The Town Council meeting of March 11, 2020 was called to order at 7:01pm by Mayor Del Yonts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call as follows:

Mayor Del Yonts – Present
Seat #1 Tom Sammon – Present
Seat #2 Lisette Kolar – Present
Seat #3 Dan Faden – Present
Seat #4 Cathy DeMott – Present
Seat #5 Pat Bryan – Present
Seat #6 Dan Robino, Vice Mayor – Absent

Also attending:
Town Clerk Jessica Keenan
Town Administrator Jason Mahaney
Building Division Manager Alex Juan

**Proclamations**

**Water Conservation Month April 2020**
Mayor Yonts read the proclamation designating April as Water Conservation Month. Motions by Councilmember Kolar, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to adopt the proclamation. Motion passed 6-0.

**Presentations**

Brevard County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) Report

Lt. Gamin went over the stats for February 2020. He stated that there was no unusual activity outside of a normal month. The Grant Seafood Fest seemed busier than normal this year. He is planning to discuss additional parking options with the Seafood Fest for future years.
Councilmember Bryan stated that they are bringing in a parking consultant to address the parking issues. Lt. Gamin suggested having someone manage their social media to alert the public when the parking lots are full. Councilmember Bryan said that he would bring it to their attention at the next meeting.

**Changes to the Agenda**
None.
Public Hearings

   AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA;
   REZONING PROPERTY AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL ID 30-38-04-79-AE-1, AND MORE
   PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; FROM BREVARD COUNTY AU
   (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO BREVARD COUNTY RR-1 (RURAL RESIDENTIAL);
   PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; PROVIDING AN
   EFFECTIVE DATE. (REZONING NO. Z-2020-01). Planning and Zoning Board recommended
   approval by unanimous vote on February 24, 2020.
   Applicant: Justify Group, LLC
   Property Owners: Justify Group, LLC
   Property Address: Not Assigned
   Existing Zoning Classification: Agricultural Residential (AU)
   Proposed Zoning Classification: Rural Residential (RR-1)
   Size of Specific Area Covered by Application: 20.27 acres+/
   Reason for Request: Would like to subdivide property into thirteen 1.25 acre lots.

Mayor Yonts read the Ordinance by title and opened the public hearing. Town Administrator
Mahaney briefly summarized the background information. This rezoning request is to allow the
owner the ability to apply to create a subdivision of the RR-1 size requirement. They would like
to take 1 lot and divide the property into 13 separate lots. For a lot to be buildable, each lot
created will need to meet the Charter requirement of a 1.25 acre minimum. The requested
zoning of RR-1 fits within the Low-Density Residential land-use designation and the intent of the
charter. This is for a zoning change only. The approval of the zoning change does not guarantee
an approval of the subdivision. Staff has no adverse comments regarding this request for
rezoning. Mayor Yonts asked if the entrance road is wide enough or if that would be a
subdivision question. Mr. Mahaney said that would be a subdivision question that can be
addressed at that site plan review. Mr. Mahaney said that the applicant is in the audience. John
Curri stated that he was here in case the Council had any questions. Mayor Yonts opened the
public hearing. Ed Reynolds spoke. He is concerned about the number of houses that would be
able to be built and the impact it would have on the roadways. Councilmember Bryan stated
that the fact that the only entrance is off of Blossom Ridge is concerning with the amount of
homes that they are proposing with this rezoning request. There was discussion regarding how
many vacant lots are left in Riverview Terrace. John Curri spoke stating that Blossom Ridge is
not a highly impacted road at this time and the plan is that the subdivision will be gated. Mayor
Yonts asked Mr. Mahaney to see if the Town can make it a requirement to put a portion money
towards fixing the roadways. Councilmember Sammon said that he does not feel that that
requirement would be fair.
Motions made by Councilmember Sammon, second by Councilmember Bryan, and vote unanimous to approve Ordinance 2020-02. Motion passed 6-0. The second and final reading will be on April 8, 2020.

