

**Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**  
**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 – Brent Jackson – Absent/Arrived 6:28pm

Seat No. 5 – Mike Bradvarevic – Absent/Arrived 6:11pm

Seat No. 6 – Dan Robino – Present

**Presentations**

Brevard County Sheriff's Monthly Report

Lt. Gish went over the monthly stats. Mayor Yonts mentioned that Micco Road is to be closed for about 8 months due to a bridge/repair and would like to request an increase in patrols on Grant Road. Lt. Gish stated that the BCSO was aware, and they will be increasing patrols in that area. Vice Mayor Kolar mentioned the traffic back up on US1 from the trains. Andrew Benhase inquired about the RV on Valkaria Road; Mr. Mahaney stated that the BCSO is working on removing it and mentioned that dumping on Grant Road as well as other areas in Town is a big issue.

Mike Bradvarevic arrived at 6:11pm and the Town Clerk swore in the appointed Councilmember.

**Changes to the Agenda**

Mr. Mahaney added the Audit Engagement Letter to new business as item number two.

**Public Hearings**

1. First Reading Ordinance No. 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE XIV "LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR ISLANDS" OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA; AMENDING SECTION 20-4811 IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read the ordinance by title and Mr. Mahaney explained that Town Council has reviewed these Land Development Regulations during two public workshops and the ordinance was presented in a draft format to the Council with no recommended changes from the public in October and the Local Planning Agency recommended approval of this ordinance on November 27, 2023, by a unanimous vote. Wayne Torpy asked if the ordinance could be tabled and a representative from the island could work with staff to discuss further options. He explained that he and some of the other residents on VIP island were unavailable to meet with staff due to unforeseen circumstances.

Brent Jackson arrived at 6:28pm and the Town Clerk swore in the appointed Councilmember.

The following people spoke: Wayne Torpy, Robert Quatry, Regina Harris, Bruce Fletcher, Mike Mitchell, Greg Turek, Lynn Perry, Dale Flewellyn, Dustin Baxter, Ann Webber, and Tally Foster.

Wayne Torpy suggested holding another workshop and not moving forward. Mayor Yonts explained that it is his understanding that there are permits in review and land not able to be sold on VIP Island without moving forward with this ordinance because they are in current violation of Town Code. After much discussion, Mr. Torpy asked if a recess could be taken so he could speak with the other members of the island who are in attendance to gather information on what direction they are wanting to move forward. Mayor Yonts granted a 10-minute recess at 7:47pm. Mayor Yonts resumed the meeting at 7:58pm. Mr. Torpy stated that the island residents in attendance agreed to go through the ordinance to address the setbacks and/or other items that could potentially hold up a sale or permit but would like another workshop to further discuss other items in detail; Council agreed and the following items were changed: the wording "to the water" was added to (d)(1), five feet changed to 3 feet in section (d)(2), the wording "front line of the" was added to section (d)(3), "pavers may be used for walkways and driveways; however, they may not exceed 2 feet by 2 feet" wording added to section (g) and the wording "any changes to the canal must be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection was added to section (i). There being no further discussion, **motions by Councilmember Sammon, second by Vice Mayor Kolar, and vote unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2023-03 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.** Council directed staff to setup a workshop at the end of February to discuss further changes.

#### **Consent Agenda**

**Motions by Councilmember Robino, second by Councilmember Faden, and vote unanimous to approve the consent agenda.**

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

Andrew Benhase questioned the closure of Micco Rd. during the repair of the overpass. He disagreed that there is nothing the Town could do to control where traffic is being detoured. He suggested requesting a traffic study. Mayor Yonts explained that Grant Rd. is a public roadway and we are unable to tell them they cannot use it as a detour. Randy Poppy and Wayne Torpy also spoke.

#### **New Business**

1. Resolution No. 01-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY; APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE GRANT SEAFOOD FESTIVAL AT 4580 FIRST STREET SUBMITTED BY THE GRANT COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.; IMPOSING CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Yonts read the resolution by title. Mr. Mahaney explained that the Grant Community Center has applied for a special event permit allowing for a Seafood Fest on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 9am-7pm and Sunday, March 3, 2024, from 9am-5pm. The applicant will be required to submit additional documents prior to the event date as outlined in the Resolution. **Motion by Councilmember Robino, second by Vice Mayor Kolar, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution No. 01-2024 Motion passed unanimously.**

## 2. Audit Engagement Letter

The Town Clerk explained that this is our annual audit engagement letter, and the cost of the audit will be approximately \$10,000 more than last year because we are required to do a federal audit by reason of spending ARPA funds. **Motion by Councilmember Faden, second by Vice Mayor Kolar, and vote unanimous to approve the audit engagement letter. Motion passed unanimously.**

## Public Comment

None.

## Reports

### 1. Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Mahaney informed the Council that Waste Pro has mailed out a notification for change in trash service. Beginning January 15<sup>th</sup> trash will be picked up every Tuesday/Friday for all residents. He stated that the mulch for the playground has been delivered and should be spread within the next few weeks. He informed Council that Grant-Valkaria Day will be held on Saturday, Marh 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. Mr. Mahaney showed a short clip of the little library that Walt Whybrew rebuilt. He mentioned that the Trails and Greenways Committee would like to do some fundraising at Grant-Valkaria Day and the Tree Lighting; Council consented. Mr. Mahaney also went over the permit numbers for 2023.

### 2. Council Reports and Comments

Councilmember Faden provided reasoning as to why he voted nay on appointing Councilmember Jackson. He suggested having application for appointment in the future. Vice Mayor Kolar welcomed the new Councilmembers and Mayor Yonts gave an update on the Space Coast League of Cities meeting.

## Adjourn

**Motions by Vice Mayor Kolar, second by Councilmember Faden, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. Motion passed unanimously.**

Minutes submitted by Jessica Keenan, Town Clerk.

Del Yonts, Mayor. Signature on file.

Attest:

Mandy Birenbaum, Administrative Assistant. 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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