

**Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Council Chamber, 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950**

Mayor Yonts called the meeting to order at 6:01pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and roll call as follows:

Roll Call (Town Clerk)

Mayor – Del Yonts - Present

Seat No. 1 – Tom Sammon – Present

Seat No. 2 – Lisette Kolar – Present

Seat No. 3 – Dan Faden, Vice Mayor – Present

Seat No. 4 – Cathy DeMott – Present by phone

Seat No. 5 – Pete Miravalle– Present

Seat No. 6 – Dan Robino – Absent/Excused

Motions by Councilmember Sammon, second by Councilmember Miravalle, and vote unanimous to excuse Councilmember Robino. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

Brevard County Sheriff’s Monthly Report

Lt. Knepp gave the monthly report. He mentioned for all residents to lock their cars and homes. Marcie Adkins asked how many tickets had been given for speeding and passing in a double yellow on Valkaria Rd. Lt. Knepp stated that they do not keep track of the tickets that are issued; they keep a stat report of the citation. Lois McManus asked about the fatal accident on Valkaria Rd. Lt. Knepp stated that he was not working that not but from what he understands the male driver had passed away on scene and the passenger was in critical condition. He advised the Council that he has been assigned to another area and this will be his last meeting.

GVCA

Councilmember Kolar gave a brief overview of what the organization is. Lois McManus of the GVCA stated that their Sandhill Scramble Golf Tournament was a success. She thanked their sponsors and volunteers. They presented the Town with a check of \$5,000 to go towards the repayment of the fitness equipment. Vice Mayor Faden and Councilmember Kolar thanked the GVCA for their community involvement.

Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Mahaney added the GVCA presentation, a triparty agreement as item 1a, and second public comment before reports.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Kolar mentioned that in one of the minutes it had her seconding a motion and she was absent. The Town Clerk said that she would correct the error. **Motions by Councilmember Sammon, second by Vice Mayor Faden, and vote unanimous to approve the consent agenda.**

Public Comments (Non-agenda items, 5-minute limit)

Diane Tyson stated her opposition to the 6pm start time.

Marcie Adkins stated her concern with the speeding and passing on Valkaria Rd. She suggested a pedestrian marker at the park entrance in between the lanes as well as a stop sign at Corey Rd. Council directed staff to look into the 4-way stop and reducing the speed limit.

New Business

1a. Triparty Agreement

Mr. Mahaney explained that this is for the Radencic property located in the Town of Malabar at the end of Henderson Drive. He explained that this agreement makes all parties aware that they can have two homes off one easement. He stated that the Town of Malabar has already signed the agreement. Mayor Yonts asked if the property located to the east could also have two homes off the same easement. Mr. Mahaney stated that the property located to the east has its' own easement. With no further discussion, **motion by Vice Mayor Faden, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve the triparty agreement. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution No. 21-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY; APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE GRANT BBQ FESTIVAL AT 4580 FIRST STREET, GRANT-VALKARIA, FL 32949, SUBMITTED BY TOYS FOR KIDS, INC.; IMPOSING CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Yonts read the resolution by title. The Town Clerk explained that Toys for Kids, Inc. has applied for a special event permit allowing for a BBQ Fest on Friday, April 19th, from 3pm-8pm, Saturday, April 20th from 9am-8pm, and Sunday, April 21st from 10am-5pm. The applicant will be required to submit additional documents prior to the event date as outlined in Resolution 21-2023. **Motions by Councilmember Sammon, second by Councilmember Kolar, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution 21-2023.**

3. Myers Inc. Quote for Live Oaks

Mr. Mahaney stated that at the last meeting, Council directed staff to get a quote for two oak trees to replace the one oak tree in front of town hall. Myers Inc. quoted \$2,400 for two 65-gallon live oaks with installation included. Mr. Mahaney explained that since this quote was received there may be volunteers willing to dig the holes for the trees and we may be able to get the trees at a lower price through one of the residents' contacts. Mr. Mahaney asked for additional time to look into different options; Council consented.

4. Stormwater CPI Increase FY 24/25

Mr. Mahaney informed Council that staff had a discussion with Brevard County Natural Resources about increasing the ERU rate as briefly mentioned at the September meeting. At this time, we have not selected a stormwater project to expend the current funds collected. Once the Town has selected a project the potential to raise the ERU rate may be more beneficial. Since we are not in need of immediate funding, Brevard County Natural Resources suggested that we could increase the CPI instead. This would gradually increase the stormwater assessment. The CPI increase is approximately 4.2%, would only have to be advertised once, and the increase could occur annually. Tim Watson and Jeanie Harris spoke. Mayor Yonts would like staff to research projects. Mr. Mahaney explained that we are still looking at the ditch project by Hideaway and a possible lake project to help filter the water before the Lagoon. The council agreed to have this item brought before them in a Resolution for further consideration.

Public Comment

None.

Reports

1. Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Mahaney informed Council that the thermal striping on Valkaria Rd and the Grant road sidewalk extension has been completed. He reminded them that the ribbon cutting for the multiuse trail will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 10am at the south side of the path and the Christmas Tree Lighting will follow at 4pm. He stated that the Town is actively seeking Councilmembers for the tow resignations taking place in December. Mr. Mahaney informed Council that we have received a request for changing tables in each of the restrooms in the park; **Council consented**. He mentioned that we need to schedule a dirt road workshop after the January meeting to discuss how we want to spend impact fees. He stated that Play by Design shipped us too much material in which we paid for and they would like to offer to purchase it back at a lower price than what it was purchased at. He asked Council if they would like to sell the material back or keep it for future projects; **Council decided to keep the material**. Mr. Mahaney mentioned that the sketch for the public works building has been sent to the engineer and the installation of the fitness course has started.

2. Council Reports and Comments

Councilmember Miravalle asked for an update on traffic signals at US1. Mr. Mahaney said it would be about a two year process. He also asked how he can get a dedication sign for a passed friend; Mr. Mahaney stated that he would look into it and send him the contact. Councilmember Miravalle informed Council that the Town now has a path groomer that may be used on the multiuse trail and others. Councilmember Kolar said that the December Vision Zero meeting has been canceled. She also thanked Councilmember DeMott and Councilmember Miravalle for their service. Councilmember Sammon informed Mr. Mahaney that Mooney Ln. could use some road material. He informed Council that the Old Fish House had a benefit for Wendys' Blessing Bags, and

they had a great turn out. Mayor Yonts mentioned the food drive, the election in Brevard County, the fence in the park being complete, and referred to Tim Watson for any updates on the playground. Tim stated that he believes the order for pickets will be processed at the end of the month and they found a local company to engrave.

Adjourn

Motions by Councilmember Miravalle, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Del Yonts, Mayor. Signature on file.

Attest:

Jessica Keenan, Town Clerk, CMC. Signature on file.

Note: Any person desiring to appeal any decision made by the Town Council, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will need a record of the proceedings for such purposes and must ensure that a verbatim record and transcript of the proceedings is made. It shall be the responsibility of the person desiring to appeal any decision to prepare a verbatim record and transcript at his/her expense, as the Town does not provide one.

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