POLK CITY

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

July 20, 2015

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Phillip Hunt, New Life Community Church, gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joe LaCascia.

ROLL CALL – City Manager Jackson

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Commissioner Wanda Harris, Commissioner Don Kimsey, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Mike Blethen and Commissioner Keith Prestage. A quorum was established.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Commissioner Kimsey to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
There were no presentations and/or recognitions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA (limit comments to 3 minutes)
There were comments from the public.

AGENDA

Daniel Kushmer, Southwest Florida Water Management District
Mr. Kushmer gave a presentation on the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI). The CFWI is a collaborative regional water supply effort to protect, conserve and restore our water resources, and is made up of five Counties – Polk, Orange, Osceola, Lake and Seminole and three Water Management Districts – South Florida, Southwest Florida and St. Johns River. Mr. Kushmer touched on three items:

- **Guidance Document Principles** – 1) Identify sustainable quantities of groundwater sources, 2) develop strategies to meet water demands and 3) establish consistent rules. Two of three items have been done. With population in Central Florida, the pressures on water supply will only increase and there needs to be alternative sources - one Regional Water Supply Plan for the CFWI Region.
- **Solutions Document** – The Solutions Team was headed by Robert Beltron, SWFWMD. Mr. Kushmer then touched on what the Solutions Team was focused on. 1) review regional alternatives, 2) develop water supply and conservation options, 3) identify partnerships and encourage interconnects, 4) identify need for

recovery/prevention, 5) monitoring/assessment in conjunction with DMIT, 6) workshops and public meetings and 7) identify funding needs for regional projects. The Solutions Team developed a "Financial Assessment/Solutions Project list.

- **Conclusion** – 1) water conservation is an important element, 2) the Regional Water Supply Plan Document and Regional Project Solutions has been put out for public comment (July 31, 2015), and the public comment period will end in August; the document will be finalized by the CFWI during the months of August and September.

Mr. Kushmer then addressed the Polk County Regional Entity; currently, the District has set aside $20 million for future water supply projects in Polk County, and as the Polk County Regional Entity reaches certain milestones, more money will be given. All of the 17 municipalities are looking to be part of the Polk County Regional Entity and have a seat at the table. The Entity will need to be formed and projects approved. The presentation by Mr. Kushmer is on file in the City Manager's Office. Some discussion took place regarding the Polk County Regional Entity; i.e. formation, what is at stake, etc. Mayor LaCascia advised he has been involved in water for some time, and this is something that needs to be done in Polk County. There is going to be a Water Summit in August for Elected Officials to discuss the Polk County Regional Entity. Attorney Cloud commented that you have to be a part of it to obtain additional water allocations; the Mayor and Mr. Kushmer agreed.

Al Schneider (775 Teaberry Trail) asked about the cost. Mr. Schneider was given the breakdown; Polk City's portion is $755.92 (inside the city) and Polk County pays for population in the unincorporated area.

Wayne Harper (209 South Hydrangea Avenue) asked about those customers pumping water from the lake for irrigation. Attorney Cloud advised the State allows that; the City does not have the power to stop water coming from the lake.

Financial Reporting Officer/Comptroller Service Agreement
City Manager advised that George Cotellis, Jr. has been assisting the City in preparation of the Fiscal Year Audit for the last six years and recommended approval of the Agreement for the FY 2015 Audit in the amount of $13,005.

After brief discussion, Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve the Financing Reporting Officer/Comptroller Services Agreement; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey and unanimously carried.

Interlocal Agreement with Polk County – Funding Development of the Polk County Water Cooperative
Brief discussion took place, as this was discussed during Mr. Kushmer's presentation of the Central Florida Water Initiative.

Commissioner Kimsey made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Polk County funding the development of the Polk County Water Cooperative; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris and unanimously carried.

Renaming Palmetto Lane, East
Mayor LaCascia advised he had asked this be placed on the agenda for discussion. With the Community Center/Storm Shelter being built by Mr. Bronson, he suggested to Mr. Bronson that it would be fitting to have the City consider renaming Palmetto Lane, East, in honor of Mr. Bronson to Bronson Trail; there is one house that would be affected. City Manager Jackson advised a Resolution has been prepared should the Commission want to proceed.

Commissioner Kimsey made a motion to approve the renaming of Palmetto Lane, East to Bronson Trail (Resolution 2015-02); the motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris and unanimously carried.

Review and Approve Boat Dock – 385 Nolane Lane
Kathy Delp, Public Works Director, presented the Commission with an application for construction of a boat dock at 385 Nolane Ln.; it meets all requirements for issuance of a building permit. Commissioner Kimsey asked why this has to come before the Commission; Ms. Delp advised it is in Section 2.05.02 of the Land Development Regulations; They are permitted in all districts as accessory uses, but must have City Commission approval.

Mayor LaCascia made a motion to approve the boat dock at 385 Nolane Lane; the motion was Seconded by Commissioner Kimsey and unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- Pole Barn – the Commission approved $24,000 in the FY 2015 Budget for a pole barn; three quotes were received ranging from $18,781 to $32,178. We will go with the less expensive quote of $18,781 and proceed in getting the pole barn built this fiscal year.
- The RFP for Water and Wastewater Operations has been posted and are due back no later than 10:00 a.m. August 17th; a workshop will be held August 31, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for review of submittals.
- The City Commission should be receiving the FY 2016 Budget no later than July 29th
- Storm drains – Public Works Director Kathy Delp has advised there are sections in two lengths of corrugated metal drain pipe that has failed (Rosewood and Edgewater). Kathy is in the process of obtaining quotes to replace the pipe with HDPE (plastic) pipe, and is also getting quotes to replace three of the inlets.
- City Manager will be taking vacation in August (19-25)
- Proposals for FRDAP Grant are due back July 23rd.
- Getting name on the Donald Bronson Community Center, and ordering the ice maker, warmer and sound system.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS
Attorney Cloud advised he has filed a response to Joel Chandler's law suit and is asking for it to be dismissed.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Kimsey – congratulated the Mayor, City Manager and everyone who participated in the Mobile Food Drive; the response has been overwhelming (good). Mayor

LaCascia thanked Kathy Delp, staff and citizens as well for all of their assistance. The Mayor advised he is looking to do something along the same lines in a different manor.

Commissioner Harris – thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor LaCascia – thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager

Joe LaCascia, Mayor

CONSENT AGENDA
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MAY ALL BE APPROVED BY ONE VOTE OF THE COMMISSION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA. Commissioners may remove a specific item below for discussion, and add it to the regular agenda under New or Unfinished Business, whichever category best applies to the subject.

A. CITY CLERK

1. Accept minutes – June 15, 2015 City Commission Regular Meeting

B. REPORTS

1. Building Report – June 2015
2. Code Enforcement Report – June 2015
3. Library Report – June 2015
4. Sheriff's Office Report – June 2015
5. Utilities Report – June 2015

C. OTHER