

TOWN COUNCIL  
**MINUTES**  
DECEMBER 1, 2015  
7:30 P.M.

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

**STAFF:** Attorney Joseph Morrell, Abu Canady, Public Works Director, Rod Bargaineer, Recreation Director, Sherron Fort, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Joseph Jenkins, Deputy, Eric McIntyre, Police Chief, Katrina Gibson, Finance Director, and Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk. **ABSENT:** Roger Dixon, Chief Administrative Officer.

**I. CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM- Mayor Grant called the Council Meeting to order at 7:45 p.m., Pastor Critton led the Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS-** Eatonville Police Officers present tonight to receive their letters of commendation from Mayor Grant and Council in the regards to their superb work regarding the Car Show. Special recognition to Sgt. Hernandez, Officer Jones, Officer Boone, and Deputy Chief on their efforts to secure a potential carjacking and secured the scene without incident. Mayor Grant expressed his sincere gratitude to all 13 officers in the Eatonville Police Department. Mayor Grant read Sgt. Hernandez letter of commendation to the citizens and Council. Deputy Chief Jenkins acknowledges the Officers for their dedication and heroism during this event, and to say special thanks to the Officers that I really challenged, I am proud to be an Officer of the Town of Eatonville. Chief McIntyre; this event people came to have a good time, there were a few incidents, everyone stepped up to the plate, also want to commend the Officers for their work during this Event. Councilman Cole; recommended that Administration pay the Officers the \$40.00 and not the \$35.00 pay for off-duty for this Event.

Chad McKendrick- representing PEC, will pay the \$5,700 to the Town by the end of the week, the remaining balance will be paid by the next Council Meeting; we have removed the items in storage. Vice Mayor Thomas indicated that this settlement amount is incorrect, because the agreement has not been honored. PEC has to show the Town something in order for us to move with the contract for the Zora Festival 2016, you have to honor what was agreed to be paid. Mr. McKendrick indicated that the money to pay the Town has been allocated; the issue has been the storage room. Councilman Cole made a recommendation for PEC for the months of November, December, January, February 2016, that we will charge them \$1.00 for those months. Mayor Grant agreed with Councilman Cole recommendation, the

Town does not need the space, didn't understand why we were charging them. Mayor Grant suggested that the Town waive the outstanding fees that PEC owe, and move forward.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY**

**V. PUBLIC HEARING**

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of November 17, 2015 Town Council Minutes. (Clerk's Office). TABLED.**

**B. Approval of Eatonville Police Department Policy and Procedures Manual. (Police Department).** Mayor Grant indicated to Council that he is not asking for approval tonight on this document, we will take it section by section; the Police Department is already operating under this policy that is not approved by this governing body. Vice Mayor Thomas made concerns regarding the policy that needs to be reviewed by Legal Counsel and HR person to explain it to Council. Attorney Morrell indicated to Council that all questions and concerns regarding the policy should be directed to Chief McIntyre. Mayor Grant recommended that the policy be tabled, to give Council more time to review the document. Councilman Cole made concerns in regards to the person that is the Chief of Police, and not the Deputy Chief, we do not know who to talk with in this position. Mayor Grant replied that Deputy Jenkins is in charge of day to day operations. Councilman Cole stated that this Board appointed Eric McIntyre as the Police Chief; we are setting a bad example for this Town. Councilman Cole asked Attorney Morrell for a legal opinion on the Police Policy that Council should take a look at. Attorney Morrell will follow-up with Chief McIntyre.

**VII. COUNCIL DECISION**

**VIII. STAFF REPORT**

**IX. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL/ATTORNEY REPORT**

**Councilman Cole-** 11/17/2015 Council minutes, concerns regarding the car show not reflected in the minutes, they may have been made during Workshop.

**Councilman Washington-** NO REPORT

**Councilman Daniels-** Police Department; commend them on a job well done during the car show, at first I was not in favor of the car show, but we made it happen, asked if Administration could meet with the City Managers of the cities to find out why they didn't support us adequate police protection, next year with the car show need to get more revenue for the Town, and have adequate protection. In regards to the Personnel Manual, a lot of it I don't understand, asked Attorney Morrell about some of

the procedures. Attorney Morrell indicated that the Town has Interlocal agreements, if there are emergencies or crisis, they are obligated to come and assist the Town. Keep Doreatha Whittaker in our Prayers, she passed today.

**Vice Mayor Thomas-** gas log for the CAO car; Council had agreed to have those vehicles returned to the police department, the Council didn't approve to pay the gas for this vehicle to travel back and forth to home; there is no log. When will the Town's policy and procedure manual come back to the Council? Presentation will be made by the Florida League of Cities at the December 15, 2015 meeting. In regards to the gas for the CAO, what law are we violating if there is no line item to be paid; we need to take the gas card. Mayor Grant replied that most City Administrators have gas/clothing stipends, and car allowances; we will conduct a survey on this. Vice Mayor had concerns that the gas is being paid from Public Works; Mayor Grant indicated that a budget amendment would have to be done. Councilman Cole stated that this was one of the findings in the audit report, no gas log being kept.

**Mayor Grant-** N/A

**Attorney Morrell-** N/A

#### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-**

**Louisteen Cummings-** for a long resident Lucille White there was no Resolution at the funeral.

**Felix Lake, Sr. -** Bicycle repair and paint project in the Town, on December 13, 2015; the classes at the elementary school that I spoke with were excited about this project. Of the kids that we spoke with, 44 kids have bikes, 28 do not have bikes, we are working on the ones that don't have bicycles. (Flyer handed out) to help find bikes. Bingo every Thursday night as mentioned by Vice Mayor Thomas.

**George Williams-** As a longtime resident of Eatonville; didn't receive a turkey invitation but received a ticket; nor did I receive a letter regarding the car show

**X. ADJOURNMENT-** Council Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

  
**Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk**