

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 15, 2015

City Commission Meeting

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Walter Lawlor, 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, Vice Mayor Mike Blethen, Commissioner Wanda Harris, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Keith Prestage, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson. A quorum was established.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Prestage made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Cindy Clemmons, with Lakeland Electric, introduced herself to the Commission and audience; she is the Marketing Manager for Lakeland Electric, which was a newly created position. Ms. Clemmons distributed a hurricane guide to each Commissioner and there are extras in the lobby; she also brought some items for the Library Summer Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Mr. David Bridges (905 South Drive) addressed the Commission concerning the water level of Lake Agnes and the drainage issues; he is speaking on behalf of 25 families. Mr. Bridges gave the Commission his presentation (the cover sheet is made part of the minutes, and the actual handout is on file in the City Manager's Office). He asked the City to take the lead in the investigation to find out what the impediment is and to coordinate with the different agencies that would be involved. Mayor LaCascia thanked Mr. Bridges for his report. At this time, Kathy Delp, the Public Works Director, advised the Department of Transportation came out today and starting clearing the brush and overgrowth; however, their equipment got stuck and they will be back tomorrow (Wednesday). The lake will start going down once they are finished, and she will stay in contact with the other agencies to see what, if anything, else can be done.

AGENDA

Amendment One to Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Franchise Agreement

Attorney Cloud explained the current contract handles the public records request; just not verbatim. No one has been denied, nor has anyone asked for public records per the agreement.

Vice Mayor Blethen made a motion to approve Amendment One to Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Franchise Agreement; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris and unanimously carried.

Appoint Voting Delegate – 89th Annual Florida League of Cities Conference

Commissioner Kimsey made a motion to appoint Mayor LaCascia as the Voting Delegate for the 89th Annual Florida League of Cities Conference; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Prestage and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Jackson reported on the following:

- **Central Florida Water Initiative's Regional Water Supply Plan** – Agreement will be submitted in July (possible workshop). At their April meeting Haines City, the Governing Board of the SWFWMD passed a resolution supporting the creation of a regional water supply authority in Polk County and set aside funding for future alternative water supply projects. The regional water supply authority will be made up of the municipalities and the county.
- **Community Center** – easement completed and electric on; working to complete signage, purchase of equipment for kitchen, etc.
- FLC 89th Conference in Orlando August 13 -15, 2015; please advise if attending so that we can get you registered
- City Hall offices closed July 2nd (floating holiday); Library closed Friday, July 3rd. (City Manager will be in office working on Thursday).

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Attorney Cloud advised a lawsuit has been filed against the City, but the City has not been served; if the Commission has any questions, please ask him.

Mayor LaCascia commented about an article in the newspaper whereby the person filing the suit stated it was a gross lack of leadership; Mayor LaCascia stated this cannot be further from the truth – he is at city hall during the week and both the City Manager and Sheandolen Dunn are working to fulfill these requests as well as doing their jobs.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Blethen – thanked everyone for coming. Vice Mayor Blethen will be out of State next month (Denver and California). He advised he looked at the water issue.

Commissioner Kimsey – asked if there was a chance the lawsuit could be dismissed; Attorney Cloud advised he did not want to discuss at this time.

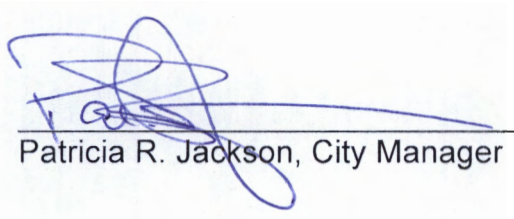
Commissioner Harris – thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Prestage – Commissioner Prestage advised he would be out of town on July 20th. He is looking forward to the upcoming music event; he feels it will pull the community together. He thanked everyone for coming.

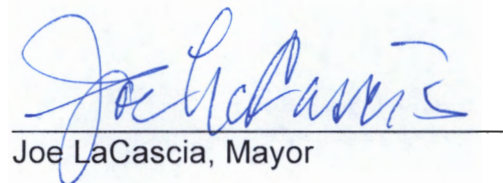
Mayor LaCascia – Mayor LaCascia announced the mobile food bank event, which will take place on June 30th. This is being sponsored by AGAPE Food and BB & T bank; still looking for volunteers. The mobile food bank is a singular annual event and he is trying to reinstate a weekly and/or monthly food bank. The Mayor thanked David Bridges for coming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 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 – May 18, 2015 City Commission Regular Meeting

B. REPORTS

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

C. OTHER