

**Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Council Chamber, 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950**

Mayor Yonts called the meeting to order at 6:00pm 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, Vice Mayor – Present

Seat No. 3 – Dan Faden – Present

Seat No. 4 – Brent Jackson – Present

Seat No. 5 – Mike Bradvarevic – Present

Seat No. 6 – Dan Robino – Present

Presentations

Brevard County Sheriff's Monthly Report

Lt. Chris Castiello introduced himself and reviewed last month's reports. Mayor Yonts requested stop location stats to ensure additional enforcement on Grant Rd with recent Micco Rd closure. Lt. Cassidy stated the current stats are for the Town of Grant-Valkaria in zone 74.

Changes to the Agenda

None

Public Hearings

1. Second 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. During first reading on January 10, 2024, changes were recommended, and the ordinance reflects those changes.

Motions by Councilmember Faden, second by Councilmember Sammon, and roll vote to approve Ordinance No. 2023-03.

Roll Call Vote:	Del Yonts	<u>Yes</u>
	Tom Sammon	<u>Yes</u>
	Lisette Kolar	<u>Yes</u>
	Dan Faden	<u>Yes</u>
	Brent Jackson	<u>Yes</u>
	Mike Bradvarevic	<u>Yes</u>
	Dan Robino	<u>Yes</u>

Consent Agenda

Motions by Councilmember Robino, second by Vice Mayor Kolar, and vote unanimous to approve the consent agenda with the updated amended recess return time of 7:58pm in Public Hearing section 1.

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

Nigel Barsby spoke of Hunter’s Run drainage and expressed concern of standing water in the swales and inquired on clearing of ditch to Berry Rd. Mr. Mahaney stated the culvert depths were typically measured from each culvert pipe and would check if any were dug too deep causing excess water to be held. Mayor Yonts expressed concerns with mixed messages from homeowners association (HOA). Mr. Mahaney stated he would further review the drainage and that we have the new HOA contact information.

Laurie and Peter Badal both expressed concerns of Hunter’s Run drainage; furthermore, added that they were not aware of the scheduled work and the mosquitos were now present. They were not happy with the completed work and that their ditch area was only 2yrs old with prior home approval. Multiple Council members clarified the work had been requested at a Council meeting. Mr. Mahaney stated the prior HOA had been notified of the scheduled work and that he would continue the drainage review.

Andre Berry inquired about putting in a disc golf course at the Grant-Valkaria Community park. He wanted to know if there was any interest in a course for him to start some preliminary plans. He discussed the family and health benefits to a disc golf course and stated he was not looking for Town funding. Andre believed the park offered many opportunities for varied course sizes. Council members were open to the idea and asked for a small course mock layout for further discussion.

New Business

1. Proposal for Owens Ave Drainage

Mr. Mahaney explained a proposal from CDM Trucking Inc in the amount of \$34,900 to improve the drainage along Owens Ave. The design has been reviewed and approved by our engineer and included a 10” pipe. The Town would be using Stormwater funds for this project. Vice Mayor Kolar requested notification of the neighbors prior to the start of the project.

Motions by Councilmember Faden, second by Councilmember Sammon, and vote unanimous to approve the proposal not to exceed \$40,000 for the Owens drainage project.

Public Comment

None.

Reports

1. Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Mahaney informed the Council that Grant-Valkaria Day would be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024 and that the new ninja obstacle course on the playground was completed and open. He asked when Council was interested in having the Council workshop for road paving. Council agreed to plan for the workshop in March with date options to follow. Mr. Mahaney reminded Council of the upcoming Space Coast League of Cities was scheduled for March 11, 2024 at Up the Creek venue. Mr. Yonts added that the Town is co-hosting with Town of Malabar for the event and discussed a slideshow of Town of Grant-Valkaria features for a slideshow.

2. Council Reports and Comments

Councilmember Faden requested more HOA policies going forward with HOA community work projects. Vice Mayor Kolar stated HOA boards typically make community decisions and should be notifying residents. She described Grant-Valkaria Community Associations (GVCA) newest project is Souls4Soles that collects used shoes and sends them to those in need. The Souls4Soles had kicked off today through March 30, 2024 ending at Grant-Valkaria Day and that 250 pairs of shoes had already been collected. Councilmember Jackson touched on the process of HOA board members approaching Town Council to address association concerns. Councilmember Sammon commented on Shellpit Rd damage from Department of Transportation road work on Highway 1. Mayor Yonts discussed Space Coast League of Cities scholarship is available and that there was upcoming Form 6 Training March 18, 2024 from 6pm-8pm in Cocoa Village. Mr. Mahaney added that the Form 6 lawsuit had been discussed with the Town attorney and the traffic light installation at Senne Rd was expected to begin soon.

Adjourn

Motions by Councilmember Bradvarevic, second by Councilmember Robino, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Mandy Birenbaum, Administrative Assistant.

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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