



Town of
LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

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Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

(Times established by Resolution No. 2014-08... commencing at 7:00 p.m., and ending no later than 10:30 p.m., which can be extended by motion of the Council.)

Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, 101 West "D" Road

Mayor David Browning (Seat 4)
Vice Mayor Ronald D. Jarriel (Seat 1)
Councilman Tom Goltzené (Seat 5)
Councilman Ryan Liang (Seat 3)
Councilman Jim Rockett (Seat 2)

Town Manager William F. Underwood, II
Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple
Town Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.

MINUTES

1. OPENING

- a. Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Browning called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor David Browning, Vice-Mayor Ron Jarriel, Councilmen Tom Goltzené, Ryan Liang, and Jim Rockett. Also present were Town Manager Bill Underwood, Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Town Planning Consultant Jim Fleischmann and Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation – Mayor Browning
- c. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Councilman Liang made a motion to approve the Agenda, as presented. Vice-Mayor Jarriel seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed 5/0.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Invoice from Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.

b. Minutes:

- July 18, 2014, Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion: Councilman Liang made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Vice-Mayor Jarriel seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed 5/0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Harris, 2580 C Road, spoke on horses and their involvement with Loxahatchee Groves. He provided a handout of a photo showing the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District (LGWCD) dredging the canals and leaving dirt on the trails.

Motion: Councilman Rockett made a motion to accept the *receive and file* document presented by Mr. Harris. Vice-Mayor Jarriel seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Harris requested the work be stopped until the material from the canal could be tested; he noted the dredging is blocking the horse trails; and he requested the District be made a separate entity from the Town.

Marge Herzog, 966 A Road, discussed marijuana sales, shops, and the growing of, in the Town.

John Ryan, 3508 A Road, noted the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District (LGWCD) has been working with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) trying to restore the Town's canals. He does not think there are any contaminants.

Council discussed paths/trails being blocked by the dredging, and noted the District is asking the Town to pay for surveys of the trails. They also feel the quality of the dirt being dredged is in question; noting the trails are for the residents; that the District is creating passive aggressive behavior; wanting to establish guidelines for the District to follow, especially on a designated equestrian trail; conduct discussion during the Intergovernmental Coordination Committee (IGC) Meeting; discuss why the residents cannot have the dirt; and dissatisfaction with the Interlocal Agreement between the District and the Town.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Certificate of Acknowledgement and Recognition to Loxahatchee Groves resident Quasi Modo, runner up (Ugliest Mutt, 2nd Place) in the National Ugliest Dog Contest, held during the 2014 Sonoma-Martin Fair, Petaluma, California.

Mayor Browning introduced Quasi Modo, and her family, Virginia Sayre and Mike Carroll and noted Quasi is an Ambassador of the Town.

Virginia (Jenny) Sayre explained Quasi's trip to California for the contest, and informed everyone that she and Mike Carroll got married as well.

Mayor Browning presented a doggy biscuit "Key to the Town" to Quasi, as well as, a certificate, and a turtle decorated leash.

- b. Acknowledgement of Appreciation Letter to be sent to Sponsor Andrea Caceres-Santamaria and the Seminole Ridge High School National Honor Society for their continuous road cleanup campaign.

Town Attorney Cirullo read the letter prepared by Town Staff which will be sent to the National Honor Society at Seminole Ridge High School, in appreciation for their hard work.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

6. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM F. UNDERWOOD, II, TO SERVE AS TOWN MANAGER PURSUANT TO AND COTERMINOUS WITH THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND UNDERWOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES GROUP, LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Cirullo explained Resolution No. 2014-14 and read the title.

Motion: Councilman Liang made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-14. Councilman Goltzené seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 5/0.

7. ORDINANCES – NONE

8. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE – *Town Manager Underwood*

Town Manager Underwood thanked the Council and will continue to send reports to them.

9. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

a. Public

Fred Schriefer, 14738 Paradise Trail, asked the Town to get involved on lot clearing problem, next door to him, as drainage is an issue.

Mayor Browning stated that the people who were clearing were also removing vegetation from Mr. Schriefer's property.

Mr. Schriefer hopes the new property owner will need to come to the meeting.

Mayor they only came to apply for a fence permit started taking down Brazilian peppers then got carried away. The Town issued them a cease and desist order.

b. Town Attorney

Referencing the use of medical marijuana and the Constitutional Amendment, he noted the subject is being reviewed with some of his other clients, and if Council wishes, the issue can be brought back to the next Council meeting to review any issues related to that subject. There may be additional concerns for Loxahatchee Groves because of the Ag (Agricultural) Component. There is a law in place now which is extremely limited (Charlotte's Web). Currently the State is going through rulemaking to allow for five (5) regional distribution organizations, one for each section of the State.

Mayor Browning suggested waiting to see if the Amendment passes during the State Election.

Go Gators.

c. Town Council Members

Councilman Goltzené felt this meeting would go on records as one of the shortest.

Vice-Mayor Jarriel reported that Mike Carroll and Virginia (Jenny) Sayre have one of the prettiest places in Loxahatchee Groves. They also work with exchange students, and Mike restored a helicopter from the Vietnam War, and works with the Vietnam Veterans. Jenny works at the Red Barn from time to time to help with animal care. Vice-Mayor Jarriel thanked them for their contribution to the community.

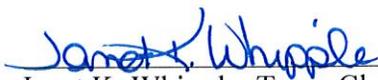
Councilman Liang felt the timing of this meeting was a record, and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Rockett thanked everyone for coming this evening.

Mayor Browning welcomed Bill Underwood as the new Town Manager.

12. ADJOURNMENT

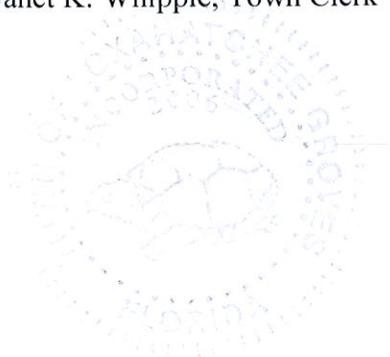
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Mayor Browning adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk



David Browning, Mayor



These minutes were approved during the December 16, 2014, Town Council Meeting.