



Town of Loxahatchee Groves

Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

(Or As Soon As Possible following the Canvassing Board Meeting)

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 Planning Consultant, Jim Fleischmann
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. Present were Mayor Browning, Vice Mayor Ron Jarriel, Councilmen Tom Goltzené, Ryan Liang, and Jim Rockett. Also in attendance were Town Manager Bill Underwood, Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, and Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple.

b. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation – Mayor Browning

c. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Councilman Goltzené made a motion to amend the Agenda by having Public Comment placed as 1.d. Mayor Browning passed the gavel and seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion failed 2/3 with Vice-Mayor Jarriel, Councilmen Liang and Rockett casting the dissenting votes.

Motion: Councilman Rockett made a motion to accept the Agenda, as presented. Vice-Mayor Jarriel seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed 3/2 with Mayor Browning and Councilman Goltzené casting the dissenting votes.

d. SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS RON JARRIEL (SEAT NO. 1) AND RYAN LIANG (SEAT NO. 3).

Town Attorney Cirullo provided the protocol for swearing in the new Council Members.

Town Clerk Whipple swore in Councilman Ron Jarriel (Seat No. 1) and Councilman Ryan Liang (Seat No. 3) as the newly elected Town Council Members.

Clerk Note: Appointment of Mayor and Vice-Mayor will be conducted during the April 7, 2015, Town Council Meeting. (Pursuant to the Town Charter. Section 2(2)(a))

2. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Virginia Standish – 15410 North Road, thanked to Seth Brier for taking photos. Jarriel and Liang ran a very organized campaign. Her recommendation for a best solution would be to have a new election. Mrs. Standish advised that she will also be filing a complaint.

Laura Danowski, 1032 E Road, commented on process and law, and that the process has been trampled. She requested that people stand for law, become a town, and have civility.

Tim Hart-Woods, 15201 Timberlane Place stated that the Town stinks and the situation with the election is something bad that happened. He discussed how many ballots were cast over the last three (3) years. Also, he was ashamed tonight and requested that Ryan Liang resign for the good of the Town, and take Mr. Rockett as well.

Dennis Lipp – 13402 North Road, announced that a recall process will begin and he is seeking members for the committee.

Todd McLendon – 3481 D Road, stated it was a circus, and he volunteered to be a member of the committee, and requested Councilman Liang step down from office.

Richard Jarolem – Attorney for Keith Harris, though he would be putting in comments prior to the swearing in, and was disappointed that Council did not allow this to happen. He referenced the Town Charter and stated what would happen now if charges were filed.

Phyllis Maniglia, 359 West D Road, requested the Town Council be placed on hiatus.

John Whittles, Attorney for Ryan Liang, requested the community abide by the Judge's decision.

Jo Siciliano, 1530 B Road, took offense for the disregard of the citizens.

Ken Johnson, 15409 Collecting Canal Road, stated the residents have the right to vote for what is right in this Town

Bill Louda, 1300 E Road has nothing else to say.

Maureen Lefkowitz, 3485 D Road, stated the Town needs to come from a calm place rather than from anger. She wants to live in a peaceful community, and noted everyone must be respectful.

4. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

6. RESOLUTIONS - NONE

7. ORDINANCES – NONE

8. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT – *Town Manager Underwood* - NONE

9. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

12. CLOSING COMMENTS

a. Public

No further comments.

b. Town Attorney

Town Attorney Cirullo had nothing further to say.

c. Town Council Members

Councilman Goltzené has nothing good to say.

Vice-Mayor Jarriel thanked everyone for voting, and for them to have a good St. Patty’s Day.

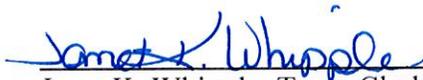
Councilman Liang thanked everyone for the support.

Councilman Rockett thanked the public for coming.

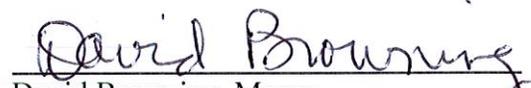
Mayor Browning stated everyone has a right to speak their heart. He supported the staff at the Supervisor of Elections Office and said if someone is an outright liar there is nothing they can do about it. Be careful in causing blame to everyone, let the chips fall where they will, that is why we have a legal process. We do what we have to by law, and we will continue to do our best to serve the people in Loxahatchee Groves.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Mayor Browning adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk



David Browning, Mayor



These minutes were approved during the Town Council Meeting of May 19, 2015.