

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 11, 2010 5:30 P.M.

The Town Clerk advised that the Mayor would be a little late, therefore Vice Mayor Ray Royce called the regular meeting of the Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday October 11, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. The meeting was opened by invocation by Rev. Don Roberts of the Leisure Lakes Baptist Church. Rev. Roberts also led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor John Holbrook
Council Member Ray Royce
Council Member Debra Worley
Council Member Cheryl Davis
Council Member Steve Bastardi

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Monthly Reports and Payment of Monthly Bills
- C. Approval of Monthly Meeting and special meeting minutes

Council Member Davis made a motion that the consent agenda be approved as present; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call. Council Member Worley, Council Member Davis and Vice Mayor Royce voted yes; Council Member Bastardi had not yet arrived at the meeting.

PRESENTATION:

A. Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. – SRL Audit Report – Mr. John Davis of Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. informed the Council he was present to report on the audit for the State Revolving Loan which the Town has had since 2003. Mr. Davis stated they found the audit clean and no negative remarks. Council Member Worley made a motion the audit report for the State Revolving Loan be approved as presented by Mr. Davis of Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co.; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, Council Member Worley, Council Member Davis and Vice Mayor Royce voted yes; Council Member Bastardi had not yet arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Holbrook arrived during Mr. Davis's discussion.

Council Member Bastardi also arrived just prior to the discussion concerning the Town Manager Election.

B. Town Manager Election – Vice Mayor Royce stated it was his understanding that the Council would be discussing the referendum election to be held on November 2, 2010 at this time. Marlene Barger, of Lake Placid, stated she thought there would be a separate workshop held just for the Town Manager discussion. Council discussed having a special meeting on Monday October 18, 2010 to hear public input about the Referendum. Mrs. Tuck reminded the Council we are having a special meeting on the 18th of October to discuss the EAR and that Jennifer Codo-Salisburg, with Central Florida Regional, asked that two hours be set aside for the meeting. Council felt the EAR workshop could be postponed to another time. Council Member Royce made a motion that we hold a workshop for the sole and only purpose of discussing the charter question regarding the Town Manager for next Monday night at 5:30 P.M.; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Ordinance 10-618 – Hammond Oxe – Rezoning (2nd hearing) – Mrs. BuChans stated the applicant is requesting a rezoning for the subject property described above from Highlands County (County) Business District B-3, to Town of Lake Placid (Town) Highway Commercial District, C-1. The Town Planning staff identified this parcel within the Town’s limits as carrying a County zoning designation. Mrs. BuChans stated this was the second hearing. That the first hearing was held on September 13, 2010. Council Member Worley made a motion to recommend to approve and adopt by Ordinance 10-618, amending the Town Zoning Map from County B-3 (Business District) to Town C-1 (Highway Commercial District) for 1.65 +/- acres; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. Town Planner:

A. Country Fair – Mrs. Carol Mills, representing the Country Fair Committee was present concerning the closing of Interlake Boulevard, as was requested at the last meeting by the Country Fair Committee. Mrs. Mills stated they are working with closing Green Dragon Drive, instead of Interlake Boulevard. She stated they have talked to the schools and business on Green Dragon Drive and have been told there would be no problem with closing the street on Friday, February 4, 2011 after 4:00 P.M. Mayor Holbrook reminded everyone the Committee is having to do this due to the fact DeVane is possible to be being renovated at the time. Council Member Worley made a motion that we direct the Police Chief to take charge of closing Green Dragon Drive for February 4 (after 4:00 P.M.), 2011, February 5, 2011 and February 6, 2011 to facilitate the Country Fair of 2011; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

