

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF MONTVERDE  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 5, 2016**

The Town of Montverde met in Special session on Tuesday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.

**Council Present:**

President Billy Bates

Vice President Glenn Burns

Jim Ley

Judy Smith

**Staff Present:**

Graham Wells, Town Clerk

Terry Burden, Public Works Director

Anita Geraci- Carver, Town Attorney

Sean Parks, Town Planner

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.

Mayor Wynkoop stated that Town Staff were looking at revising certain ordinances and also the current fee schedule and welcomed any input from residents.

**NEW GIS SYSTEM AND STORY MAP**

Mayor Wynkoop introduced Sean Parks who is the Town Planner and also Hector Guerrero who would introduce a new Geographical Information System (GIS) specifically for Montverde. This system had been worked on for nine months, was cutting edge and user friendly and would allow you to easily access information such as Zoning, Future Land Use, any kind of Ordinances, Resolutions and Variances on a parcel by parcel basis in the Town of Montverde.

Many of the features of the map mirror the property appraiser's website and what Sean has done is to make it Town specific with information such as code violations and Conditional Use Permits. Also Ordinances and Resolutions affecting parcels have been added back to 2005. The intent was to introduce this to Council and to get their feedback. The product would be linked to the Town website so that the information could be accessed by residents and other interested parties.

Hector then introduced the GIS map and the various information that could be accessed from clicking on any of the parcels. Questions were asked about the type of details that can be included and suggestions made for what might come in the future.

The next part of the system is called Story Map. Hector said that typically these are found in large cities; he knew that California has some but that he had not seen any in Central Florida. What the system does is to tell what the Town or City has to offer. The version they are seeing are beta versions and would be more polished once completed. It allows for pictures to be added of points of interest within the Town such as the Parks, Docks, Restaurants, Montverde Academy, Trails, Montverde Day and alike with information that can be accessed. It allows for people to get a feel of the heart of the Town.

Anita Geraci-Carver suggested additional uses that the system could be used for which would benefit Town staff such as the ability to see various utilities, the tracking of water lines and such like. Sean Parks explained that from the basis of what they had created, various layers can be added to give additional information as was requested. The cost of the system was sought by Don Hiatt and Sean explained that part of the cost was covered by the MPO and additional costs for their input would be as per their contract with the Town.

**DISCUSSION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016 AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER.**

Mayor Wynkoop handed out list of the people that had made applications to serve on specific Boards and Committees in the Town and their roll both in the past and what he sees them doing in the future. He said that they would not be voting on them tonight but wanted to give them the names and bio's ahead of the next Council meeting when they would be appointed.

- Visioning Committee
- Public Safety Committee
- Historical Committee
- Cemetery Committee
- Library Committee
- Parks and Recreation Committee

- Code Enforcement Board
- Planning and Zoning Board

Anita stated that Boards are required to have by Statute, five members. The Cemetery Committee is in some places of the code referred to as a Board and Anita suggested that this be rectified in the near future.

Mayor Wynkoop then brought up the five applications that had be received to fill the position he vacated. The position would be for the remainder of the term until November 2016. He then asked those applicants present to come forward to introduce themselves and their particular interests or qualifications for the position. Those who came forward were:

Dale Heathman – Former Mayor  
Roy Patterson  
Jim Peacock – Former Councilman

Other Applicants not present are Chris Hopkins and Jack Ross. Mayor Wynkoop said that it was good that they had over 20 people had come forward to serve on the various Boards and Committees and five people to serve on Council.

He reiterated that the Town was reviewing many of the ordinances and sited that for instance if you built a swimming pool and erected a pool screen the rear setback requirement was 7.5 feet yet if you just wanted to erect a screened in patio the setback requirement was 25 feet. It was anomalies like this that they wanted to look at and bring back to Council to change where necessary.

The Mayor opened up the floor for comments from the Council. Councilman Ley said that he and Terry Burden had identified nine beds within the downtown area where flowers could be planted at a reasonable cost. This would make the area more appealing to residents and visitors. Mayor Wynkoop said that this was one of the tasks for the visioning committee to identify areas of the town that needed attention. He sited the property that the Town owned on the corner of CR455 and Ridgewood Ave and what use could be made of. Suggestions from Garage Sales to a Farmers Market were made.

Councilman Ley brought up the controversial subject of prayer before Council meetings and cited the process that Fruitland Park had been through. Anita Geraci-Carver outlined that she had written an ordinance for them modeled on what had be done by the Town of Greece. They had had an issue with prayer which was brought to the Supreme Court and upheld. An ordinance was written for the Town of Montverde based on the Fruitland Park Ordinance and allows for Churches within the Town to be put on a list and alternate to come in and provide the invocation at Council meetings.

Sean Parks as the County Commissioner said that they had been through this at the County and we were right to get ahead of this issue. He said that the policies that they had in place prevented someone who wanted to come in and lead us in satanic prayer. Anyone who wanted to take part had to be a resident of Lake County and a member of a church clergy. The Commission would continue to have prayer at their meetings.

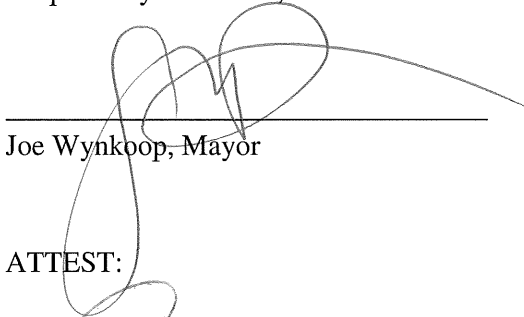
Comments on the subject was sought from the public and made by Jim Peacock, Dale Heathman and Don Hiatt.

Being no further discussion Mayor Wynkoop asked for a motion to adjourn.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION to Adjourn by Billy Bates; SECONDED by Jim Ley at 7:32 pm. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



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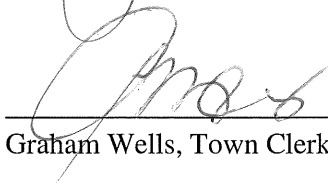
Joe Wynkoop, Mayor



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Billy Bates, Council President

ATTEST:



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Graham Wells, Town Clerk