

**REGULAR MEETING
LAKE HELEN CITY COMMISSION
November 5, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Duffy

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Commissioner Lane. He read a prayer written by Thomas Jefferson followed by the invocation.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The City held an installation ceremony to swear in the newly elected Mayor and Commissioners. **Mayor Duffy** turned the meeting over to **City Attorney Groot** to conduct the swearing-in. He said it was an honor and a privilege to be part of the democratic process. Buddy Snowden took the oath of office and was sworn into his position as Mayor of the City of Lake Helen.

Mayor Snowden spoke about those in attendance who had influenced him throughout his life. "Seldom do you get a chance to recognize some people in public but I want to recognize some people who touched my life. When I was a youngster in Lake Helen, we didn't have a Little League or Boy Scouts. However, I was able to join 4-H because we were a rural agricultural town. My dad was eager for that because it was something that emphasized more work and less play. Mr. Larry Loadholtz taught me as a youngster the importance of learning about leadership, parliamentary procedure and public speaking. He encouraged and led me toward my first public speaking award and for that I am so grateful. He really inspired me, believed in me and I want to personally recognize Mr. Larry Loadholtz because he has inspired me and I learned so much through his mentorship, his love, his dedication and through his great support and belief in me. Another man, Mr. Darwin Bennett, is here. He was my Agriculture teacher. I had the privilege of spending four years with Mr. Bennett in high school. He picked up where Mr. Loadholtz left off in mentoring and inspiring me. I heard a story recently about a young man who had lived in Lake Helen in the 1970's who came back to visit and he remarked about how much he loved Lake Helen and what Lake Helen meant to him. While in high school he had wanted to take agriculture classes and wanted to be involved in the FFA as a young man. His dad wouldn't let him, though, because he didn't want to perpetuate the image of people in Lake Helen being 'a bunch of country bumpkins'. I can tell you that I learned more in those four years studying agriculture and through the FFA and it

has carried me further in life than many other endeavors. I owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Darwin Bennett. There are a couple other folks I'd like to recognize from my time at the sheriff's office - Howard McBride and Ralph Henshaw. When I was in the sheriff's office with Howard and Ralph, there were only a handful of deputies; there were perhaps 30 deputies countywide. We were on the leading edge of law enforcement and we had a lot to do with very few resources but we had good people. They watched my back and I watched theirs and I learned a lot. I appreciate the time that you spent with me, the encouragement that you gave me and the support and corrections when I needed them."

Mayor Snowden then thanked the pastors in the audience for their service to this community. "So much of what goes on in Lake Helen is influenced by our churches. I'm thankful for all the work they do." **Mayor Snowden** then asked Mr. Jerry Wilson to stand, and thanked him for his friendship over the years. "So many of you have impacted my life and I could go down the list and say kind words about each and every one of you. My pledge to you is that I will hold this office with pride and integrity. I will be a working mayor. I want to be here for you and I want to serve you in this capacity for the next two years. Thank you."

Mayor Duffy said, "With great pleasure, I present the gavel to **Mayor Snowden**. He's going to be a wonderful mayor for Lake Helen." She stepped down from the dais.

City Attorney Groot performed the swearing-in for **Commissioner Robbins**. She asked Betty Doherty to hold the Bible for her. Betty's husband Jack was a great supporter of hers. After being sworn in, **Commissioner Robbins** thanked everybody for coming. "I was elected to do a job and I will do it to my best ability."

City Attorney Groot next performed the swearing in for Rick Basso who asked **Mayor Snowden** to hold the Bible because it was his intention to work closely with him. He said he'd avoided this job for many years and he finally decided it was time. He thanked those who supported him. "I'm here for Lake Helen and will work very hard for the city I love. I'm going to work to keep the Lake Helen on the right path."

After introducing his wife, Pat, **Mayor Snowden** introduced the new City Commission of the City of Lake Helen.

The City Commission recessed for refreshments in the conference room on the first floor of City Hall.

Meeting was recessed at approximately 7:20 pm

Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:00 pm

DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

none for this meeting

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Robbins made an announcement that a memorial service for Bob Williams would be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Blake Memorial Baptist Church

MINUTES: September 3, September 17

Commission Burton said from the minutes of September 17, the statement “4,300 people were affected” should be changed to “4,300 families were affected” and “the disaster affected 15,000 people” should be added.

