

TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 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- **Presentation by Dr. White regarding the Museum.**
- IV. **DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY**
 - A. Discussion of Pay Back Plan to Residents.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Approval of the first 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. **Motion by** Vice Mayor Thomas, **seconded by** Councilman Daniels; Attorney Morrell approved the Ordinance for form and substance. **PUBLIC PERIOD:** Pastor King, Life Center Church; Regarding letter dated 9/15/2015; will this rate change be phased in over a period of time, or will it happen at once, and this increase is it across the board for residential and commercial customers? Mayor Grant replied it will take effect 30 days after final adoption, and this is across the board rate increase. **Barbara Lloyd, 15 Toni Street;** With the additional funds that the Town will receive from this rate increase, what will they be used for if not for infrastructure? Mayor Grant replied this can't be discussed until the rates are adopted, and make a recommendation to Council. **Shannon Jackson, 539 Eaton Street;** was there a 2nd or 3rd company used to do the rate increase or was it just this one company. Mayor Grant replied, only one company is used when you do a water rate study, this is a State Agency that assists rural communities, and provide services for free. **Maye St. Julien, 306 Lemon Street;** what

increase if any, would this rate increase have on infrastructure? Mayor Grant replied that with Councils support we are launching a conservation campaign to start in December or January, 2016, for about 6-8 months, it is a way to minimize your fees, the less we use the more we can conserve, our challenge is to give you better service, which is our commitment. **Councilman Cole;** on the infrastructure, if it's about getting extra pipes or extra things to make our water or system better, what capital projects have we put aside? Have we looked at on the 11% increase to give in increments to start within 30 days. What are we going to do to make sure that when we get this money that we have identified projects, that can be seen. Mayor Grant indicated this gives us the opportunity to make the system better, we have to continue to go with Community Block Grants to make improvements. We will make some recommendations for the \$90,000 additional revenue, Council has the opportunity to budget it, according to whatever they want to budget it for. No more public comments; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of September 15, 2015 Town Council Minutes. (Clerk's Office).
- B. Approval of September 9, 2015 1st Budget Hearing Minutes. (Clerk's Office). **TABLED.**
- C. Approval of September 21, 2015 Final Budget Hearing Minutes. (Clerk's Office). **TABLED.**
- D. Approval of Resolution #2015-21, to transfer funds from General Fund Reserve Account to pay the 2005B Bond for FY 2015-2016. (K. Gibson).
- E. Approval of Resolution #2015-22, to transfer two (2) Police Vehicles back to the Police Fleet. (Administration). **MOVED TO COUNCIL DECISION.**
- F. **Approval of Emergency Repairs of SCADA System at the Water Treatment Plant. (A. Canady).**

Motion by Councilman Cole, seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas to approve the Consent Agenda, with Item (E) being moved to Council Decision; AYE: ALL MOTION PASSES.

VII. COUNCIL DECISION

- E. **Approval of Resolution #2015-22, to transfer two (2) Police Vehicles back to the Police Fleet. Councilman Cole;** It is my recommendation that two of the police cars go back to the Police Department, they shouldn't be used just for driving, I would rather they be spread out. Mayor Grant indicated that it is his recommendation that they don't, 13 Police Cars was an over kill for a police agency of our size, if you go down to the Police Department now, you will find 5 if not 6 vehicles sitting in the parking lot un-used, we are a full service municipality, there is other departments that utilize vehicles to deliver services. Councilman Washington asked Chief McIntyre are the five vehicles sitting in the parking lot, are they dressed out? Chief replied they are dressed out and marked cars; they are being utilized for shift coverage. Mayor Grant indicated that they are just sitting, so you are going to add two (2) more that is just going to be sitting. Mayor Grant asked Chief, how many cars he has sitting in the parking lot right now, not the Captain or the Chiefs car, new cars? Chief replied; on a regular

patrol day, it depends on how many officers are on patrol; Mayor Grant replied the maximum Officers on patrol is three (3). Chief; if you have a maximum of three (3) people on the road, then you would have possibly two (2) cars sitting, when you made reference to the e-mail, it was because a car broke down, which was an old car, that's why the number was what it was, at that time it was two (2) Officers on the road; Mayor; it was five (5), Officers so now you take one (1) away and it was four (4), so now you down to two (2). Mayor Grant asked Chief how many Officers are on the road right now; Chief replied; we have three (3) Officers on the road right now, so that would leave two (2) cars in the parking lot. Mayor Grant asked Chief who else besides himself have a new car? Chief replied everyone has a new car, there are a total of 8 cars; Mayor Grant replied, that number doesn't add up; that only adds up to six, so you are saying you have the need for the additional cars. Motion by Councilman Cole, seconded by Councilman Daniels; **AYE:** Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilman Cole, Councilman Daniels, and Councilman Washington; **NAYE:** Mayor Grant; **MOTION PASSES.**

