

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA HELD AT TOWN HALL ON AUGUST 19, 2014 AT 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Katica
Commissioners
Ottinger
Stephen Fowler
Tom Shelly
Michael Wilkinson
Kevin Piccarreto
Town Manager Micah Maxwell
Town Attorney David

Mayor Katica led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with Mayor Katica presiding; quorum was present on roll call.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE – 303 SUNNY LANE, DR. MOHAMMED YAMANI

Mr. Maxwell stated that the applicant, Dr. Mohammed Yamani, was not in attendance at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting and recommending a continuance; that the board did ask for additional information from the applicant in the form of an updates survey of the property before the request would come before the Board.

Commissioner Fowler moved that consideration of the request for variance by Dr. Yamani for property located at 303 Sunny Lane be continued. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly and carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Steve Johnson, 1717 Indian Rocks Road, commented on spending of funds and that spending be prioritized.

Jim Betts, 220 Belleview Blvd., commented on Belleair becoming a CLG for historic preservation and the preservation of the Belleview Biltmore Hotel.

Commissioner Shelly stated that a resident had asked for an update on the lawsuits filed against the town.

Mr. Ottinger provided a response to the inquiry.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Katica announced the following items on the Consent Agenda for consideration and approval.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

1. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting – July 15, 2014

Commissioner Piccarreto moved the approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly and carried unanimously.

DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS

Micah Badana, Management Analyst, provide a review of the capital asset items to be considered for disposal; stated that the items had exceeded their depreciable life cycle; that the items would be auctioned on Govdeals.com.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved to dispose of the capital assets scheduled for disposal. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fowler and carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Micah Badana, Management Analyst, provided a review of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 by providing revenue and expenditure information for the water fund, solid waste and general fund; commented on possible opportunities for increased revenues and reductions in expenditures; commented on a possible reduction by one tenth of a mill for the next fiscal year.

Discussions ensued regarding the possible reduction in millage rate and the impact on the budget.

Mr. Maxwell provided an explanation of saving opportunities for the town.

Steve Johnson, 1717 Indian Rocks Road, asked why the town would consider a reduction of the millage rate if the town was having financial issues.

Mr. Maxwell stated that there were no pending financial issues; commented on the completed infrastructure projects.

DISCUSSION OF PARKING/TRAFFIC AT DIMMITT COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Maxwell stated that staff was not able to gather all necessary information from the engineers in order to fully discuss with the commission; that he did expect to have the information later in the week; that he expected to have the discussion at the September work session.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS

Mr. Maxwell stated that the issue dealt with renovations of town hall auditorium and the current air conditioning issues; that with the renovations and new air conditioning units staff expected to see a savings in long term energy that could offset the cost of renovations.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS (Continued)

Commissioner Fowler commented on information that might provide grant funding for building upgrades.

Mayor Katica commented on proposed renovations and possible reduction in the size of the auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned in due form at 6:55 PM.

Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor