

Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida
Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Council Chamber, 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950

Vice Mayor Kolar 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 – Excused

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 – Excused

Seat No. 6 – Dan Robino – Present

Motion by Councilmember Faden, seconded by Vice Mayor Kolar, and voted unanimously to excuse Councilmember Sammon and Councilmember Bradvarevic from the workshop. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item:

1. Road Paving Selection Review (Action)

Mayor Yonts began the agenda item by asking the audience which roads were represented and they included Goldrush Ave, Puddle Duck Ln, Reynolds Rd, Lortie Ave, and Sapling Ave. Mr. Mahaney started a presentation by overviewing the discussion items of the meeting that included how much of the dirt road paving may be paid by the Town with impact fees, determining number of lots on improved right-of-way (row) when lots have been married, and the order in which to contact residents for dirt road paving interest review. He explained that one time impact fees were assessed and collected when new homes or businesses are built and the transportation impact fee is collected by Brevard County for Grant-Valkaria to use on transportation improvements of streets, sidewalks, new highway, traffic signals, bicycle & pedestrian, and transit facilities (not for road maintenance or drainage). He described the totals and what was anticipated for following year collection with ongoing development; furthermore, he discussed the last price data and expected the price increase to be approximately 12% from the last data. Vice Mayor Kolar asked about some price variables and Mr. Mahaney stated they may include road fill, road base requirements along with the length of road and number of lots to share the costs. Mayor Yonts explained the road paving of dirt road had become too pricy and prior roads that residents voted for paving had been paid out of the impact fee monies and were repaid in most cases back to the fund by owners over a 10-year period in the yearly tax bill. Councilmember Fadden suggested the Town pay enough to help the owners for new paving projects pay similar to what past owners had paid.

Residents who spoke include Edward and Sue Krueger, Brent Oakley, Garrett Veath, Alma Close Mike Veath, Lewis and Mary Ellis, Pauline Nobly, and Alicia Marshall; moreover, residents feedback included the consideration ongoing road maintenance costs, clarification that road liens for completed roads must

be paid when home is sold, confirmation of payment assessed with assigned address on the road, confirmation of 2/3 vote on a road to move forward with an assessment, suggestion of percentage of road costs to be paid by impact fee funds to offset future inflation, and confirmation of drainage to be considered with a newly paved road.

Mr. Mahaney stated Councilmember Sammon had commented for consideration that the owners be responsible for the first 10K, the Town use impact fee funds for the next 10K and then the owners may be responsible for fees due above that amount. Mayor Yonts mentioned the reserve of some funds to support the anticipated traffic light at Grant Rd on Babcock and that the proposed support for paving may not be available in the future if a street declines the initial proposal. Mr. Mahaney stated the Town could limit the count of corner lots facing other streets to get the 2/3 vote approval; however, that would increase the price for each lot for the paving. Councilmember Jackson mentioned the consideration of poorer conditions of dirt roads that need higher maintenance be considered in the cost evaluation as it could be costing more money over long term. Councilmember Robino suggested reviewing roads that were requiring more maintenance and suggested legal counsel review to move forward with a requirement to pave higher maintenance roads.

After Council review and discussion of multiple options for Town share amounts to pave a dirt road, it was decided that the owner share and Town share payment to be considered at 50%/50% up to 20K and amounts over 20K would be paid by the owner or may be reviewed by Town Council for reconsideration of payment when extenuating circumstances. Mr. Mahaney proposed a letter to present to owners for consideration prior to spending fees on engineering with proposed costs over 10-year repayment. After Council review and discussion with residents, it was decided if lots were divided later for a time period of up to 15 years after shares were determined then the additional share for the additional driveway would be put back into Town fund at the same share that the owners paid. Council and Staff agreed to work off of the interest list and reach out to those on the previous list to consider the proposed cost share opportunity. Mr. Mahaney said this would be back for Council review at the regular June Council meeting for a vote.

Adjourn

Motions by Councilmember Fadden, second by Vice Mayor Kolar, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Mandy Birenbaum, Administrative Assistant.

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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