

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 18, 2022

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT

Councilmember Bates
Councilmember Smith
Councilmember Hartle
Vice Mayor Ley
Mayor Wynkoop

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Larino
Town Planner Parks
Town Clerk Johnson

AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE: 15

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONIES

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-02: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Montverde, Florida, adding a Technology Administrative Fee relating to planning and zoning applications and Glenn Burns Community Building repealing any fees in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

Town Manager Larino read the Resolution by title only.

Mayor Wynkoop opened for public comment. Brad Long with Montverde Academy spoke in opposite of the Resolution.

There was brief discussion.

Councilmember Bates made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-02. Councilmember Smith seconded. Resolution 2022-02 approved 4 – 1 (Vice Mayor Ley voted nay).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Approval of funds for online permitting service which will need a budget amendment in the future. Online service is \$40,000 set up and first year use, \$32,000 yearly license fee. Mayor Wynkoop moved to approve the expenditure. Vice Mayor Ley seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Discussion on Library Capital Project. Town Manager Larino presented several scenarios for the location of the library. Discussed the funding of the building using ARPA funds, grants and impact fees. There was extensive discussion.

Holly Broeker, 17563 CR 455: spoke regarding the size of the building, she doesn't want it to be smaller than the current building that would make it less functional.

The Council does not want town hall moved from downtown. They would like to see some of the ARPA funds used to renovate the fire station after the new station opens and this fire station is left unused.

Town Manager Larino presented the Water Capital Project and the summary of what the RFQ process is. Woodard and Curran is doing a planning study for us. They are in the process of collecting data on water usage. We are going to need an additional well and additional storage. There was extensive discussion.

Town Manager Larino presented the Sewer Capital Project and the funds available. Wants to assure the Council and public that as we start looking at a sewer project, we will be having numerous meetings with the public and engineers.

Mike Whidden, 17635 Broad Street, spoke in opposition of the sewer project.

Monica Josephs, 17715 Ninth Street asked about a timeline for breaking ground till the sewers are hooked up. What about the water treatment, where would it be located.

Town Manager Larino stated it would be located on the Stecher property.

Eddie Eldridge, 16931 Franklin Avenue, spoke in favor of the sewer project.

Lance Belcher, 17720 Virginia Circle, spoke in opposition of the sewer project.

Holly Broeker, 17563 CR 455 spoke in opposition of the sewer project.

Town Planner Parks commented that County is allocating funds to this project because of the statutory and the environmental issues. Septic tanks do very little to treat the nitrogen and phosphorus that are loaded into them. They are a pollution source, no matter if maintained perfectly or poorly. I am a septic tank owner. DEP is now looking at septic tanks and the state are moving towards eliminating septic tanks. I believe and many others do, septic tanks will not be allowed in Florida in the future.

There was additional discussion.

The Council agreed they are in agreement that the Town Manager to move forward with engineering process on the water and sewer projects.

REMINDERS AND ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

*Councilmember Hartle moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Smith.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.*



Joe Wynkoop, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Johnson
Town Clerk