

TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 4, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Angie Gardner, Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels, Councilman Marlin Daniels, Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, and Councilman Theo Washington. **STAFF:** Attorney Clifford Shepard, **Town Attorney**, Cathlene Williams, **Interim Chief Administrative Officer**, Albert English, **Public Works Director**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**, and Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Sherronda Thomas, **Recreation Coordinator**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**.

CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Gardner called meeting to order at 7:45pm with a verification of quorum through Mrs. Veronica King

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Critton led the Prayer of Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA (Item #8 Tabled, Presenter was not able to attend)

(Mayor Gardner) Motions for approval of amended agenda; moved by Councilman Washington; second Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - THREE (3) MINUTES STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Mayor Gardner called for Citizen Participation; (4) participating citizens

EDDIE COLE – The Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund was signed in August 2020; 2 Million given to the town. Budget Priorities were set to \$300,00 for wastewater-tower repair-renovation, \$200,000 for meter replacement, \$50,000 for valve repair/replacement. What happen to the money? Need report of the \$685,000 from Congresswoman Demings to know the timeline so we don't lose the money; need report and timeline for the money from Governor Desantis.

RYAN NOVAK – Part-time employment do not get benefits. Thanks to Attorney Shepard for addressing Florida Statues 119; Florida laws on transparency is good. Can do Public Record Request on body cameras. Invitation to play pickleball tomorrow at 5:30pm at Caddy way Park; hoping to bring this game to Eatonville, a prime location and opportunity to bring more bodies into the town and bring more money through visitors spending money in the town.

CRYSTAL WHITTAKER – Spoke with some residents and most oppose the rezoning proposed for the old Costco Building where Telsa is trying to do some other things. Traffic is already bad, and the area is congested going in and out of the Subdivision; speeding, large trucks backing up preventing people from getting in and out of their property. We do not want the proposal approved.

ANGELA THOMAS - Requesting a copy of the papers that the former Mayor referenced and also requesting the same information he is requesting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(Mayor Gardner) Introduces the first reading of Ordinance #2022-3, Businesses in the Town of Eatonville Code of Ordinances, concerning the registration and operation of Rental Homes

(Public Comments) Angela Thomas – Why was the hotel/motel taken out of the ordinance? The Intown Suites is being rented as residential and not a hotel/motel. If someone stays over thirty days, are they a resident?

(Council Comments) In section thirteen, do landlords have to conduct background checks and income verification (Councilman M. Daniels); Yes, Attorney Shepard also confirmed that his office assisted in preparing and reviewed the ordinance. Hotel/Rooming Board may be regulated under the Florida hotel/restaurant division (Councilwoman Randolph). Legal confirmed that the ordinance does not apply to hotel/motel; it is established to control short-term rentals (i.e., Airbnb) and allows for registration and assist in helping individuals to act responsible while also coming into compliance. This ordinance needs more time and work (Councilman M. Daniels/Councilwoman Randolph). Questions: What is the number of rentals, has a study been completed, number of incidents identified resulting from rentals/rooming boards. (Councilman

Washington) Is an occupational license required. Council is asked to provide their concerns, desire, and questions **Mayor Gardner motions to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2022-3: motion dies for lack of second; a second motion is presented to table this item and bring back for a workshop on October 18th and the 1st reading in November;** moved by Councilman Washington; second Vice Mayor R. Daniels **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Gardner motions for approval of consent agenda; moved by Councilman Washington; second Vice Mayor R. Daniels **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS: (Item #8 was tabled during the approval of agenda)

(Mayor Gardner) Motions to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Eatonville and the Eatonville Chamber of Commerce; moved by Councilman Washington; second Councilwoman Randolph (Council Discussion) Vice Mayor R. Daniels made requests and provided recommended changes to the MOU. Want to ensure that it is not perceived that the town is in control of the Chambers; remove the 4th whereas (Councilwoman Randolph). LaVonda Wilder was asked to speak; expressed concerns about unfair treatment by the town; feels singled out. When asked to be the welcome center for Eatonville, nothing was asked from the Town. Reasons for the MOU: Needed should the town give money to the Chambers and because the Chambers will be representing the town; the MOU will speak to the plan of action and in consideration to establishing a budget. Chambers is a 501c6, nonprofit use for marketing. **(Mayor Gardner) Motions to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Eatonville and the Eatonville Chamber of Commerce removing the 4th Whereas; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

REPORTS:

Interim Chief Administrative Officer: No Report

Legal Counsel: No Report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Marlin Daniels – Ask for a report from Mr. English about the results of the storm, state of the infrastructure; Thanks to Chief Jenkins for providing an opportunity to get out to see and talk with residents after the storm. Do we have the capability for reverse 911? (Mr. English) – Observed about 12-18 inches of rain, some homes were located in flooding zones. Although the crew worked relentlessly, we need to be more prepared. Pipes need a lot of work. (Chief Jenkins) We have the capability for reverse 911 through Orange County. (Councilman M. Daniels) In consideration to barricades, trees, cones, communication, we need to be better prepared (Councilman M. Daniels). Reminder: Go through Fema for assistance; Orange County is a disaster area. CAO – How is Ms. Williams getting paid, requesting a written response from the Mayor. As of October 4 (today), the Florida 5th District and the judicial system has spoken, the appeal was won, and the case is closed.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Thanks to all for the prayers and condolences during the passing of brother. Emergency Disaster: Must get adequate information out to the residents; needs signs and better communication. Town Logo: No one should be using the town's logo, address to include the address to the CRA to their own benefit; need to cease and desist. Use of the logo should be approved through the town/a department. James Benderson – Backpay that is owed needs to be resolved. The Florida Legacy Workshops will be put on hold until the Denton Johnson Center repairs have been resolved. The workshop will cover Wills, Probate, and Power of Attorney. Security: Ms. Williams was asked to begin incorporating a sign-in sheet for walk ins. Storm Relief/Assistance: I am making myself available to assist residents with getting the supplies that are needed.

Councilman Theo Washington – This was a historic storm; several areas have been affected and the receding of water is unknown. Public Works is doing the best they can; we have to wait and be ready address issues; trees Thanks to the staff for all their efforts.

Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels – Recognizing partnership; we have to work together. Having a MOU is administrative and not to be taking out of context. We are here for you (Chambers) and want to help. Storm: We have to be prepared and communicate. Grant – Requested for Mrs. Gibson to speak to the \$550,000 money from grant. (Mrs. Gibson) The money has been received as of three weeks ago. Mr. English is there a valve replacement plan. (Mr. English) Valves should be placed at junction points, and it will require shutting down the town's water.

Mayor Angie Gardner – Appreciate Public Works and the staff for all the hard work. Attorney Shepard, where are we with the sewer and water connection fee issue. (Attorney Shepard) Anything that is not our (town) fees, the legal position is not to waive, by the agreement . There is some clarity that is needed about the fees; will get with Mr. English or Ms. Williams. Impact Fees- In response to Councilwoman Randolph, there is a study being done and I will get back with you on the results. Catalina Park – to address the issues, we need to bring in a civil engineer to lead a comprehensive approach to fixing the issues in Catalina Park. Ms. Whittaker, I heard you.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mayor Gardner to adjourn, moved by Councilman Washington; second by Councilwoman Randolph **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. MEETING ADJOURNED** at: 9:21PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Veronica L King, Town Clerk

APPROVED


Angie Gardner, Mayor