Commissioner Robbins made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented

Commissioner Lane seconded

All zones and the Mayor voted yes

CONSENT AGENDA:

Bills – November 5, 2009

Commissioner Robbins said one thing that concerned her was the Platinum Plus bill of \$6,537.46 that included repairs on the bus totaling \$5,026.56. It was split between two cards so that one was \$2493.75 and one was \$2532.81. She thought that we should go out for bids on anything over \$5000. **City Administrator Findell** said, “Not for normal repairs. In this instance, the reason it was on two cards is because the limit on the cards was \$2500 and there wasn't sufficient balance on a \$5,000 card in order to cover the expenditure. The expenditures are reimbursable expenditures under the Teen Program. The bus repairs were made to use the remaining money in the Teen Program grant so the City's general fund didn't have to support those repairs.” **Commissioner Burton** mentioned the Dodge truck repairs of \$1600. **Mayor Snowden** said that repair was for Commander Walker's vehicle. Public Works reinstalled a rebuilt transmission in it. That truck has been upgraded with additional police equipment and serves as one of our police fleet. **Commissioner Basso** asked if the total amount of the bills is over and above the estimated dollar amount for the month. **Mr. Findell** answered that we budget for repairs over an annual basis rather than a monthly basis. We save on these repairs because the Public Works Department is assisting with them.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the bills as read

Commissioner Lane seconded

All zones and the Mayor voted yes

Commissioner Robbins said that on repairs of that magnitude we should check around and get three bids. Mr. Findell responded that we get quotes, we don't get bids, so when we do have a sizable repair, Public Works or the Police Department will call around to find the best price. Ricky (Mullen) spent considerable time shopping around and he was confident that he'd received the best value for the City. Keith Chester said the bus is a unique vehicle, it's not a police car with standard parts. The shop in Deland is the best place to have this work performed. It wasn't as easy as calling around and getting prices like it is with regular cars. If it's a car, that's understandable, but with the bus, it doesn't apply. **Commissioner Robbins** said there are other places in Deland that can work on

that bus. Keith Chester said there are other places but it would have to be taken to each one, you can't just make phone calls

PRESENTATIONS: *none for this meeting*

BI-MONTHLY REPORTS:

City Engineer - no report

Local Planning Agency (PLDRC) – no report

Historic Preservation Board – no report

Parks and Recreation Board

Sean Abshire, Co-chairman. He said that the kickball opening ceremonies will be on December 7 at 6 p.m. and he would like it if the Commissioners would come. He also said that we still do not have a Santa Claus for the Christmas tree lighting. We need a Santa Claus and a suit. Alan Cooke said he has somebody who will play Santa Claus.

PUBLIC FORUM: *none for this meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS: *none for this meeting*

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION:

Consideration of Resolution 2009-14 in support of Lake Helen students continuing to attend Deland High School

Mayor Snowden said that everyone's familiar with the problem we face with the redistricting because of the new school that was built in Orange City primarily to accommodate the growing number of Deltona students. The new high school was built as a result of those additional students and there are concerns that a balance between all the schools should occur. The School Board had a variety of scenarios on how to accomplish that task of balancing the load of students from schools in the community. The initial plan would have resulted in sending Lake Helen students who had attended Deland High School to a high school in Deltona. The School Board had a couple meetings that Lake Helen residents attended. Residents pleaded with the School Board to reconsider the options that would send our kids to Deltona because we have a strong tie with Deland that we want to continue.

Mayor Snowden read the resolution by title:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE HELEN,
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF LAKE
HELEN STUDENTS TO CONTINUE ATTENDING
DELAND HIGH SCHOOL.**

Commissioner Basso had reviewed the resolution and **made a motion** to support it and send it to the county.

Commissioner Burton seconded

Commissioner Robbins said she received a memo and scenario three had been approved meaning Lake Helen students would remain at Deland High School. Keith Chester said he is trying to drum up support and interest in the Tuesday meeting at 4 p.m. where he will give the signed petitions to the School Board. We'd like to go to the meeting and thank them for listening to us. What most of us received via email was that they were amenable to what we wanted mainly because we approached it in such a professional manner. **Mayor Snowden** said Chief Chester was instrumental in getting the notice out quickly that the School Board was meeting and he gathered enough residents so our voice was heard. He encouraged people to attend the meeting on the following Tuesday at the School Board building in Deland at 4 p.m.

All zones and the Mayor voted yes

The resolution will be offered to the school board next Tuesday

Consideration of request by Don Waldrop to have the pianos at Hopkins Hall and City Hall tuned

The pianos in Hopkins Hall and City Hall are both in need of tuning. In order to properly maintain our investment, tuning should be performed yearly. Therefore, in order to not burden to Commission with this yearly activity, Mr. Waldrop submitted a request to the Commission to establish a permanent basic maintenance plan that includes tuning and incidental repairs. Tuning generally costs \$100 per piano. Also, one of the keys on the piano in Hopkins Hall is broken and needs to be repaired before the Christmas events begin.

Commissioner Robbins offered \$50 toward the tuning and repairs of the pianos. "Having gone to the concert with the Stetson pianist I think we need to do this. It's a treat to hear when somebody plays on those pianos well." **Commissioner Basso** asked if in addition to the hundred dollars a year to tune them, if there are any additional expenses we need to budget for. If we're going to make this part of our annual budget, is \$100 a year per piano enough or should we look at some additional costs not to exceed ex-number of dollars? **City Administrator Findell** said it looks like Mr. Waldrop has indicated that you can expect to pay \$200 for tuning, which is a set cost. Any additional repairs would simply be as the issues occur with the piano. I don't see any issue with it. We have a repair and maintenance budget for city facilities and this can be incorporated into that budget. In this instance, if **Commissioner Robbins** wants to donate \$50 certainly that's appreciated but it's not necessary. It's City equipment so it's just like the printers, the police cars or whatever. It's general maintenance.

Commissioner Burton commented that the piano is one of a kind. **Commissioner Lane** said tuning a piano is a necessary part of maintenance. If it's part of the regular repairs, we may not even need to take action on it. **Mr. Findell** agreed. **Mayor Snowden** agreed that the piano should be maintained on an as needed basis and he trusts the advice of Don Waldrop. **Commissioner Basso** said he has no trouble with spending \$100 a year to maintain something. He just doesn't want to be surprised when something more expensive happens. **Mr. Findell** said Mr. Waldrop requested several years ago that the piano be refinished and restored. There was some discussion what this restoration would cost and from whom the money would come. It was ultimately

paid for by the League for Better Living from the Christmas Tour of Homes proceeds. The initial expense was not a burden on the City.

No motion was necessary because this is covered under the annual maintenance budget.

Susan Callahan came forward and said that they will not be doing the annual Christmas concert due to lack of funding.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Discussion about vandalism at Suber Memorial Cemetery

Commissioner Burton said, "There is nothing in the agenda packet about this issue. Suber Memorial Cemetery sits on the other side of I4 and thus is in the county so it's not in our jurisdiction. However, the cemetery is over a hundred years old and all of the members or the African-American families that are buried there were Lake Helen residents. The relationship between Lake Helen and those buried at that cemetery is like the relationship between Deland High and the community of Lake Helen - it goes back over a hundred years. This incident happened just before Halloween which is also when the Lake Helen-Cassadaga cemetery has been vandalized. We were able to get a fence to put around the front of the cemetery but the back, where once there was a lake used for baptisms, is open and often accessed by ATV riders. Around the first of October, one or more people knocked over 17 headstones. One of them was cracked. Speaking with Tammy Johns, who cuts the grass, and Mr. Smith, who is the curator, they agreed that they weren't going to right the stones until after Halloween. No trespassing signs have been erected so police can arrest violators. Before I4 was widened, you couldn't see Suber Memorial but that's not the case since the trees were cut down. The Sheriff's Department has jurisdiction over that area and we are looking for ways to get the Lake Helen Police involved but that would only happen if the Lake Helen Police were deputized. We looked at many ways to address this but what's come out of it is that there has been a higher sensitivity to the fact that there is an issue that we will be paying attention to. This issue was not determined to be a hate crime. It was vandalism. The issue was brought up because the cemetery is the final resting place of Lake Helen residents and because of increased visibility. In respect to those buried there, it was not out of place to give it the amount of attention that it was given. Don and the Police Chief handled the situation respectfully and it did not become an issue that needed to be blasted all over the newspapers." Keith Chester said when it was brought to his attention he told **Commissioner Burton** that he could not act outside the bounds of the City without Commission approval. He added, "We do have a mutual aid agreement with the Sheriff's Department and if I receive the blessing of the City Commission I will go to the Sheriff and request his permission under our mutual aid agreement to patrol that area several times a day. If we did see something that we needed to take action on, we could. I didn't want to overstep my bounds without the Commissions' approval to take that step because Lake Helen taxpayer dollars would pay for the policing of property outside our jurisdiction. However, people do understand that Lake Helen taxpayers' families are over there." **City Administrator Findell** said the issue reminded him of a similar situation years ago about patrolling the Lake Colby area because we acquired adjacent property. There was some desire on the City's part at that time to patrol the

area. We approached the Sheriff's Department and did not get a favorable response but that was with a different sheriff. **Mayor Snowden** said when he was a Marshal in Lake Helen, they did patrol and check Suber Memorial Gardens as a courtesy. Going back seven or eight years, someone on the cemetery board or affiliated with the care of that cemetery approached then mayor, Mark Shuttleworth, and sought to get the property annexed into the City. Mark Shuttleworth met with Frank Ford who owned that swath of property that was on either side of the interstate which would have made the property contiguous. After weeks of negotiating with Mr. Ford, he agreed to that annexation. When it was taken back to the cemetery board they said they didn't want to be in Lake Helen but, rather, wanted to stay under county jurisdiction. He reconfirmed that with Mayor Shuttleworth couple days ago. Sheriff's deputies have been reminded of the necessity of patrolling that area. This heightened visibility will hopefully prevent any future acts. **Commissioner Burton** agreed that the sheriff at the time was not amenable to our officers going there but that sheriff is no longer in office. "The cemetery committee from that time is also not the same. So with fresh eyes, if this is something that we can agree to discuss with a different perspective, the results might be different also. There may be a different result if we revisit this issue." **Mayor Snowden** said he didn't think anybody would object to revisiting this. **Commissioner Robbins** said for as long as she can remember, every Halloween we have this problem. "I'm not knocking the News-Journal or the Sentinel, but maybe we need to not say anything to anybody around Halloween time about any cemeteries. If anybody gets calls about anything regarding the cemeteries they should say the person who can talk about that is not available. If everybody's quiet about it, it might just go away. Maybe the Commission needs to adopt a resolution that says nobody is to talk about the cemeteries during the Halloween season." **Commissioner Burton** added that when the Lake Helen-Cassadaga cemetery was vandalized, the outpouring of the community is what got results - not keeping our mouths shut and not just sitting back and saying hopefully it will go away. I don't agree with what you're sighing. I do agree that the timing of it around Halloween was not good. A reporter called me about this incident but I didn't have any control over that that reporter ultimately wrote. Sometimes the best laid plans can't be micromanaged. We can't tell the reporters what to report about. Many in the community suggested waiting until after Halloween to right the headstones. We as a City Commission need to address the concerns of all of our citizens." **Commissioner Basso** said he hadn't been over there in a while but he's assuming the cemetery is not adequately fenced and asked if fencing the property would solve the problem. The answer was yes but the assumption was that the property owners didn't have the money to do that. **Commissioner Basso** suggested having the owners of the property get a price to erect a fence and then look at a joint venture between the County and the City. **Commissioner Burton** said he appreciates that but when you raise an issue to raise money you raise red flags and it becomes more visible again. **City Attorney Groot** said, "Expending Lake Helen dollars has to be for a public purpose and putting a fence on private property especially on property that's outside the city limits would be an issue. It boils down to spending public funds on private property. If the City owned the cemetery, that would be a different issue. There is a mutual aid agreement and it is a public purpose, generally, to enforce the law. So, the police department is not doing anything different by enforcing the law at the cemetery than they are enforcing the law on the property across the street from City Hall. That's the distinction. That's a general public purpose. It would be a specific

benefit to private property if you were to fence it.” **Commissioner Burton** said, “One of the other things in police work when an officer deters a crime, it's not registered as much as when he's interdicting in an arrest. So a drive-by might discourage possible future vandalism and may be sufficient. One of the reasons that the sheriff's department didn't realize there is a cemetery out there is because the incidents that have occurred for the most part have gone unreported. This recent issue included seventeen headstones so it's become a bigger issue. I'm echoing the concern of the family members of those interred in that cemetery.” He wanted the annexing of the cemetery to remain on the agenda. **Mayor Snowden** asked if **Commissioner Burton** would be willing to work with the cemetery committee. He answered in the affirmative.

Discussion about conducting an organizational meeting at the Commission meeting on November 19, 2009

Mayor Snowden said he requested that this be placed on the agenda. “An organizational meeting is a term that I picked up from the Florida Municipal Officers Manual. It's a handy manual for those who'd like to understand how government operates. It explains statutory requirements that we face as elected officials. I will read the paragraph that explains what an organizational meeting is:

In most municipalities, an organizational meeting is held soon after each election. Local practice varies somewhat but the usual practice at such meetings is to establish dates, times and locations of regular council meetings and to adopt rules for the conduct of business, to elect officers and assign roles duties or assignments. In most cities, the council adopts and publishes a schedule of meeting dates for the year.

