

Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public

Mayor Pro Tem CarrieAnn Evans presided Council present were Lynda Linkswiler, Patricia Mead, Victor Szatkowski, Dr. Robert Warren, Bud Eckels, Town Attorney Bobby Pickens, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Deputy Clerk Kelly Krupski and Mayor Joseph Svingala-attended via phone.

Mayor Pro Tem Evans led in the pledge to the flag. A moment of Silence for Randall Malphurs was had.

Meeting Called to order at 6:02 pm

CORRESPONDENCE- Town Clerk Read

ADOPT MINUTES-April 11, 2023, Councilman Warren motioned to adopt April 11 minutes and Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd 6-0 Mayor Svingala No Vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, INCLUDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kelly Krupski Treasurer- Check Register no questions. Financial Review no questions, A.R.P.A. Reviewed each item from the Worksheet.

Beautification- Councilwoman Linkswiler/Beautification Chair Martha Mann-Community Garden

Beautification Chair Martha Mann, reviewed Breakfast's \$395 revenue. Garden Beds and raffle tickets and produce. Community Clean Up was on April 29. Fourteen bags of trash were picked up. The concentration of the community center and overflow parking area down to the beach area. Beautification is asking for paint for the overflow parking. Founder's Day is this Saturday 10-2 pm. On May 20 the Committee will be installing the white rocks at the town hall and planting. The next proposed event will be on July 15. Summer Fest, an indoor and outdoor market. Councilman Eckels motioned to allow the Beautification to have the Community Center on July 15 from 10-2. Councilman Szatkowski 2nd the motion. 6-0 Mayor Svingala no vote. Martha Mann is asking for additional funds for new beds for the garden. \$1 850 beds, materials for irrigation, picnic table, compost. Councilwoman Mead motioned Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd Vote 6-0 Mayor Svingala-no vote. Martha Mann is asking to remove two Gum trees from the property. Councilwoman Mead stated that the Beautification doesn't need permission to take the trees to come down. Mayor Svingala gave his opinion on taking the trees down. Town Attorney advised a motion and vote be taken. Councilman Eckels made A motion to remove the trees by the beautification committee and replace them with fruit trees. Councilman Szatkowski 2nd the motion. Amended motion to allow the public works department to remove the trees. Vote 6-0 Mayor Svingala no vote. 113 Posey

Lane Beautification Award. Community Feedback- The streetlight at Perry and Broward, 2nd the parking spaces at the Community Center be repainted.

Code Enforcement-Councilman Dr. Warren- Reported on Code Enforcement concerns. 119 Prospect St needs great improvement untagged vehicles. The Town purchased 122 A Street. The Town plans to make it a forever green park. The County is working with us on Holly St. and Pleasant St. The property at 234 Pleasant St. was closed by the County. 236 Pleasant St. has asked for more time.

June Ulrich 207 Perry St. abandon trailer Town Clerk explained the property is not a code enforcement issue.

John Horan- 119 Prospect appreciates the Town looking into the issue.

Councilman Eckels- Beach Quotes/Community Center Rentals

Quotes for Beach front clean up reviewed by Councilman Eckels- Bill Carol- Spoke about the lake and working with Clay Davis. The Town Attorney has advised that the left side is not touched currently.

Councilman Eckels continued reviewing the quotes.

Councilman Eckels motioned to clean the swimming area and beach to include the removal of pages 10, 12, 14 up to \$ 3645 contingent Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion.

Larry Flaman- asked about machine removal. Retracted the motion for approval. and quarterly maintenance.

Special Meeting May 23, 2023, 6 pm for Lake Cleaning.

Community Center Rental- Tabled

GUEST SPEAKERS

Katrine Boler- Dunns Creek State Park- 1600 Twig St Palatka Manager of Ravines and Dunn's Creek. Every year the state puts out the Economic Impact report. The visitation for 2022 impact was over 2 million dollars.

