

**MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTVERDE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

December 27, 2016

The Council of the Town of Montverde met in special session on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Mayor's Office at Town Hall.

Council Members Present:

President, Jim Peacock
Vice President, Jim Ley
Glenn Burns
Judy Smith

Absent: Billy Bates

Staff Present:

Graham Wells, Town Clerk
Anita Geraci-Carver, Town Attorney

Mayor Wynkoop called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTE APPROVAL

There were no minutes for approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OVERGROWN LOT - 17348 7th STREET, MONTVERDE, FL 34756 - AK: 1531390

In order to keep the downtown area clean and tidy, a notice (15 days) has been sent to the owner of the property shown above requesting that they mow the lot per Section 18 of the Town's code of ordinances. The lot has not been brought into compliance and no response has been received from the owner. The enforcement process in Sec.18-74 requires that Council authorize the Mayor to have the property mowed and the cost be invoiced to the owner. If payment is not received within 30 days, the outstanding invoice may become a lien on the property.

Mayor Wynkoop explained that a complaint has been received regarding the overgrown lot at 17348 7th Street. The lot is overgrown with high grass, shrubbery and vines. Two letters have been sent to the property owner to bring it into compliance but no response has been received and the property has not been mowed.

The Town now has to follow the procedure to have the property mowed and the cost charged to the owner. *Councilwoman Smith* said that there were many infractions that need to be dealt with around the Town. *Mayor Wynkoop* said that he would go and talk to them first to try to get it resolved. *Councilman Ley* said that consistency in approach is needed.

The Mayor said that code enforcement was complaint driven and that he was not going to go looking for infractions. When asked, *Anita Geraci-Carver* confirmed that this approach was acceptable. She went on to advise sending a letter stating that we will mow the property after the fifteen days' notice and charge them to do it if they do not comply within the time frame.

Being no further discussion Ms. Geraci-Carver said that a motion was needed authorizing the Mayor to proceed with the code enforcement on this property

MOTION by Councilman Smith authorizing the Mayor to proceed with code enforcement on this property; SECONDED by Councilman Peacock

For: Burns, Ley, Peacock, Smith

Against: None

Absent: Bates

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Discussion ensued on unrelated topics before a motion to adjourn was requested at 7:03 pm.

MOTION by Councilman Peacock to adjourn; SECONDED by Councilwoman Smith

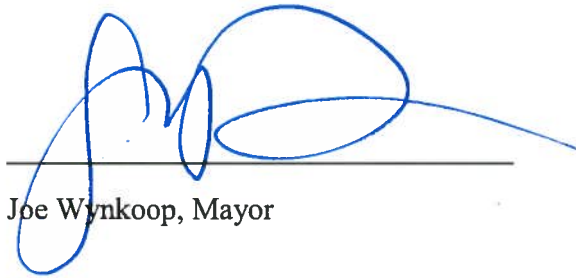
For: Burns, Ley, Peacock, Smith

Against: None

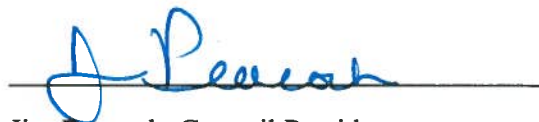
Absent: Bates

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Wynkoop, Mayor



Jim Peacock, Council President

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk