

TOWN OF MANGONIA PARK
MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2014
6:00 P.M.

The Town of Mangonia Park Town Council Meeting was held at 1755 East Tiffany Drive, Mangonia Albury Park, Florida 33407. Mayor Albury called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilman Trueblood; Attorney Davis; Sergeant Nicholson and Town Manager Leffingwell. Mayor Albury offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Buchanan-Webb were late.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Town Manager Leffingwell requested the deletion of Miscellaneous Agenda Item 7C at the request of the Applicant; Town Attorney Davis corrected Agenda Item 6A, Resolution 2014-12 regarding the body of the Resolution.

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilman Trueblood approving the Agenda as amended. **Vote was unanimous.**

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilman Trueblood approving the following:

- *7A. *Bills and vouchers in the Amount of \$493,026.47 - General Fund.*
- *7B. *Bills and vouchers in the Amount of \$189,501.01 - Utility Fund.*

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4A. Presentation to Entities, Businesses, Agencies, and Individuals for Participation
In the 2014 Annual Heritage Festival, Back-to-School Bash and Health Fair.

Mayor Albury read the Proclamations into the record and directed staff to distribute and/or deliver the Proclamations to the appropriate entities.

PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES

Attorney Davis gave a brief report.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7D. Discussion Regarding the Sale of Two (2) Town-Owned Duplexes, 1212 and 1214 Giller Avenue or the Continuation of the Renovation of Them Requiring Additional Funding From the General Fund Account Not to Exceed \$30,000.00 Plus the Award of a \$50,000.00 Grant from Palm Beach County CDBG Funds.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Johnson expressed the previous promises made to the Senior Citizens and felt that the surplus from the sale of 5701 Briarwood Street could be utilized for that purpose.

Councilman Trueblood expressed his concern regarding the “non-use” of the existing building labeled as the Community Center. He stated that it is located very close to the Mangonia Hills Am, Pioneer Hill and Roebucks Subdivision’s backyard and it is not being utilized for its full potential. He said he could not support the expense of a senior center at the addresses of the duplexes.

Councilman Smith expressed his concern regarding the costs and stated he could not be financially irresponsible with the Town’s revenue.

Mayor Albury concurred with Councilman Trueblood and Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith said it would only be fair for the residents to voice their opinions.

Mayor Albury said there had been public forums regarding this matter.

Vice Mayor Johnson and Councilwoman Buchanan-Webb agreed with Councilman Smith

More discussion followed.

Ken Best, owner of 5701 Briarwood Street, introduced himself and stated that he expressed interest in the duplex because of his recent purchase.

Councilman Smith asked about the timeline for the renovation of the existing home as well as the duplexes.

Mr. Best said approximately 30-45 days for the repair and renovation.

Councilman Smith asked about the interest in the property and he responded that this is his business and the way he makes his living.

Charles Miller, 1135 48th Street, said that the Town Council should consider the future maintenance of the property being discussed. He said he felt that it would be in the best interest of the Town to sell the property.

MOTION made by Councilman Trueblood, seconded by Councilman Smith to proceed in the direct of selling the property as long as it is within the guidelines as expressed by Town Attorney Davis. Aye – Albury, Smith and Trueblood; Nay – Buchanan-Webb and Johnson. **Passed 3-2.**

7E. Consideration for the Approval of an Agreement Between the Town of Mangonia Park and Town Manager Leffingwell, for the Provision of Managerial Administrative Services obo the Town as Cited in Chapter 2. Administration. Section 2-21. Town Manager, for FY 2014-2015.

Councilman Trueblood said we need to move forward with the hiring of a new manager and continue with an Interim Town Manager as Lee Leffingwell.

Vice Mayor Johnson inquired about the response from the Florida League of Cities regarding the “head hunt” of a Town Manager.

A brief discussion ensued wherein the Florida League of Cities informed the Administrative Staff that the League does not “head hunt” and recommended the firm of Colin Baenzager.

Councilman Smith asked for clarity on the Interim Town Manager Contract and Mayor Albury responded that the decision rests solely upon the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Johnson stated that she is in favor of completing the process as previously directed and had not anticipated Item 7E on the Agenda.

MOTION made by Councilman Trueblood, seconded by Councilman Smith denying the Town Manager’s proposed contract. **Vote was unanimous.**

7F. Consideration for the Approval of an Agreement Between the Town of Mangonia Park and V. Lee Leffingwell for the Position of a Grant Writer and Emergency Service Management Coordinator, Provided that the Town Manager's Position is Filled.

MOTION made by Councilman Trueblood, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson denying the proposed agreement. **Vote was unanimous.**

7G. Request for the Approval of a Contract Between the Town of Mangonia Park and Aquifer Maintenance & Performance Systems, Inc., (AMPS) for the Repair of Well No. 2, for the Water Treatment Plant.

MOTION made by Councilman Trueblood, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson rejecting the request and adhere to the bid process in accordance with the Code. **Vote was unanimous.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Davis, resident of 1616 Boardman Avenue, submitted a hand-written letter negating a comment made about him about the trench being dug in his yard – as a false statement.

REPORTS

9A. Town Manager Leffingwell presented a brief report – requesting a workshop date.

It was the general consensus of the Town Council to meet on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 or Tuesday, November 25, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m., for the workshop.

Town Manager Leffingwell continued with her report regarding the grants that have been made available to the public; she also reported that Oxford Village has contracted with Housing Trust Group to construct Senior Housing.

9B. Sergeant Nicholson stated “as submitted”.

Councilwoman Buchanan-Webb and Councilman Smith inquired about the shooting and the crime and asked what was being done to beef up security – and Sgt. Nicholson's response was “how do you stop people from killing one another”.

Councilman Smith recommended that the closing of Winn Dixie and the McDonald's should be included in this workshop.

Attorney Davis gave a report on streamlining a new ordinance regarding the sale of surplus property; the special exception use of daycare homes - the six (6) and under must be a permitted use; and the sale of marijuana if passed on November 4, 2014 Election.

A brief discussion ensued.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Buchanan-Webb said she is not in favor of marijuana sales in the Town.

Councilman Smith said he is interested in rules against it.

Councilman Trueblood recognized Charles Miller and David Davis, residents, and rhetorically asked how they had gotten involved with attending Council Meetings. Councilman Trueblood said "we" beat ourselves up about the notification of meetings and he personally felt that if the public wanted to come – they would. Councilman Trueblood said it's a public meeting and as elected officials they have been elected to make decisions for the residents that have entrusted them to do it. Councilman Trueblood encouraged candidates running for public office and stated they should be applauded for their effort. He also stated that he didn't think the marijuana sale was going to pass but had gained momentum and more likely than not would be placed back before the public for vote.

Vice Mayor Johnson asked about the ethics training and Attorney Davis responded with the requirements and the mandatory requirement of the four (4) hour mandatory training requirement by the State of Florida, effective January 1, 2015.

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilman Trueblood adjourning the meeting @ 8:15 p.m. **Vote was unanimous.**

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WILIAM H. ALBURY, III, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

Sherry Albury, Town Clerk
Minutes approved **May 19, 2015**