

**REGULAR MEETING
LAKE HELEN CITY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010
7:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING of the City Commission of the City of Lake Helen, Florida was called to order by **Mayor Snowden** at approximately 7:30 p.m. Present were **Mayor Snowden, Commissioners Basso, Burton, Lane and Robbins**. Also present were **City Attorney Jennifer Nix, City Administrator Don Findell and City Clerk Nancy Wilson**.

A scout from Troop 590 led the Pledge of Allegiance

There were no deletions or modifications to the agenda

There were no Commission announcements for this meeting

MINUTES

Commissioner Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes for August 5, 2010

Commissioner Basso seconded

All zone Commissioners and the Mayor voted yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Basso made a motion to approve the bills from August 6th, August 13th, August 20th, August 27th, September 3rd

Commissioner Burton seconded

All zone Commissioners and the Mayor voted yes

BI-MONTHLY REPORTS:

City Engineer – no report

Local Planning Agency (PLDRC) – no report

Parks and Recreation Board – no report

PUBLIC FORUM

James Evans, 471 Pleasant Street, discussed an issue regarding noise at Faith Outreach Church located across the street from his residence.

Von Russell, Kicklighter Road, commented on the State Attorney's office

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION:

Consideration of request by Boy Scout Troop 590 to erect signage for their yearly Haunted House fundraiser

The Boy Scouts host a yearly Haunted House at Halloween as a way to raise funds for summer camp. They are asking the Commission's permission to place signs around town between the dates of October 23rd and October 30th to advertise the event.

Commissioner Basso made a motion to approve placement of temporary signs for the Haunted House during the dates mentioned
Commissioner Robbins seconded

All zone Commissioners and the Mayor voted yes

Consideration of request by Tony Troy to reduce the Roseville Subdivision bond amount.

The bond amount to secure all required subdivision infrastructure improvements is \$238,915. Mr. Troy has requested a reduction in the bond amount based upon a portion of the infrastructure improvements having been completed. The City Engineer has conducted a field review of the subdivision and has determined that required improvements have been completed (water, electricity, street lighting, telephone and cable). The City Engineer also determined that certain other required improvements (some stormwater system components, driveway access to individual lots, sidewalks, road stabilization and paving) remain to be completed. The City Engineer's estimate for the construction costs associated with the improvements remaining to be completed is \$47,000. The City Code requires that an infrastructure improvements performance bond be for an amount that is 110% of the City Engineer's estimate so the City Engineer recommends that, should the City Commission approve the request to reduce the amount of the performance bond, an appropriate bond amount would be \$52,000.

Commissioner Lane made a motion to approve Mr. Troy's request to reduce the performance bond to \$52,000.

Mayor Snowden passed the gavel to Commissioner Robbins who acted as Chairwoman for this item.

Mayor Snowden seconded

Zone 1/Chairwoman Robbins - no
Zone 2/Commissioner Burton - yes
Zone 3/Commissioner Basso - yes
Zone 4/Commissioner Lane - yes

Mayor/Mayor Snowden - yes

The gavel was returned to Mayor Snowden.

Consideration of request by Lloyd Flanagan to use the Equestrian Center for a bimonthly Farm Swap.

Lloyd Flanagan, who formerly ran Pierson Farm Swap, gave an overview of his Farm Swap. It is free to both vendors and shoppers; Farm Swap Market, LLC, foots the bill for associated expenses. The community supported farmers market concept has proven to be a huge success and Lake Helen is a perfect venue. They only sell agricultural and farm related products so flea market/garage sale items are not permitted. Their market brings the community together, is very family friendly and attracts people from all walks of life. In a time when we need to be more self-reliant, a farm swap introduces community members to those concepts. Aside from providing a community venue for productive and healthy activities, we will pay \$5 per vendor with a minimum of \$125 or 25 vendors, twice a month though we may only start with 10-15 vendors. After six months, as the event grows, we'll revisit this minimum. At the very least, you'll receive \$250 a month while offering a healthy, recreational and family oriented activity that will bring people to your city. They provide their own insurance, clean-up, advertising and have an inspector on site.

No action was taken on this item though what would be required for approval was discussed at length. The City has to get approval from Florida Communities Trust who provided the grant funds to purchase the property as to the permitted uses of the Equestrian Center property. Mr. Flanagan was invited to attend a workshop to discuss use of City facilities scheduled September 22, 2010.

Consideration of two applications for the open position on the Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission

Two candidates submitted applications for the seat vacated by Michael O'Laughlin, Alan Cooke and Sean Abshire. Both applicants spoke on their own behalf.

Heather Lindsey
222 Tangerine

Ms. Lindsey spoke against the appointment of Alan Cooke.

There were nominations for both applicants and a vote yielded 4 votes for Sean Abshire and one for Alan Cooke. Sean Abshire was appointed to the PLDRC.

Consideration of request for the City to maintain the property on 250 John Street

City Administrator Findell said the house is actually located on 342 John Street. Commissioner Robbins received a request from James Morris to clean up the aforementioned property. The property has been cleaned up twice and

there are two nuisance abatement liens on the property. Following a protracted discussion on this issue and in consideration of the fact that it is not a liability to the City it was decided to pursue this via traditional code enforcement processes.

Mayor Snowden interjected that a date needed to be established for the Workshop related to the City's fee schedule and expanded use of facilities. November 23rd at 7pm was set as the meeting date.

Consideration of the Southeast Volusia Humane Society contract for FY 2010/2011.

City Administrator Findell said that execution of this contract will make another animal impoundment facility available in addition to our currently contracted provider, Halifax Humane Society. Terms and costs are similar.

Commissioner Basso made a motion to enter into a contract with Southeast Volusia Humane Society
Commissioner Lane seconded

All zone Commissioners and the Mayor voted yes

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Discussion regarding Jane Tryzbiak's request to amend the Code of Ordinances

City Administrator Findell said that Ms. Tryzbiak would like the Commission to consider amending the Code of Ordinances to allow commercial weddings to be held on large lot properties such as hers. Commercial activities are not permitted in residential land use districts except through home occupation permits. The Commission's input is requested to determine if language to amend the home occupation ordinance will have to be enacted or another pathway created to implement her proposal. After considerable dialogue, Mr. Findell said this issue will be presented to the PLDRC after he confers further with Ms. Tryzbiak.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney – no report

Police Chief – no report

City Administrator – no report

Code Enforcement Officer – no report

MAYOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS BY ZONE

Zone 1/Commissioner Robbins – no report

Zone 2/Commissioner Burton – no report

Zone 3/Commissioner Basso reported on the Blue Springs Water Conservation Meeting he attended

Zone 4/Commissioner Lane reported on a meeting he attended at Daytona Beach International Airport hosted by John Mica about the next generation of air traffic control systems.

Mayor/Mayor Snowden – no report

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35pm

Buddy Snowden, Mayor

Nancy Wilson, City Clerk