Consent Agenda
Motions by Councilmember Kolar, second by Councilmember Faden, and vote unanimous to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments (Non-agenda, 5-minute limit)
Jean-Rodolphe Lavanture spoke. He recently purchased a piece of property off of Lortie Ave (Tax Account 2932721) and the Town is telling him that the lot is not buildable until an improved road is constructed, but there is already a road being utilized by the existing property owners. Mayor Yonts explained that the properties that utilize the road that is there had an existing no maintenance agreement with Brevard County at the time of incorporation and the Town does not maintain the road; it is more of a trail than a road. Mayor Yonts stated that the last time this was brought in front of Council it was recommended by the Town’s attorney that the Town does not do anything. If it is not a road the Town will not allow a house because of the legal implications. There was brief discussion regarding the attorneys’ previous email and piggy-backing off of the current no maintenance agreements. It was Council’s consensus that the road would have to be improved prior to building a home on the west portion of Lortie Ave.

New Business
1. Resolution 04-2020
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR PARENTAL LEAVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Mayor Yonts read the Resolution by title. Mayor Yonts explained that the state was pushing for a parental leave bill and we currently do not have that policy in place. The policy includes adoption as well and is written for 6 weeks of parental leave. Mayor Yonts stated that he was ok with changing the policy to 8 weeks. Mr. Mahaney stated that he is in the process of adopting a child and will not elect to take parental leave. Mayor Yonts asked for public comment. There was none. Councilmember Faden stated that it is the right thing to do and a benefit to our current and future employees. Mayor Yonts clarified that this resolution applies to full-time employees only.
Motions by Councilmember Bryan, second by Councilmember Faden, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution 04-2020 with the change of 8 weeks of paternal leave. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Resolution 05-2020
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALAKRIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE 2020 CENSUS; PROVIDING FOR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE GOALS
AND IDEALS OF THE 2020 CENSUS; COMMITTING TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY CITIZENS AND ASSISTANCE TO CENSUS TAKERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read the resolution by title. Mayor Yonts explained that the Census is trying to stress the importance of participating in the Census. He stated that these numbers will impact the funding that we can receive at a local, county, and state level.

Motions by Vice Mayor Kolar, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution 05-2020. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports
1. Town Administrator’s Report
   Mr. Mahaney stated that the Town has received the grant money from FDEP for the Town Connector Trail in the amount of $53,600. A new truck has been ordered for our maintenance crew. Mr. Mahaney stated that the road paving and LDR workshop has been scheduled for March 25, 2020 at 7pm. Vice Mayor Kolar asked if staff could get in touch with Rick and see what sections he intends to go over at the workshop. Mr. Mahaney said that the church located at 5640 Old Dixie Highway would like to add a multipurpose building which is considered a minor site plan. He asked if Council would like to see it or if it can be handled at a staff level. There was brief discussion and it was Council’s consensus for the site plan to be reviewed at a staff level. County has given the Notice to Proceed to the contractor (VA Paving) they will be mobilizing the week March 23. Substantial completion is 320 days from the Notice to Proceed (Tentatively January 15, 2021). Final Completion - 30 days from Substantial Completion. (Tentatively February 14, 2021). Mr. Mahaney stated that the Town is working with Brevard County preparing for the upcoming hurricane season. Staff has a meeting on March 12th to set up a planning exercise and will have the mock exercise on Friday, May 8th. Mr. Mahaney stated that the farm ditch has been filled in. He did have to meet BCSO on site. Vice Mayor Kolar asked if they will dig it again. Mr. Mahaney stated that he has spoken to the BCSO and they are aware if any activity is seen within the right-of-way that the Town does want to press charges. The Town filled in the portion that was dug illegally. Mr. Mahaney explained that reports COVID-19 have increased and we need to make a decision on whether or not to cancel Grant-Valkaria Day. There has been a number of events and classes that have been canceled. Motions by Vice Mayor Kolar, second by Councilmember Bryan, and vote unanimous to postpone Grant-Valkaria Day until further notice. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Mahaney stated that there are three different pipes in town that are failing. The one at Old Dixie Highway and Main Street exceeds the amount Mr. Mahaney can spend. Motions by Councilmember Bryan, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve the culvert replacement at Old Dixie Highway and Main Street. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Mahaney explained that the other two failing culverts are within his authorized spending limit. Mr. Mahaney stated that Calvary Baptist Church had requested to have a tent at Grant-Valkaria day. It was Council’s consensus not to allow them to have a tent but they are more than welcome to attend. Mr. Mahaney explained that the Town has been very busy
and he does not anticipate it slowing down. He would like to hire a new employee as Alex would like to go part-time in two years. Mayor Yonts asked why we need to hire an employee two years prior to Alex going part-time. Mr. Mahaney explained that he would like that time for Alex to cross-train the employee and allow adequate time for the new hire to get the necessary licenses required. Councilmember Faden said that he would like to see a contractual agreement or some type of commitment if we are going to train the employee and bring him up to Alex’s level. Mr. Juan stated that the employee would have to pay back the training funds to the Town if they left earlier than two years. Mayor Yonts asked where the funding would come from in order to hire another employee. Mr. Mahaney explained that it would come out of the building department. Mr. Juan went over the building department activity. Mr. Mahaney said that he will be out of the office next week for vacation.

