

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY JANUARY 24, 2011 5:30 P.M

Vice Mayor Ray Royce, in the a sentence of Mayor John M. Holbrook, called the regular meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday January 24, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. Rev. Fred Ball, of the Memorial United Methodist Church gave the invocation. Students of Lake Placid Christian School led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Mayor Ray Royce
Council Member Debra Worley
Council Member Cheryl Davis
Council Member Steve Bastardi

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman
Interim Public Works Director John Komasa
Town Planner Sue BuChans
Town Police Chief Phil Williams

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of monthly reports and payment of monthly bills (Utility Department)

Council Member Bastardi made a motion the consent agenda be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Ordinance 10-625 – Local Preference (2nd Hearing) Council Member Worley stated she would like to see Town Manager and Town Clerk taken out of Section 4-5.8. Atty. Harris stated several places in the Ordinance it refers to policy. He stated it should say Ordinance. Council Member Worley made a motion Ordinance 10-625 be approved on second hearing, but not adopted until the suggested changes have been made and returned to Council; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance 10-623 – Cemetery Ordinance (2nd hearing) Council Member Worley made a motion Ordinance 10-623 be approved on second hearing by reading of title only and adopted with the suggested changes; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

C. Ordinance 11-626 – Amending Text of Comp Plan for Water Supply Facilities – After much discussion on this matter, Council felt they wanted to pursue it further prior to the discussion of the EAR. Council Member Bastardi made a motion this matter be tabled until February 14, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

A. Town Planner – No comments

B. Town Public Works Director (Streets, Sanitation, Recreation, Cemetery):

1. Jon Million – Chairman Recreation Committee – Mr. Million stated the Lake Placid Recreation Committee had met several times concerning the financial problems of the Town's Recreation Department. Mr. Million stated the Recreation Committee, at their December 2010 meeting, had decided to recommend to the Town the following:

1. Each League will be responsible to collect a user fee of \$5.00 from each participant, to be collected at their first game based on their actual number of participants. In other words, the League will be responsible for paying this fee to the Town.

2. The Leagues be responsible for the payment of the electricity that they use, to be charged at a rate of \$5.00 per hour per field that they use.

3. Council consider implementing a fee for the use of all parks in the Town.

4. Council proceed with the discussion of a non ad-valorem assessment targeted for recreation for the Greater Lake Placid Area based on impact zones that the County has already put into place.

Council felt this was a very good start towards working on a solution to reduce recreation expenses. Vice Mayor Royce suggested we ask the Public Works Director to come back to the Council with a fee schedule for the participants, a fee schedule for the other parks, a fee schedule or agreement that outlines the relationship we have with the Leagues and what they are going to be allowed to do at or on those fields, we need to have some kind of contract with these Leagues so that they know what their responsibilities are and what our responsibilities are to them.

Council Member Bastardi made a motion Council accept the recommendation of the Lake Placid Recreation Committee and ask the Leagues to implement the fee structure effective on January 24, 2011; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bastardi made a motion Atty. Harris and Public Works Director John Komasa proceed with working on an Ordinance to create a fee structure; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bastardi made a motion to authorize the Town Staff and the Town Attorney to come up with a Resolution for future consideration to be presented to the County Commissioner; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

C. Town Utility Director:

1. Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. Tom Gustafson, with Rural Water, who has been working on a Water/Wastewater Rate Study for the Town. Mr. Gustafson showed estimates of what the Town needed as revenue to maintain the water and wastewater facilities. After discussion on some of the items, Council decided it was in the best interest to wait and see what happens between the County and Town concerning the County's utility systems. Mr. Gustafson agreed he thought it was also best to wait and see what happens before proceeding with a study on the expenses and revenues of the water and wastewater systems.

D. Town Police Chief:

1. Chief Williams stated he was still concerned about the entrance into Walgreens. He stated at the last meeting Council had requested that he mark off three parking spaces in front of SFCC at the corner of Eucalyptus and Interlake Boulevard. Which, Chief Williams, advised the Council had been done. He stated he still felt the problem would not be corrected by marking off the three spaces. He stated he felt there still needed to be a right turn only coming out of Eucalyptus onto Interlake Boulevard. After discussing the pros and cons, Council Member Worley made a motion we make a right turn only sign at the intersection of Eucalyptus and Interlake Boulevard, at the south intersection; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

E. Town Attorney: No Comments

F. Town Clerk:

1. Audit Services – Council discussed Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. and The NCT Group's proposals for audit services for the Town. It was felt both firms would do a very good job. Council Member Bastardi made a motion we approve Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co.'s proposal for a five year contract at \$36,000.00; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, Council Member Bastardi voted yes; Council Member Davis, Council Member Worley and Council Member Royce voted no. Motion failed 3 to 1.

Council Member Worley made a motion we reject all bids and negotiate with Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. for one year service (the 2009-2010 fiscal year audit) at a price of \$36,000.00; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Worley made a motion that we proceed to retain services of The NCT Group, for the 2009-2010 to look at any deficiencies and give us counseling according to their proposal to help us with our financials; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, Council Member Worley, Council Member Davis, and Council Member Royce voted yes; Council Member Bastardi voted no. Motion carried 3 to 1.

G. Mayor/Town Council Members:

1. Council Member Worley:

a. Watershed – Council Member Worley stated there would be a public meeting on January 27, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Express at 11:00 A.M. She stated anyone could attend the meeting.

Council Member Davis made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. Vice Mayor Royce hearing no objections, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.