Captain David Ussery- Putnam Sheriff's Department- Captain Ussery reviewed what the County is currently working on to help assist with crime. The goal is to keep Burglary below 35 a month. Reviewed some of the concerns of the area, such as homelessness. Brady Stallings asked about fines for loud exhaust. Bill Carol talked about the beach area and parking lot and the speeding down Broward. Captain Ussery stated that the number one issue is speeding, and the number 2 drugs. Tag readers are an investment to investigate, \$2,500. Larry Flaman asked about the tag readers and who monitors them. Martha Mann- asked about the service in Crescent City. How can citizens help the sheriff's department with their job. Brady Stalling stated he noticed a difference with the signs posted by the 4-way. Bill Garcia- the biggest complaint is the speeding down 17. The video footage is it helpful? Unfortunately, not. Please call and report the issues that are happening in your area. Gentleman visitor- speedbump is effective and cost-effective. We don't need the cost involved with cameras. Another gentleman who lives on the end of Broward says the

people run the stop sign. Mayor Joe on the phone asked if they had a dedicated number of deputies or hours spent in Pomona Park. Captain Ussery answered that it wouldn't be that easy to track down. The presence of a deputy hinders the actual work of the force.

Matt Morton & John Horan New Development-John Horan welcomed everyone and explained the Pomona Resort at Dunn's Creeks. John reviewed his slides. Build an Upscale RV Glamping Resort with Family Amenities.

Enhance the local economy and create jobs in Putnam County and Pomona Park. Provide the very highest guest experience and amenities. Market demographics suggest that the demand calls for new hospitality. Historically draws the largest spending. Above average income. Phase 1 of the project- 140 premium R.V. slips plus 45 park model cabins. John Horan explained all the options for amenities. Would like to add to the project. Site Plan, Engineer hired, meetings in the works.

Bill Garcia- is asking if the amenities are available to the public. John Horan explained that only if you have been invited by a guest. Bill Garcia asked about a membership option. A gentleman asked about the impact of the project to the community and what the offset would be. His interest is where your water is coming from, where is your sewage coming from, and going. Charles Behm 106 Worcester was the gentleman.

Noel Comeaux and Robert Jordan- N.E.F.R.C.- Noel explains how the Northeast Florida Council works with the Council. Noel explained the comprehensive plan and zoning code and needs to be updated to be compliant. The time frame would start in July and take around a year. This takes residents and council having meetings. Robert Jordan explains the compliance process is every seven years. Noel Comeaux explained that if the Town did not do the update the Town would not be eligible for more grants. Technical assistance will also be involved, and the cost is passed along to the developer. July 1 is when the planning process starts. Larry Flaman asked if they are a state or private entity. Noel explained that they are state run. Mr. Behm- asked about a grant proposal and paying for the NEFRC paying for the cost. Noel Comeaux explained the process and how the cost is broken down and paid out. He then asked why the Clerk can't do this? Robert Jordan explained that this is statutorily required because of the certain time frame. Robert explained private property rights and water supply plans, Councilman Dr. Warren asked about the time frame of 30 years. Robert Jordan explained that Comprehensive plans covers that many years, at least 10 years or more.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

None

New Business

Public Works Proclamation – Mayor Pro-Tem Evans read the 2023-02 Proclamation.

Councilman Szatkowski motioned to accept Proclamation 2023-02 and Councilwoman Mead

2nd the motion. The Vote was 6 -0 Mayor Svingala No Vote.

Town Hall Park Seating- Councilwoman Mead motioned to all the removal of the bench at Town Hall Councilman Szatkowski 2nd the motion. Mr. Behm- stated the people have nowhere to go.

John Horan- no one can deny that drugs and drinking are being had at the bench. He's thankful that the captain is here to address this problem.

Martha Mann 406 West Main St- has personally witnessed the drug deals and the officers just can't get here in time. It's a small measure that could just reduce the problems.

Mayor Joe Svingala- first two obligations to the community is safety the Council needs to protect he Community first. Not to the ones sitting there.

Vote 6-0 Mayor Svingala No Vote.

Town Clerk-Blighted Properties/Lien Removal of 254 East Main St. Town Clerk explained that the property was kept up to what was required to close the lien. Councilwoman Linkswiler motioned to release the lien and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion 5-1 Councilman Szatkowski and Mayor Svingala no vote.

Councilman Eckels Motioned to allow Clerk to contact property owners and Councilman Dr Warren 2nd the motion 6-0 Mayor Svingala No vote.

Upcoming Events- Reviewed Founders Day 10-2 Ball Field

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISCUSSION BY TOWN COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn 8:46pm