We all know that most of our meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of every month though we do hold some off cycle meetings. My concern is that we have new commissioners on board and we have not had an organizational meeting for several years. There is a protocol and there are certain things that I would like to see regarding the way we conduct ourselves. It may deviate from the way we have operated in the past. I would like to use the guidelines of this manual and encourage all of us to become more familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and parliamentary procedure and give the people a voice and give ourselves the opportunity to learn and grow and support one another in the way we conduct our business. At the next meeting, I would like to outline some of what I would like to accomplish in the coming year and the direction I'd like to see the City go. **Commissioner Robbins** said she and **Commissioner Basso** would probably get invitations to attend the newly elected officials meeting that Mary Swiderski puts together for the Volusia Council of Governments. “That is something that any elected official should go to. You spend a whole day there but you really do learn so much. When I went, I was overwhelmed because there was so much to learn. They talked about everything regarding government. There's a lot to be learned and it's a good day's presentation that you learn a lot from.” **Commissioner Basso** said he'd take every opportunity he could to learn as much as he can. **Mayor Snowden** said, “So often we look disorganized and we appear as if we don't know what we're talking about. There are ways that we have to conduct business, however, that aren't the same as sitting down there talking back and forth. We're restricted in a lot of ways by the

Sunshine Law that basically states we can't discuss any business at all unless we're in a public meeting in a public setting. When we have a Commission meeting, it's a meeting among the Commission so it's our opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas. Forgive us if we look unorganized sometimes but we do the best we can." **Commissioner Burton** said, "I sat in the audience a lot longer than I've sat up here and at the meetings that I attended, I wondered how the Commission could be so disorganized. Once I became a Commissioner, I understood. The perspective is completely different up here. The Sunshine Law helped me understand that." **Commissioner Lane** said that being a Commissioner is a position that you have to grow into. **Mayor Snowden** asked **City Attorney Groot** if he had any suggestions for an organizational meeting. He didn't but added, "Based on all the time I've spent with city and county commissions, you guys run a good show here. I'll participate as you discuss things so I'll probably have something to add then." **City Administrator Findell** said, "An organizational meeting would be a good idea. I remember when Mayor Duffy was elected and she had a similar meeting where she tried to establish some ground rules for the operation of the City Commission meetings. I think that it's always good to do that when you have a change in office so everybody understands the rules by which we play. I think it's beneficial for the Commission and the public. I've worked with a lot of city and county commissions and sometimes we operate very professionally as you would expect commissions to act in a business sense and sometimes maybe not so. When it's not so, we have a tendency to forget what those rules of procedure are. So if we can get on the same page, I think it would be beneficial to everybody involved. **Commissioner Robbins** asked the Mayor if he felt that each Commissioner should bring to the table an accomplishment that they would like to see fulfilled during the next year. **Mayor Snowden** said they could do that. He discussed further that he would like to voice some of his concerns and some of his wishes for the future and discuss some things that he would like to see happen. "We're not at a turning point but were at a very precarious time in our history. There are a lot of things hitting us from different angles." **Commissioner Basso** asked if there was a city calendar with all the events going on in the City for the year. The answer was no. **Mr. Findell** said it's something we could implement easily.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney

No report. He commented on how we transition governments in this country and how wonderful that is versus what happens in many other countries. We take it for granted.

Police Chief

No report other than to say that he would be going to the school board meeting and he has the signed petitions to take with him

City Administrator

"We have received our NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System aka Stormwater) permit for 2009-2013. The purpose of the permit and the program is to minimize pollution in the nation's waterways at the local level. The really good news is that I was successful in having the permit fee reduced from the original \$5700 to \$100. We've complied with all our permit requirements for the current year which ends on November 16th. Ricky has been putting markers on each of the inlets and storm drains

over the past few days. These are basically plaques that say *No dumping. Drains to the waterway.* and are permit requirements. Our initial requirement was to affix about five or six of them but Ricky has affixed about 50. We're ahead of schedule for the next permit year. Our permit requires, from an education standpoint, that we periodically talk about the NPDES permit program. I'm using this opportunity to talk about it and I'll talk about it periodically. Downstairs in the main office, the bookcase holds a number of new publications that came from the Water Management District dealing with flood management, water quality management, wetlands, pollution prevention, water conservation and water wise landscaping. Those are all germane to the NPDES program. That material is free for the taking. If you go to the City's website, there's also a page on the website under Public Works that describes the NPDES program and the purpose of the program. I've prepared a couple guides for commercial and residential properties discussing how to minimize pollution that goes into the waterways. That's another educational tool. In the coming year we have a number of permit requirements that we have to meet so there are additional how-to guides that I have to prepare that are concerned with illicit discharge.”

