

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

Mayor Tom Katsanis called the regular meeting of the Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. Rev. Ray Cameron of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by two students of Lake Placid Christian School.

ROLL CALL:

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

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Planner Sue BuChans
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman
Town Police Chief Phil Williams

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PRESENTATION:

The Town of Lake Placid held a reception for Charles and Dee Dee Stidham and Dean Stidham. The Stidhams have owned a business in the Lake Placid area for over 80 years, which has been estimated to be the oldest business in the Town. Atty. Bert Harris read a very appropriate Resolution to the Stidhams. Council Member Waller made a motion the Resolution be approved by the Council; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously. The Stidhams were thanked for many years of great service to the community and its citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of monthly reports and payment of monthly bills
- B. Approval of Minutes

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Lake Placid Storm water Committee – Council Member Worley stated her committee had met and was asking the Council for permission to submit an application to Southwest Florida Water Management District for a \$5,000.00 grant for education of watershed (storm water) issues. Council Member Waller made a motion the Storm water Committee’s request be granted; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Cancer Society – Joan Chandler – asked for permission to place a sign for the Cancer Society in front of Wauchula State Bank from October 2006 through March 2007. The Council asked Atty. Harris to review the Sign Ordinance and see if it is allowed. If the sign is allowed the Council gave the Mayor the latitude to say yes to place the sign in front of Wauchula State Bank.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- A. Town Attorney
 1. Water Use Agreement and Covenants – Atty. Harris stated he would like input from the Utility Department and Council so he can proceed with a final draft of the Water Use Agreement and Covenants.
 2. Highlands County Interlocal Agreement for Coordinated Planning and School Concurrency – Atty. Harris stated the Town’s Planner stated they would like this matter pulled from the agenda because they were still reviewing the Agreement.
- B. Town Planner
 1. Mrs. Sue BuChans stated the Growth Management Committee was requesting a joint meeting with the Council and Local Planning Agency to review a report of the progress of the Growth Management Committee. The Council set the joint meeting for Monday October 2, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.
- C. Public Works Director
 1. Fence Bid for Serenity Park – Mrs. Tuck stated the Town had received two bids for the fencing. She stated the staff was recommending Delaney Fence, which was the lowest bid at \$7,840.00. Council Member Worley stated she had visited a new park in Sebring, which had green fencing and would like to see the Town use the green or black fencing. Council Member Wilson made a motion this matter be tabled until September 18, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

D. Recreation Director – No reports

E. Utility Director

1. Mr. Freeman stated he would need another member for the Citizen's Advisory Committee because Mayor Katsanis had to resign.

F. Police Chief/Code Enforcement

1. Betty Armstead – Code Enforcement Officer Bonnie Pruitt stated she had given Mrs. Armstead several citations on her property on South Main Avenue. She stated Mrs. Armstead was present and would like to discuss the matter with the Council. Mrs. Armstead asked for an extension of time to bring the property up to code. Atty. Harris stated this matter should be discussed with the Mayor and Officer Pruitt. He stated the Mayor has the discretion to allow extensions. Mayor Katsanis stated he would meet with Mrs. Armstead and Officer Pruitt concerning this matter.

G. Town Clerk

1. Need one LPA Member and two alternates – Mayor Katsanis stated he had two applicants who were interested in serving on the LPA; Robert Barger and Jerry Stahr. Mr. Ray Royce reminded the Mayor he had mentioned Mason Smoak also was interested in serving on the LPA. Council Member Worley made a motion Richard McConnell (the present alternate of the LPA) be asked to serve as the permanent member; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, Council Member Brantley, Council Member Worley and Council Member Wilson voted yes; Council Member Waller had been called out of the meeting and did not vote. Motion carried 3 to 0.
2. Council Member Waller made a motion Mason Smoak be asked to serve as an alternate on the LPA; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
3. Council Member Worley made a motion Robert Barger be asked to serve as an alternate on the LPA; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
4. The Council suggested the Mayor ask Jerry Stahr if he would be interested in serving on the Citizens Advisory Task Force.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance 06-535 – 2006-2007 Millage Rate (1st hearing) Town Clerk Arlene Tuck read Ordinance 06-535 in its entirety. Council Member Brantley made a motion Ordinance 05-535 be approved on first hearing by reading of the Ordinance; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Worley and Council Member Brantley voted

yes; Council Member Waller was called out of the meeting and did not vote. Motion carried 3 to 0.

- B. Ordinance 06-536 – 2006-2007 Budget (1st hearing) Town Clerk Arlene Tuck read Ordinance 06-536 in its entirety. Council Member Brantley made a motion Ordinance 06-536 be approved on first hearing by reading of Ordinance; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, Council Member Worley, Council Member Wilson and Council Member Brantley voted yes; Council Member Waller was called out of the meeting and did not vote. Motion carried 3 to 0.
- C. Ordinance 06-538 – Lake Partners – PD (1st hearing) (A portion of the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 31, Township 36 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida) Mrs. BuChans state the applicant is requesting a rezoning for the subject property described from A-1 to Planned Development District (PD). In addition, the applicant has applied for a Large Scale Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to amend the Future Land Use Map to Medium Density Residential for the subject property. The applicant intends to develop the site for multi-family residential uses. Mrs. BuChans stated upon the above zoning criteria being met, the rezoning request is being recommended for approval as it is consistent with the existing Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Brantley made a motion Ordinance 06-538 be approved on first hearing by reading of title only; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, Council Member Worley, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Waller and Council Member Brantley voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Ordinance 06-539 – Amended Code Enforcement Ordinance (1st hearing) (put on October 9, 2006 meeting agenda)
- E. Resolution to Vacate Alleyway – William Nielander – Mr. Nielander stated he represents Thomas and Amber Wirth, Sunridge Harvesting Co. and Harris and Joan Endicott in their pursuit of having a 20' alley shown on Plat Book 2, Page 53, North of lots 1 through 24 and South of the railroad vacated. Council Member Wilson stated he would be abstaining from the vote because he has an interest in the property. Council Member Waller made a motion the Resolution be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, Council Member Brantley and Council Member Waller voted yes; Council Member Worley voted no and Council Member Wilson abstained from voting. Motion carried 2 to 1.

Council Member Waller made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. Mayor Katsanis hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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