2. Finance Report
Mayor Yonts pointed out the increases in revenue from the building department. Vice Mayor Kolar said that she spoke to Town Clerk Keenan regarding the Ad Valorem taxes. The amount collected at this point seems low. Town Clerk Keenan said that the revenue is collected throughout the year and that number will increase over the next few months.

3. Council Reports and Comments
Councilmember Bryan thanked Mr. Mahaney and staff for repairing the pot hole on Pine Sap Ave. Councilmember Faden asked if all of the roads that needed material have been completed. Mr. Mahaney said yes. Vice Mayor Kolar thanked Mr. Mahaney and CDM for moving the benches. The GVCA will put the plaques on the benches. She asked if the Town had heard anything further about the pipe that was going to be installed across the Town Connector Trail. Mr. Mahaney said he has not heard anything from the individuals who said they were going to provide the pipe. It was Council’s consensus to authorize Mr. Mahaney to have a contractor install the cross pipe. Councilmember Sammon thanked the Council for terminating Harrell Development’s grading contract. Since CDM has taken over, the roads have never looked better. He said that he drove down to see what the progress was on the interchange. There was brief discussion regarding the completion of the interchange. Mayor Yonts stated that he did go by the attorneys’ office this week to sign the contract for the land in Riverview Terrace. If you have seen signs along the railroad, he did authorize them that it was ok to put them up. Mayor Yonts said that the SCLOC meeting got a little heated. The league discussed passing a resolution that if one person walks out of a meeting then everyone has to. Mayor Yonts said that he has not decided what he will do, but if they do push this that the Town will no longer be a part of the Space Coast League of Cities unless someone would like to take his place. Mayor Yonts said that the vacation bill does not look like it will happen. There was brief discussion regarding the bill. Mayor Yonts said that he is doing March for Meals next Tuesday. He will not be able to attend the BCSO reward ceremony if anyone would like to go in his place. He did receive a complaint on airport noise and he did refer them to the correct contact person. Mayor Yonts thanked Vice Mayor Kolar for putting together the Mayor’s Fitness Challenge walk and thanked the
Trails and Greenways Committee for maintaining the Town Connector Trail. Mayor Yonts said that after the Grant Seafood Fest there was still barricades in the roadway and we need to make sure that those are moved after the event. Mayor Yonts asked about a timeframe for the pole replacement along Valkaria Road. Mr. Mahaney said that they have not given him a completion date at this time. Mayor Yonts stated that they had a meeting with the Bear Creek HOA on Saturday regarding the cleaning of the ditches throughout the HOA. The Town will not be responsible for any damage to the irrigation systems or utility lines. The HOA will be sending letters to the residents that live within their HOA to inform them of the work to be completed.

Adjourn
There being no further discussion, motions were made by Councilmember Bryan, second by Councilmember Faden, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Motion passed 6-0.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Keenan, CMC, Town Clerk

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Del Yonts, Mayor. Signature on file.

ATTEST:

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Jason Mahaney, Town Administrator. Signature on file.