

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 14, 2008 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Katsanis on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Doug Pareti of the Memorial United Methodist Church in Lake Placid, Florida. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students of Lake Placid Christian School.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Tom Katsanis
Council Member Jim Waller
Council Member Bill Brantley
Council Member Charles Wilson
Council Member Debra Worley

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Planner Sue BuChans
Town Recreation Director John Komosa
Town Public Works Director Jim Fulton
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman
Town Police Chief Phil Williams

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member Waller made a motion the agenda be approved as presented; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Monthly Reports and Payment of Monthly Bills
- C. Approval to Allow Henscratch Farms to participate in the Country Fair
- D. Letter to Joe Campbell, Supervisor of Elections, Opting out of Early Voting for the Town Election.

Council Member Waller made a motion the Consent Agenda be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Ordinance No. 07-572 – Changing Recreation Commission Ordinance (1st hearing) Council Member Brantley made a motion Ordinance 07-572 be approved on first hearing by reading of title only; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

- A. Town Attorney –
 - 1. Keep Lake Placid Beautiful – Atty. Harris stated he, Mike Eisenhart of Keep Lake Placid Beautiful and the Town Clerk had met with FDOT

concerning the redoing of the U.S. Highway 27 median, which the Town has received a grant to redo, from across Heartland National Bank to the Lake Blue turn off. Atty. Harris stated FDOT had agreed to basically the same concept as before. He further stated he just wanted Council's approval of the concept. Council Member Waller made a motion to approve the concept as presented, with the change to the north end (planting of a cluster of palms), using crepe myrtles on the south end to allow visual and to bring back an as built plan; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

2. Atty. Harris stated Keep Lake Placid Beautiful would be moving some of the palms now located on the entrance to Interlake Boulevard. Atty. Harris stated permission has already been received from several businesses in Town to have the palms placed in front of their property. Atty. Harris asked if Council would approve the relocation. Council Member Worley made a motion to relocation the palms as stated; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

B. Town Planner –

1. Glades Electric – asked for permission to place a truck that you will be giving away at their annual meeting at Winn Dixie for one week. They also asked for permission to place a banner on the truck advising of the annual meeting. After discussion concerning the banner, Council Member Waller made a motion Atty. Harris reviews the Ordinance concerning signs and if it is allowable he shall have the latitude to advise Glades Electric the Town will grant their request; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Waller and Council Member Brantley voted yes; Council Member Worley voted no. Motion carried 3 to 1.

Council did state they would like to revisit the sign ordinance concerning non-profit organizations being allowed to place banners up advising of coming activities. Atty. Harris stated he would try to come back with some ideas on this matter.

C. Police Chief:

1. Red Light Cameras – Chief Williams stated he had been contacted by another vendor who also installs Red Light Cameras. He asked if the Council would be interested in reviewing another vendor's product. Council Member Worley made a motion Chief Williams produce a request for proposals on the red light cameras; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
2. Fee for signs on public property – Chief Williams stated he had discussed with Atty. Harris the possibility of placing a fee on any signs the Code Enforcement Officer collects that has been placed on public property and is requested by the person placing the sign. Council Member Wilson made a motion Atty. Harris work on revising the sign ordinance to include a fee to be charged when signs have to be picked up and returned; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

D. Town Utility Director:

1. Resolution of the Town of Lake Placid County regarding Water and Sewer Rates, Accounts, and Policies. – Council discussed this Resolution and suggested changes be made in Number 1. Low Pressure Line Hook-Up Credit. B. Council wanted this section to ask the Highlands County Health Department to let the Town know when a septic tank has gone bad. It is at this time that the homeowner will have to hookup to our sewer system. They also suggested that Number 3. Water Fee Increase (Residential Only) reflects a change from \$1.45 to \$2.25 for the first 1,000 gallons, with corresponding increases for the additional gallon age. Number 5. Public Hearing and Notice was changed to state “The Town Council will consider an effective date of 1 April 2008 or as soon as the Council approves. Atty. Harris was asked to include a Number 8 referencing refunds to customers.

Council Member Worley made a motion Atty. Harris redo the Resolution with the suggestions made and present it at the next meeting; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

- E. Town Clerk: Mrs. Tuck reminded the Council and audience that the next Town Council election will be held on April 8, 2008, qualification is 12:00 P.M. February 18, 2008 until 12:00 P.M. February 22, 2008. She stated two seats on the Council were up for reelection: Council Member Worley and Council Member Waller’s seats. Council Member Worley and Council Member Waller stated they would not be seeking reelection.

F. Mayor/Town Council Members:

1. Council Member Worley stated she was still working on the storm water treatment system on Lake Clay. She stated she would like permission to proceed with ready to secure a grant through the Tourist Development Association. Council Member Worley made the motion for the Council Member to proceed with the request; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Worley also stated she has been serving as the representative from the Town to the Tourist Development Association. She stated the position has to be filled by an elected officer. She suggested Mayor Katsanis serve the position. He stated he would.

Council Member Brantley made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. Mayor Katsanis hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.