conflicting.
2. Changes to our LDC, Attorney Walker approved the Resolution today and it will

be presented at the next P&HPB meeting and then onto the Town Commission for approval.

3. The proposed letter addressed to Alachua County Department of Growth Management was received. Attorneys Walker & Ballou have reviewed it and Attorney Parker will review it before it is sent on.
4. Ethics Training November 18, 2021 at Folds & Walker 4 – 8 pm. They can also send a video transcript as well if you cannot make this date.
5. Very soon they will launch micanopy@foldswalker.com to make sending them an email easier.

9. Town Administrator Report

a. Florida Municipal Investment Trust

Minutes:

Florida Municipal Investment Trust – Jeff Blomeley and Jim Wolmack with the Florida Municipal Investment Trust (FMIvT) presented. Handed out packets full of information regarding investing with FMIvT, they have 3 bond terms with different maturing dates. Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Parker) to invest \$250,000 in the 1 – 3-year bond; passed 5-0

b. Resolution Number 2021-09, Authorizing the Town to Participate in the Florida Municipal Investment Trust

Minutes:

Resolution Number 2019-09, Authorizing the Town to Participate in the Florida Municipal Investment Trust- Mayor Aufmuth read Resolution 2021-09 on short title. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Parker) to adopt Resolution 2021-09 as presented; Discussion ensued. Attorney Ballou reviewed this resolution during the meeting and recommends making corrections to this document and bringing it back to the next meeting. Above Motion and second withdrawn (Mance/Parker)

c. Special Meeting for CDBG-CV Grant Application Process

Minutes:

Special Meeting for CDBG-CV Grant Application Process The proposed grant application is to provide the Micanopy residents with access to high-speed fiber. The CDBG-CV (Corona Virus) is a special funding cycle that has a strict scope of approved projects. After speaking with our grant writer, Fred Fox, it was determined fiber would be our only qualification. Special meeting dates are October 20, 2021 – 6:00 pm and October 27, 2021 – 6:00 pm. Mayor Aufmuth will be absent for the October 27, 2021 meeting.

d. Purchase of Agenda Software

Minutes:

Purchase Agenda Software – Administrator Owen explained that town staff has

reviewed an agenda meeting software called TownCloud to determine if the software assists with streamlining the agenda creation process and it does. Motion made and seconded (Parker/Roberts) to try the software for 6 months at a cost of \$75.00 per month; passed 5-0

10. New Business

a. Survey Quotes for Ballpark Property

Minutes:

Survey Quotes for Ballpark Property – Town Administrator Owen presented 3 quotes from local surveyors. 1. Deren Land Surveying \$1,100 2. 3002 Surveying \$1,200 3. George F Young, Inc \$2,925 Discussion ensued. Commissioner Mance stated that she usually chooses the most economical choice but in this case George F Young, Inc. is very thorough.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Roberts) to use George F Young, Inc. to survey the property; passed 5-0

b. Resolution Number 2021-10, Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Minutes:

Resolution 2021-10, Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement – Mayor Aufmuth read resolution 2021-10 in entirety. Discussion ensued. Administrator Owen that we are already in an agreement in 2000 and this will upgrade the previous agreement.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Blakely) to adopt Resolution 2021-10 as submitted; passed 5-0

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Blakely) to table the above motion until Commissioner Roberts returns; passed 4-0

c. Request for Public Access to Old Jail

Minutes:

Request for Public Access to Old Jail – Administrator Owen presented. Discussion ensued at length. Motion made and seconded (Parker/Blakely) to enclose the old jail with a fence compatible with the current fence;

Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Mance) to table this motion until we have more information on exactly where the fence will be; passed 5-0

d. Donation of Chief Micanopy Portrait and Bicentennial Event

Minutes:

Remzey Samarraai donated a lithograph of Chief Micanopy which the commission accepted at our February 2021 meeting. Administrator Owen recommends having the lithograph framed which will cost approximately \$1,200 which will include the portrait, script defining its significance, and placed on acid free backing and protective framing glass.

Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Mance) to have the lithograph framed as described not to exceed \$1,200; passed 5-0

e. Arbor Day Proclamation

Minutes:

Arbor Day Proclamation – Administrator Owen presented and discussion ensued regarding the date for Arbor Day and it can be any day in the year chosen by the Town.

This proclamation will be added to our November 2021 meeting.

11. Unfinished Business

Minutes:

None

12. Town Commissioner Reports

a. Commissioner (Seat 2) Tim Parker

Minutes:

He is glad to see that the commission is discussing preserving our jail. Looking forward to high speed internet.

b. Commissioner (Seat 3) Ginny Mance

Minutes:

The work David Holton is doing on the Fire Department is coming along and looking good; the fire personnel will have a much nicer environment. Working together to preserve and protect this town is an ongoing challenge. It's a pleasure to serve here as always. Thank you.

c. Commissioner (Seat 4) Troy Blakely

Minutes:

In a littler over two weeks our Fall Festival will be here. He is happy to see it coming back this year as it makes Micanopy a more popular place. There are a lot of folks to recognize for putting in all the hours needed to put on the festival. Thank you Bud & DeDe DesForges since you happen to be here to thank.

d. Commissioner (Seat 5) Mike Roberts

Minutes:

Having the meal upstairs is a great thing and he is looking forward to fellowshipping.

13. Mayor (Seat 1) Joe Aufmuth Report

Minutes:

Micanopy has been mentioned in articles in several different publications. The "Town that Time Forgot" is a popular place for folks to visit and it is not easy to preserve our town the way it is. People who live here have needs and want the town to grow. It is a delicate balance.

He thanked all the volunteers who help our town. Thank you Bishop Stokes and Bud & DeDe DesForges.

14. Adjourn

Minutes:

Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.

Adopted- November 9, 2021 Town Commission Meeting. Motion made and seconded (Parker/Mance) to approve the consent agenda as submitted; passed 5-0

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