“I received the plans for County Road 4139 resurfacing. As you remember, that was one of the projects that I applied for to receive stimulus funding that was approved. Another one of the projects that I applied for that was not approved on the A-list but was recommended on the B-list, meaning that it wouldn't be funded unless there was additional monies, was a sidewalk on New York Avenue. When I was reviewing the plans, one of the things that I noticed is that there is an option on those plans for a sidewalk on New York Avenue. Basically, what that means is if the bids come back for the resurfacing project in an amount less than what the county estimated that project would cost them, there will be an opportunity to construct that sidewalk. For many jurisdictions, the bids that are coming back are less than the engineers originally estimated for resurfacing and road construction due to competition. If it turns out that we get a sidewalk, that'll be great.”

He discussed the issue of Lake Helen children going to Deland High School as opposed to Deltona. “It was brought to your attention that the School Board was appreciative of the demeanor in which the individuals from Lake Helen conducted themselves at that meeting. That has not generally been the rule. Those meetings can be quite controversial and heated. They were favorably impressed and that helped the City's position. One of the other things that was reported to me was that the School Board was also favorably impressed by the fact that, as was stated to them by their staff, Lake Helen is the only community with whom their long-term staff has worked that has established an actual vision for that community's growth and has maintained that vision. That vision has placed minimal impact on the school system and that also worked in our favor. Hopefully Lake Helen's kids will continue to attend Deland High School.”

Code Enforcement Officer

No report

MAYOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS BY ZONE

Zone 1/Commissioner Robbins

Commissioner Robbins gave the other Commissioners a letter she obtained from Congressman Mica. "I use every opportunity I can to keep reminding the man about the wall." In his letter he wrote: *For a long term solution, I have submitted a request to authorize the project for Lake Helen in the surface transportation reauthorization, six-year highway and transit bill. This 1.25 million dollar project request titled Lake Helen Funding for Noise Mitigation Measures, would provide the City with the means to more adequately resolve the noise problem along I4. Congress is currently debating the surface transportation reauthorization and be assured that any final version passed will include the Lake Helen project.*

"I'm not going to let this man out of this letter. He is going to come through for us or he'd better get on back to Maitland. I'm going to remind him every time I see him."

"While I was on vacation, we went to Ohio and we went through a little town in Union, Kentucky about the size of Orange City. There was a big banner advertising 'Movie Night.' I took a picture of the sign and got the phone number." She explained a conversation she had when she called that number. She was directed to someone else who gave her information about a website that handles all aspects of showing movies. She gave the information to Sean Abshire to follow-up on saying "It might be the answer to movie night in Lake Helen." **Commissioner Robbins** also talked to Randy Molnar who told her that there's someone in Daytona who can possibly help us. She concluded by saying, "Hopefully, with the new faces and Buddy (Snowden) at the helm, we hopefully might see something happen." She thanked everybody for their support.

Zone 2/Commissioner Burton

Commissioner Burton discussed the new Commission and talked about his experience on the canvassing board and how much attention to detail there is. "It was an honor to be part of it all, it's a great process." He looked forward to working with the new Commission. He added, "Yesterday morning as I was out walking I came up Ohio Avenue by Summit and a deer ran out into the road. He had a white tail and he stepped right out of the orange grove. That makes you really appreciate where you live. We're in a place now where the country has never been economically, politically and otherwise. To be at this place in time, it's an honor to be in this seat, with this group of individuals, to do your work."

Zone 3/Commissioner Basso

"My campaign manager established a website whereby my constituents could stay in contact with me. I'll have the address to give you next week."

Zone 4/Commissioner Lane

"I'll repeat what Commissioner Burton said that being on the canvassing board was fascinating. It was interesting to see the votes being handled with respect and care and the process being handled with respect and due diligence. It was refreshing to see. We have a wonderful democracy. A lot of people in our heritage sacrificed to make this possible."

Mayor/Mayor Snowden

"We just went through an election and I think all of you understand that each of us is here by just a narrow margin because there was almost equal support among candidates. It's not so much that we are a divided city but we each share an equal amount of popularity. We need to work together and work with the community. I certainly encourage everybody to build bridges instead of barriers and for us to do all we can to make Lake Helen the best little community in Florida.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Buddy Snowden, Mayor

Nancy Wilson, City Clerk