VIII. STAFF REPORT

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL/ATTORNEY REPORT

Vice Mayor Thomas- Met with Zora on 9/28/2015, got the agreement signed, I have the final figures for what Zora owes, which is \$14,200, that will cover from 2013 to current, their settlement that we want to offer to them, a monetary amount with a date; I am willing to accept \$10,000, no later than the last Friday in this month; October 30, 2015, they had also stated that the money owed for the 2016 Festival will be paid in full by December 31st, their next meeting is October 22nd, as far as the 2016 discussion, if the Board would allow me to do the discussions with them, my recommendation would be for, 2016 to keep other businesses from being affected, have the Festival on the field, there will be no street closures, as the Mayor said, instead of giving them a blanket policy for their vendors, the vendors need to pay what is owed to the Town to us before they can be out on the field, so if the Council would give me that approval, that is my recommendation. Attorney Morrell indicated that there is pending litigation against P.E.C., if we are going to cut them a deal, we should put a condition on it, that is if they don't pay by the deadline, as stipulated and agreed, then we can get a final judgement for the money that is owed; Vice Mayor Thomas stated that this would include filing a lien on the bank accounts and whatever other properties they may have. Vice Mayor Thomas is asking Council for approval to go into negotiations; Council had no objections to this request. Vice Mayor indicated that she would bring this information back to Council, the first meeting in November.

Councilman Washington- NO REPORT

Councilman Daniels- Goals of Department Directors, need to receive the second Council meeting in October, the ditch behind Katherine Street, are we able to drain that, the ditch is overflowing. What is our procedure for people doing work with no permits over the weekend; also known as weekend warriors. Mayor Grant replied that Code Enforcement works on Saturdays. October is breast cancer awareness month, dear to my heart, my mom is a breast cancer survivor, I applaud those who have fought this and won, lost a sister to this.

Councilman Cole- Integrity Ordinance, staff needs to look at to help with finances, there were certain things that had to be completed by September 30th, review it at the next Council Workshop.

Mayor Grant- Thanked residents that came out for visioning sessions the last three (3) Saturdays at the Denton Johnson Center; Vice Mayor Thomas and Councilman Cole for attending; Councilman Daniels and Washington had other obligations. I have asked Mr. Dixon to contact Renzo and his staff to come to the next Council Meeting to give a presentation on widening West Kennedy; we have an official start date of 2017, and finish 2019. In November the Catalina Park Project will begin, the project will take about (18) months to complete; the second part will go out to bid in the next (60) days; this is the Eaton Street Project. Do Elementary Schools have PTA, YES; Mayor Grant asked Councilman Cole to champion this effort of the new elementary school construction, will the residents have input on the concepts and design, research this and let Council know the outcome. We met with Host Time in March, they want to stay in Eatonville, and build a \$20 million dollar facility, it is a high tech business, and we are looking for 5 acres for them. I met with Commissioner Nelson, he was instrumental in getting back the \$15 million back for West Kennedy Boulevard, I would encourage each Council member to call him.

Mr. Dixon- NO REPORT

Attorney Morrell-

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-

George Williams- 147 Lincoln Boulevard; Police cars if there are five in the garage, and they are not being used, if you want a truck, trade one (1) car in and get a truck; if you want a van trade another one in and get a van.

Richard Thomas- on the parcel of land for the School Board, it would be land swapped.

J. Johnson- we need for parents to read to their children, let's get involved.

Louisteen Cummings- my sorority we partner with Hungerford Elementary, maybe the Town can form a committee, we need more parents to show concern for these kids.

X. **ADJOURNMENT-** Council Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.


Respectfully Submitted by:

Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk