

***City of Groveland***  
Minutes  
**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 06, 2016

The Groveland City Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 06, 2016 in the E.L. Puryear Building located at 243 S. Lake Avenue. Mayor Tim Loucks called the meeting to order at 7:20pm with the following members present: Vice Mayor Karen McMican, Council Members Mike Radzik, John Griffin and Dina Sweatt. City officials present were: City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Manager Redmond Jones, Acting City Clerk Lisa Cortese, and Sergeant-at-Arms Commander Scott Penvose.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Dina Sweatt. The invocation was given by Council Member John Griffin.

**Guest Speaker, Presentations and Proclamations**

- **Final Debriefing on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Rebekah Morgan**  
*Parks and Recreation Manager, Rebekah Morgan addressed the Council.*

**REPORTS**

**a. Council Members**

- Council Member Dina Sweatt reported that on attended ethics training at the Eustis Community Center on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Sweatt attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Hollywood Florida August 17<sup>th</sup> –August 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Sweatt reported that she attended the last legislative meeting for taxation and finance while in Hollywood. Her appointment for this year will be for Growth Management and Economic Affairs.
- Council Member John Griffin reported that the sign located at John Wesley Griffin park needs a height adjustment and leveling. Mr. Griffin also suggests changing the location of the sign indicating children at play approximately 300' from the playground area encouraging traffic to slow down before approaching the playground area.
- Council Member Mike Radzik reported that he attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Hollywood, Florida August 18<sup>th</sup>-August 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Radzik reported that he attended the last legislative meeting for taxation and finance while in Hollywood and will be the representative for 2016-2017. Mr. Radzik provided staff information on CityStats Statewide Regional Trends to forward to Council. Mr. Radzik reported that recent legislation has a small reduction for sales tax for commercial leases. Mr. Radzik reported he attended a class designed to assist government officials to attract younger individuals within their community to participate in local government and public service. Mr. Radzik reported at the conference he also met with Kevin Crowder from Redevelopment Management Associates regarding private public partnerships. Mr. Radzik reported that the City Manager invited him to a meeting and tour of the Orlando Crime Scene Facility and Orlando Police Department on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> with

Chief Tennyson and John Moore from H.J. High Construction Company who currently is involved in private public partnerships and development. Mr. Radzik reported that he spoke with Chuck Broadway from the Clermont Police Department who offered to provide a tour of their new facility to staff and Council and are expected to have a ribbon cutting ceremony the end of October. Mr. Radzik stated in response to the ongoing issues with Sam Smith, he suggested that the Council consider implementing the following in the city personnel manual: random steroid and drug testing, minimum education requirements for entry level police officers, sensitivity training, department head policy regarding distance of residency from the city, and consistent application of police department policies.

- Vice Mayor Karen McMican reported that she attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Hollywood, Florida August 17<sup>th</sup> –August 21<sup>st</sup>. She attended a tour of the water treatment plant for the City of Hollywood with Utilities Manager, Carlos Aguilera. While at the conference Mrs. McMican reported that she concentrated on urban development and records request management. Mrs. McMican reported that at the conference she was the voting delegate for upcoming legislature and also that she was selected to serve on the Urban Development Committee. Mrs. McMican reported that she attended a tour of the Donald Bronson Community Storm center in Polk City on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. McMican provided the City Attorney and Council with information regarding a recycling program for the community she would like the Council to review and consider.
- Mayor Tim Loucks reported that he was running for county commissioner and was defeated which he stated isn't uncommon for the first time running, and overall he was happy with the results. He reported that he participated in 18 forums and 12 debates and learned a lot. Mr. Loucks reported that the city's reclaim water salt content on the south end is running 50 ppm and stated this can be harsh on some landscape. Mr. Loucks stated that he agrees that city policies should be implemented consistently between departments and employees.

**b. City Manager**

City Manager, Redmond Jones gave his written report to Council. Mr. Jones reported that three additional staff members have completed their Certified Public Managers Certification.

*Newly hired Senior Planner, Jodi Nentwick introduced herself to the Council.*

*Steven Elmore addressed the Council regarding the Chamber of Commerce request to use the Puryear Building for a Candidate Forum.*

*Consensus from Council to direct staff to move forward with negotiating a new lease with Florida House Representative, Larry Metz.*

**c. City Attorney**

*City Attorney, Anita Geraci-Carver reported that her office contacted each Council Member for scheduling purposes in the litigation case John Flinn vs City of Groveland Lake County Case 2016CA994. Mike Bowling has requested direction from Council and at the last meeting Council requested additional information. The information is now available and he would like to discuss this with Council and get input and a meeting is being scheduled for Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 4:00pm and will be held at the Lake David Center located at 450 S. Lake Avenue Groveland, Florida. The meeting will begin at 4:00pm and be for approximately 1 hour. Those in attendance will be Mayor Tim Loucks, Vice Mayor Karen McMican, Council Members Dina Sweatt, Mike Radzik, and John Griffin. In addition, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Manager Redmond Jones and litigation counsel Mike Bowling.*

**d. Citizen Advisory Committee**

Chair George Rosario invited the public to attend the Recreation Advisory Board meetings and provide their input. Meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm, located at the Lake David Center.

*Consensus from Council to move up item 3. Discussion – Donald Bronson Groveland Historical Museum to item 1.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2016**
- **Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes of August 15, 2016**

*Vice Mayor Karen McMican moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mike Radzik.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion of Donald Bronson Groveland Historical Museum Proposal**

*Consensus from Council to place proposal on next Council agenda.*

**2. Discussion of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**

*Consensus from Council to direct staff to begin soliciting for sponsorships, donations, and volunteers for the July 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 event.*

**3. Drone Issue**

*City Attorney, Anita Geraci-Carver addressed the Council. Council discussed this item at length.*

**4. Discussion – Maintenance Bond Extension**

*Consensus from Council to direct city attorney to amend current code with the following changes:*

- *Requiring a separate maintenance bond in favor of the entity having ownership of and maintenance obligations for non-public improvements, such as an HOA that owns a private subdivision road.*
- *Require a phasing plan from developers for residential subdivisions to ensure that construction vehicles will not travel over newly constructed subdivision roadways to continue construction in future phases of the development, and if such travel cannot be avoided, a mechanism that requires a longer maintenance bond.*
- *Adding language which makes performance and maintenance bonds applicable to non-residential projects where public improvements are being constructed.*

**5. Approve Purchase of Metal Detector**

*Council Member Dina Sweatt moved to approve; seconded by Council Member John Griffin.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**6. Approve Agreement for Services Between City and PRMG for User Rate Study**

*Vice Mayor Karen McMican moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mike Radzik.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**7. Approve Agreement for Services Between City and PRMG for Impact Fee Study**

*Vice Mayor Karen McMican moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**8. Approve the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan Budget**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Consensus from Council to schedule a special meeting for Friday, September 9, 2016 at 5:00pm to be held at the E.L. Puryear Building.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Tim Loucks adjourned the meeting at 9:50pm*

Attest:



Tim Loucks, Mayor

Lisa Cortese, Acting City Clerk