

MAYOR'S REPORT –

Public Hearing – Variance for Peggy's Hay Farm

The public hearing was opened. Chris Weddle, Leonard Johnson and Jan Norsoph were sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Planner Norsoph refreshed the commission of the variances requested and staff recommendations. Leonard Johnson requested the commission to adopt Alternative #2, as presented.

Chris Weddle answered questions from the commission.

Discussion included prohibiting lake access by the public and use of McMullen Road by heavy vehicles (construction/trash).

MOTION: TO APPROVE ALTERNATIVE #2 WITH THE ADDED STIPULATION OF SUBSECTION G THAT THE FINAL PLAT SHALL PROHIBIT ANY PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAKE JOVITA FROM THE PARCEL.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Hamilton

SECOND BY: Commissioner DeWitt

Discussion.

VOTE: Unanimous for Resolution 5/0 Adopted

Fire Inspection Agreement

Mayor Hallett updated the commission by stating that the Town has made contact with Pasco County requesting a proposal for the purpose of providing proposal for fire inspection services to the Town.

Discussion included annual inspections required and payment of the services. A good faith effort is being made by the Town to provide the best alternative for citizens in a timely manner.

Town Investments

A handout containing information about our surplus funds, Certificates of Deposit, and the CDARS program was provided. The CD's were itemized and it was noted that there will be reorganization regarding spreading maturity dates throughout the year. More information will be prepared for the February meeting.

Performance Evaluations

Clerk Miller presented a Performance Review Evaluation for part time employees. Upon completion of the performance evaluations by the Clerk, the Clerk will meet with the Mayor to review the evaluation. The Mayor would then bring recommendations to the commission of potential merit raises.

Commissioners asked that the review be completed twice a year and for the clerk to obtain information from other municipalities to verify what salary office assistants are making.

Community Development Block Grant

The Town uses this grant money to continue work implementing the town's Comprehensive Plan. The amount for this grant this year is \$3,037.00.

MOTION: TO DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND RETURN IT TO PASCO COUNTY FOR REVIEW BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Hamilton

SECOND BY: Commissioner DeWitt

VOTE: 3/2 Adopted

Nay Commissioner Christmas
Commissioner Courtney

GUESTS

Deputy Sheriff Day, and James Adcock of TECO (were recognized) but did not speak.

OLD BUSINESS

Suncoast League of Cities

On January 16th the Town of Saint Leo is hosting the January meeting of the Suncoast League of Cities at Saint Leo University.

NEW BUSINESS

Saint Leo /Lake Jovita Subdivision Buffer

Due to a recent request from a citizen the town investigated land changes that were being done in the area of the Saint Leo University tennis courts and the Lake Jovita subdivision. The question arose as to the purpose of the excavation.

Planner Norsoph visited the area today and found that Saint Leo University failed to provide the town with an inventory of trees prior to the maintenance performed. In addition, landscaping agreed upon in 2007 by the commission and SLU appears to be insufficient at this time. Trees and shrubs have died and not been replaced.

The Mayor will draft a letter with the planner, be reviewed by our Attorney, then sent to Saint Leo University.

Elections Candidate qualifying period begins February 9th and ends February 16th.
There are three open commission seats this year.

Lake Jovita Market

It was brought to the attention of the Town Clerk prior to this meeting that the portable signs at the produce market located on SR 52 were not in compliance with the Land Development Code. The clerk addressed the issue personally and will follow up with a letter to Mr. Morphew. Deputy Day reminded the town that it is DOT rules that signs are not allowed in the right of way. With new businesses in town it is important to adhere to code.

Town Web Site

The Town of St. Leo web site is up and running for about one week and feedback has been good.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:50 P.M.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Hamilton

SECOND BY: Commissioner DeWitt

VOTE: Unanimous for Resolution 5/0 Adopted

Respectfully,
Joan Miller, C.M.C.