

**Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
Council Chamber, 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950**

Mayor Yonts called the meeting to order at 6:02pm 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 – Present

Presentations

Brevard County Sheriff's Monthly Report

Lt. Gish went over the monthly stats.

Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Mahaney added the cost certification for Hideaway Ln as new business 1a.

Public Hearings

1. Resolution No. 22-2023 (Advertised in Florida Today on November 9, 2023. Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval on November 27, 2023)
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA;
GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CUP-2023-01 TO ASHLYN CROTTY;
ALLOWING FOR TWO NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODE
SECTION 20-1927 ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR
CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Mayor Yonts read the resolution by title and announced the advertising date. Mr.
Mahaney explained that we have received a request for a CUP located at 4450 Gumbo Limbo
Ln. The request is to allow for two Nigerian dwarf goats due to a medical hardship. All the
required paperwork has been submitted and the property is currently zoned RR-1 and does
meet the requirements for a conditional use permit under section 20-1927. Mayor Yonts
opened the public hearing; the applicant spoke. There being no further questions, Mayor Yonts
closed the public hearing. **Motion by Councilmember Robino, second by Vice Mayor Faden,
and vote unanimous to approve Resolution No. 22-2023.**

2. Resolution No. 23-2023 (Advertised in Florida Today on November 9, 2023. Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval on November 27, 2023)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CUP-2023-02 TO JOSH HUFF; ALLOWING FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING LARGER THAN ALLOWED IN THE RR-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODE SECTION 20-2100.5(a)(7) AND 20-1901 ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read the resolution by title and announced the advertising date. Mr. Mahaney explained we have received a request for a CUP located at 5839 Snook Ln. The request is to allow for an accessory structure that is larger than allowed in the current zoning classification. Section 20-2100.5(a)(7) of the Towns' Land Development Regulations provides that accessory buildings located on properties which are less than 2.5 acres in size, zoned RR-1, and are bordered entirely on at least two (2) sides, which may include property across the street, by AU – agricultural/residential zoned property, or GU – general use zoned property and is not located in a deed restricted community may apply for a conditional use permit pursuant to section 20-1901 for an exemption from standards listed in subsections: a(1, 2, and 4) of this section. He stated that the property does meet all the requirements and staff has no adverse comments regarding this request. Mayor Yonts opened the public hearing; no one spoke, and the public hearing was closed. **Motion by Councilmember Kolar, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution No. 23-2023.**

Consent Agenda

Motions by Vice Mayor Faden, second by Councilmember Miravalle, and vote unanimous to approve the consent agenda.

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

Lois McManus gave a brief presentation on a project called Soles for Souls that the GVCA is participating in. She asked if the GVCA could have a bin at Town Hall for the shoes which a member of the GVCA would check every other day; Council consented to the project. Richard Cruz, President of the Hunter's Run HOA informed Council that the residents of Hunter's Run would not like the ditch sprayed and asked if it would be possible to have the ditch piped. Mr. Mahaney stated that he could reach out to our engineer to see what it would entail, but the cost would be the responsibility of the HOA. John Auermann inquired about the fire letter that was sent to Council. Mr. Mahaney said that he would set up a meeting with the fire chief and have it one of the the next agendas. Mr. Auermann also inquired about the status of the ordinance for VIP island. Mr. Mahaney said that the first reading will be in January. Ani Diaz spoke as well. Pat Ripton inquired about ARPA funds. Mr. Mahaney stated that the funds have been spent on road resurfacing and culvert pipe replacements.

New Business

1a. Cost Certification for Hideaway Ln.

Mr. Mahaney explained that this is to certify the cost of Hideaway Ln. and allow for reimbursement of funds not spent back to the applicant. There being no discussion, **motion by**

Councilmember Robino, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve the Cost Certification for Hideaway Ln. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 24-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA EXTENDING THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO COUNCILMEMBER CATHY DEMOTT FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA AND ITS RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read the resolution in its' entirety. Mr. Mahaney explained that on December 14, 2023, Councilmember Cathy DeMott will be resigning from Town Council. On behalf of the staff and Council, we would like to thank Cathy for her volunteer services as a member of the Council for the past 17 years. We wish her the best in her next endeavors and are grateful for her dedication to the Town and its' residents. The phone call disconnected, and Councilmember DeMott was unable to be reached again. Multiple Councilmembers stated their gratitude for the many years of service. **Motions by Vice Mayor Faden, second by Councilmember Miravalle, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution 24-2023. Motion passed 6-0.**

3. Resolution No. 25-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA EXTENDING THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO COUNCILMEMBER PETE MIRAVALLE FOR HIS YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA AND ITS RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read the resolution in its' entirety. Mr. Mahaney explained that on December 14, 2023, Councilmember Pete Miravalle will be resigning from Town Council. On behalf of the staff and Council, we would like to thank Pete for his volunteer services as a member of the Council for the last year. We wish him the best in his next endeavor and are grateful for his dedication to the Town and its' residents. Multiple Councilmembers stated their gratitude for his year of service. Councilmember Miravalle gave a brief speech thanking the residents, Council, and staff. **Motions by Councilmember Robino, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution 25-2023. Motion passed 6-0.**

