

TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2015
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Grant, Vice Mayor Angela Thomas, Councilman Eddie Cole, Councilman Rodney Daniels, and Councilman Theo Washington.

STAFF: Attorney Joseph Morrell, Roger Dixon, Chief Administrative Officer, Abu Canady, Public Works Director, Rod Bargaineer, Recreation Director, Eric McIntyre, Police Chief, Katrina Gibson, Finance Director, and Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM- **Mayor Grant called the Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Pastor Critton led the Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS
- IV. **DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY**
 - A. Discussion of Ordinance #2011-11, Financial Integrity Principles and Policies. (WORKSHOP ONLY).
 - B. Presentation by Orange County regarding the Widening of Kennedy Boulevard. (WORKSHOP ONLY).
- V. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Approval of the second and final reading of Ordinance #2015-5, Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Structure, amending Ordinance #97-07, Section (B), in its entirety. (A. Canady). PREAMBLE READ BY TOWN CLERK. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE #97-07, SECTION (B) IN IT'S ENTIRETY DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1997, WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS SERVICED BY THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Grant indicated that the proposed Ordinance is intended to adjust the increase for the Town water & sewer rates to 11% as recommended by the Rural Water Association. Motion by Councilman Washington, seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas. **PUBLIC HEARING- Julius Crawford, 128 Lincoln Blvd,** came to a meeting about 2-3 months ago, a young lady was trying to explain to me what the adjustment mean, now I hear that this Ordinance is an adjustment in an increase, it could also be a possible decrease depending on how much water you use, how is it determined, need clarity. Mr. Canady explained that the rate structure is based on water service and sanitary sewer services; expenses that are related to water & sewer services is also taken into consideration, once all the numbers are put in, and you look at your pluses and minuses, you see that you have more expenses, then you have to go back and look at your rates, or rate structure, which is what we did, we made a rate structure change, we

are trying to catch up on maintenance and improvements that we need to make to systems that are mandated by the State and the Federal Government.

Mary Turner- 483 Sunnyview Circle; having water problems, bill is high every month, it has been checked, there are no leaks coming from my house, can't afford the bill to go up.

Howard Jones; Mustard Seed Lane- how will this affect the commercial businesses in the community at the rate you have now? Mr. Canady replied that in regard to businesses, it depends on the monthly usage; they will still have the base rate of \$6.20.

Julian Johnson- 142 Lincoln Blvd; how can the water be increased, when people in the Town have been neglected, with regards to payments being owed to residents, this is not fair to the citizens, if the water is increased it will hurt the residents, need to be discussed a little further as a Town. **PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.** **Mayor Grant:** Anytime there is a rate structure is not an easy task, for 20 years there has not been a rate structure, which is unfair to the tax payers, this is a tough position for the five of us up here, but it's the position that we were elected to serve in. **Councilman Cole:** if cities move money from their water to their general fund account, they do it because they have a surplus, that is not our case, we transfer a substantial amount of money from our water to our general fund; they need to hold their own. In regards to our Capital Plan, what are we going to do with the additional money; it's going to end up in the General Fund, or in a pot; I would rather the extra \$90,000 go to changing some of the pipes on Deacon Jones Blvd. Lastly, it's not as high as it could be, at 11.8%, I would have like to see the increase in increments, so we can adjust to it, instead of a one- time boom, I don't think we did our due diligence in talking through this, and getting our residents prepared for the water increase, I can't support this, whomever is supporting this, whatever time we give the credits, whenever we are going to make the raise, let them go together, so they don't feel the full impact. No further discussion by the Council; Attorney Morrell approved the Ordinance for form and substance. AYE: Mayor Grant, Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilman Daniels, and Councilman Washington; **NAYE: Councilman Cole; MOTION PASSES.**

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of September 9, 2015 1st Budget Hearing Minutes. (Clerk's Office).
- B. Approval of September 21, 2015 Final Budget Hearing Minutes. (Clerk's Office).
TABLED.
- C. Approval of October 6, 2015 Town Council Minutes. (Clerk's Office).
- D. Approval of Caribbean Grace International Facility Use Agreement. (Recreation).
- E. Approval of Resolution recognizing City Government Week, October 18-24, 2015. (Clerk's Office).
- F. Surplus three (3) trucks in Public Works Department; Dodge Dakota, Dodge Ram, and Ford 250. (A. Canady).
- G. Amendment to the fee structure for the use of the Football Field. (R. Bargaineer).

H. Approval of Resolution #2015-23, supporting Host Dime to construct an 85,000 sq. ft., state of the art corporate headquarters in Eatonville. (Administration).

Motion by Councilman Daniels, seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas to approve the Consent Agenda, with Item (B) being TABLED; AYE: ALL MOTION PASSES.