B. Planning Service Interlocal Agreement – Mrs. BuChans stated staff and the Town’s attorney had worked on an Interlocal Agreement for the Town’s Planning Services. She stated this year the fee is \$25,000.00 because the County’s responsibilities have been reduced. Council Member Worley made a motion that we approve the Interlocal Agreement between Highlands County, Florida and the Town of Lake Placid for the 2010-2011 Planning Services; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution – Sign Fees – Mrs. BuChans stated on June 9, 2010 the Lake Placid Town Council adopted an Ordinance amending and restating Section 154-15 of the Code of the Town of Lake Placid entitled Signs, by Ordinance No. 2010-610. This Ordinance repealed the sign permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from Chapter 154, Section 154-15.3.2. Council requested that

staff prepare a Resolution establishing a Sign Application/Permit Fee for the Town. Mrs. BuChans had a Resolution attached establishing fees for sign permits within the Town of Lake Placid. The sign application was revised and was included with the Resolution. Mrs. BuChans informed the Council nothing in the Ordinance changed. The only thing the Resolution did was allow a fee for the signs. That fee schedule is \$75.00 for sign permits on Highway 27 and all other areas \$50.00 for the permit. Council Member Bastardi made a motion the Council approve the Resolution as written; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, Council Member Royce, Council Member Davis, and Council Member Bastardi voted yes; Council Member Worley voted no. Motion carried 3 to 1.

D. Ordinance 10-608 – Land Development (Fences) – Adoption Only – Mrs. BuChans stated Council had requested staff make revisions to Ordinance No. 10-608 that was presented in the September 13, 2010, public hearing. Mrs. BuChans attached a copy of the revised Ordinance to her staff report for the Council’s review. The changes were located on page 4 and page 10 through 15. After discussion on the changes and additional changes, Council Member Royce made a motion to table Ordinance 10-608 for further review by the Town of Lake Placid LPA and action by Council; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

2. Recreation Director:

A. Use of DeVane Park for Mason Smoak Day – Laura Barben – Council Member Royce stated the Committee organizing the Mason Smoak Day wants to know if they are going to be able to use DeVane Park for the function. Council Member Royce stated they were not sure if the renovation to the Park would be started by the November 6th date of the function. Council stated they did not feel the renovation would be started prior to the date of the event. Council Member Royce made a motion that we allow the use of DeVane Park by the Mason Smoak Foundation for November 6, 2010; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Works Director:

A. Cemetery Committee – Council Member Bastardi stated he felt the Cemetery Committee had done what they were required to do and he would like to make a motion the Cemetery Committee be dissolved; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

4. Town Utility Director:

A. HUC (South Sewer System) on call person – Mr. Freeman stated Mr. Darrell Pugh will be checking the systems on the South Sewer System. He would like to request that Mr. Pugh be allowed to use a town vehicle to travel to and from work to home. He would also like to furnish Mr. Pugh with a cell phone. For these benefits, Mr. Pugh will not be allowed overtime, unless there is a break or emergency that requires he come into Town to work on the system. Mr. Freeman stated Mr. Pugh is aware that only Town employees can be allowed to ride in the Town vehicle. Council Member Bastardi made a motion Mr. Freeman’s request be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

B. Pump for South Sewer System – Mr. Freeman stated he has already had a pump fail at the South Sewer System. He stated he needs to purchase a new pump which will run \$4,241.00.

Mr. Freeman stated he would like to take the price of the new pump out of the contribution fund. Council Member Royce stated he really didn't care where the funds came from, but that he wanted all monies used for the South Sewer System to be tracked. Mr. Freeman assured him they were being tracked. Council Member Worley made a motion Mr. Freeman purchase the pump from Madar Electric Motors for \$4,241.00; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

5. Town Attorney – No Comments

6. Town Clerk:

A. Advertise for Recondification Services – Council asked Mrs. Tuck to wait until the County's growth management policies with the Town are passed.

7. Mayor/Town Council Meeting:

A. Council Member Worley – Rural Development Grant – Council Member Worley stated she had contacted the Rural Development funding source and found out the Town would qualify for a grant of up to 45% for the sewer. Council Member Bastardi made a motion to give Council Member Worley the authority to continue pursuing the rural development grant; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

B. Council Member Royce – stated he would like for the Council to consider consolidating some of the departments. He stated he would like to discuss this after the November 2, 2010 election. He stated it has never made sense to him that we have employees working for one department who mow the parks and another department who mow the medians and that each has their own mowers, weed eaters, etc.

Council Member Davis made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. Mayor Holbrook hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.