4. Resolution No. 26-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; TO OFFICIALLY RENAME AND/OR NAME UNIMPROVED RIGHT-OF-WAYS AS MULTI-USE PATHWAYS TO PUTTERCLUB WAY, SHORT LANE, ROYCE WAY, CAMP PLACE, AND PERRY ROAD, LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA TO PLACE THE PATHWAY NAMES ON THE OFFICIAL MAPS OF RECORD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read the resolution by title. Mr. Mahaney explained that this resolution adopts the names for the ROWs that were decided on by Council at a previous meeting. **Motions by Councilmember Miravalle, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution 26-2023. Motion passed 6-0.**

5. Elect Vice Mayor in accordance with section 2.03 of the Town Charter

Mr. Mahaney stated that each December Town Council elects a Vice Mayor for a term of one year. A Councilmember shall not serve consecutive terms as Vice Mayor unless no other Councilmember is willing to serve per section 2.03 of the Town Charter. The Council reviewed previous Vice Mayors.

Motions by Vice Mayor Faden, second by Councilmember Robino, and vote unanimous to elect Councilmember Kolar as Vice Mayor. Motion passed 6-0.

6. 2024 Holiday Schedule

Mr. Mahaney presented Council with a holiday schedule for 2024 and requested that town hall be closed Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024—Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, as we have done in the past with such a small staff. He explained that we will have an emergency contact posted on the website and listed within our answering machine greeting. **Motions by Councilmember Kolar, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2024. Motion passed 6-0.**

7. SCLOC Voting Delegate for 2024

Mr. Mahaney explained that every December, the Space Coast League of Cities (SCLOC) requires the governing body of each member municipality to appoint a Voting Delegate/Director and Alternate to the League. Currently, Mayor Yonts and Vice Mayor Faden hold these positions. Councilmember Kolar nominated Mayor Yonts as the voting delegate. **Motions by Vice Mayor Kolar, second by Councilmember Faden, and vote unanimous to appoint Mayor Yonts as the voting delegate. Motions by Councilmember Robino, second by Councilmember Faden, and vote unanimous to appoint Vice Mayor Kolar as the alternate voting delegate. Motion passed 6-0.**

8. Appointing of Councilmembers for Remaining Terms

Mr. Mahaney stated that we will have two open Town Council seats as of December 14, 2023. He explained that according to section 2.05 of the Town Charter, a vacancy on the Town Council shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Town Council. Any person appointed by the Town Council to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the next regular Town Council election. The elected replacement shall serve the remaining term for the vacated seat. Seat 4 has a remaining term of one year and Seat 5 has a remaining term of three years. The appointed members will be subject to the Form 6 requirement due July 1, 2024. The following residents have asked to be considered: Brent Jackson, Mike Bradvarevic, Regina Harris, Richard Hood, Wayne Torpy, and Pat Bryan. Each candidate was given the chance to speak, and Richard Hood and Pat Bryan requested their names be withdrawn from consideration. Mayor Yonts gave the public the opportunity to speak; no one spoke. After discussion of the candidates, a **Motion by Councilmember Faden, second by Vice Mayor Kolar, and a unanimous vote to appoint Mike Bradvarevic to seat 5 for the remaining three-year term. Motion passed 6-0. Motion by Councilmember Robino, second by Councilmember Miravalle, and vote to appoint Brent Jackson to seat number 4 for the remaining term of 1 year. Motion passed 4-2 with Councilmember Faden and Vice Mayor Kolar voting nay.**

Public Comment

None.

Reports

1. Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Mahaney stated that the ribbon cutting for the multiuse path had a great turnout as well as the Christmas Tree Lighting. He informed everyone that next year's tree lighting will be on Sunday, December 1, 2024 due to the leap year. He also informed Council that Waste Pro is looking to move the north side of the Town to a Tuesday/Friday pick up schedule beginning in mid to late January and they will be sending notifications to residents in the next following weeks. He requested that the June Council meeting be moved to the third Wednesday of the month since he will be out of town for the Building Officials conference. After brief discussion, **motion by Vice Mayor Kolar, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to move the June Council meeting to the third Wednesday of the month until further notice.** Mr. Mahaney informed the Council that the 4-way stop at Corey Rd. and Valkaria Rd., requested at the last meeting, was not warranted by a traffic study per our engineer. He also informed Council that the code case at 6097 Highway 1 is currently in foreclosure and is requesting to settle for \$65,000 with 6 months to finalize the project. He explained that this property currently has over \$100,000 in fees and the current owner knowingly purchased the property at a decreased price with the fees in mind. Councilmember Robino suggested reducing the fees if the new owner is willing to bring the property into compliance. After lengthy discussion, **motion by Councilmember Sammon, second by Vice Mayor Faden and vote to settle for \$100,000 with 6 months to comply. Motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Robino voting nay.**

2. Council Reports and Comments

All Council wished everyone a happy holidays and thanked Council, residents, and staff. Councilmember Sammon specifically thank staff member Ray Hood, maintenance, for his hard work and dedication.

Adjourn

Motions by Councilmember Miravalle, second by Councilmember Robino, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. 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.

ATTN: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceedings shall, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting, contact the Town Clerk at (321) 951-1380.