VII. COUNCIL DECISION

VIII. STAFF REPORT

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL/ATTORNEY REPORT

Councilman Cole- Clinton Dix, if you get a chance google him, he speaks about Eatonville everywhere he goes, he is doing good on and off the field. The break-ins in our community are bad right now, a good time for everyone in the community to start looking out for each other. My position on the Charter, Section 16, and the Council shall appoint a Town Clerk, Fiscal Officer and Chief of Police, Council hires and terminates appointed positions; I believe in the procedures of it, if the procedure is not done, I have a concern about it. Attorney Morrell indicated this Council will have the final word on whether or not Mr. McIntyre is terminated. Councilman Cole asked about information that he requested and had not received, also where did the extra money come from to increase the salaries? In the second budget I was asking about a Sgt., position, the salary should have been at \$35,000, we didn't vote on it; Mayor Grant replied it was voted on.

Councilman Washington- NO REPORT

Councilman Daniels- Agree that we need a Grants Writer as well, on the Department Goals, would like to receive a hard copy.

Vice Mayor Thomas- the Policy and Procedure manual, if it's not complete can we at least get a draft copy. Mayor Grant requested to Mr. Dixon to start a workshop on the Personnel Policy. The Charter Revision was submitted by Ms. Crotty several months ago, it's paid for by the Winter Park Health Foundation, when I spoke to Mr. Marlon Daniels, he is ready to go, most of our arguments is about the Charter, so let's change it, what is the wait to get it done. Mayor Grant indicated that we are juggling 700 things, we are going to get this done, it is a process, just be a little patient, give us a couple of weeks. Vice Mayor Thomas, in regards to the break-ins, I spoke with officer Lampkin a while ago, he informed me that it has been about 10 break-ins, why do we have two (2) officers per shift, make sure the police officers are here to protect us, we also need to make sure our officers are physically fit.

Mayor Grant- in terms of officers and foot pursuit, I have yet to see an officer run someone down, they set up perimeters, the police department has been challenged with the burglaries, I am optimistic they will deliver, if they need manpower they have the green light. Host Dime, want to stay within the Town of Eatonville, if all goes well with the negotiations with Orange County School Board to sell about 5 acres for them to build a \$20 million building to stay in Eatonville, which will be substantial for Eatonville. Thanked Council for their support of the

Resolution. Asking all residents to come out on 10/24/2015 to participate in the Sole Challenge it starts at 7:30 p.m. In regards to the Charter, Councilman Cole has his interpretation; myself and legal have our interpretation, that's why we have to limit ourselves so we can be neutral, to hear the argument to be impartial.

Mr. Dixon- Mr. Barruti is picking-up ten new bicycles that are being donated to the Town.

Attorney Morrell- on the lawsuit filed against Orange County, we are waiting on their next board meeting to sign that agreement, then we can close it out, we will enforcement that agreement based on the terms and agreements.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-

Louisteen Cummings- has a decision been made on the Charter Committee; Mayor Grant replied we will have a Resolution forthcoming to the Town Council, sometime next month. Will we receive anything about the improvements in Catalina Park? Mayor Grant replied there will be a community meeting October 28th or 29th.

George Williams- thanked the landscaping crew for coming out and cleaning the sidewalk that I was complaining about. I spoke with the Code Enforcement Officer for contacting people and getting the job done.

Maye St. Julien- commended the Code Enforcement person, I made a complaint and got a good response. I have a problem with staff not returning phone calls; just to ignore my call is not kosher. A few years ago, a Council member brought to our concern about 18 wheelers coming through the Town. We need a Grant's Writer; we are missing a lot of Grant opportunities.

Sharon Leichering- On Host Dime, I attended a zoning meeting for a variance earlier this year, at the meeting it was a 100 ft., building is this still the same, does it stay with the historical theme, and to make sure they do not annex in Winter Park? Mayor Grant replied yes, the building is the same, and they can't de-annex.

W. Marvin Hardy, III- 1209 Bel Air Circle, Orlando Florida; here to speak as a friend and Attorney for Eric McIntyre, the Town Council is in charge of the employment of the Chief of Police, I am asking a low key request that the Town Council confer on this personnel decision, that there be a collegial and collectively consideration of this action.

Lisa Abdallah-Nosalher- would like to thank the Council and Mayor for supporting our organization, and for partnering with us. Certificates of Appreciation given to; Mayor Grant, Councilman Cole, Councilman Washington, and Attorney Greg Jackson. The second annual Eatonville 5-K Walk on 10/31/15; it begins at 8:00 a.m., there will be a festival in the Park, please come and join us.

X. **ADJOURNMENT-** Council Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.



Respectfully Submitted by:
Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk