

Town of Fort White

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT WHITE

AUGUST 14, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Fort White met in regular business session August 14, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson. On roll call, members present were: Donald Cook, Demetric Jackson, Mary Fleming, Matthew Lance. and James Richardson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2017 as submitted was made, second and approved.

Motion to approve agenda was made, second and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #191-2017 (title only) was read by Mayor Jackson for second/final reading. Motion was made/second to adopt Ordinance #191-2017. There were no comments. On roll call vote: Cook (yes), Fleming (yes), Jackson (yes), Lance (yes), and Richardson (yes), motion carried.

Ordinance #192-2017 (title only) was read by Mayor Jackson for second/final reading. Motion was made/second to adopt Ordinance #192-2017. There were no comments. On roll call vote: Cook (yes), Fleming (yes), Jackson (yes), Lance (yes), and Richardson (yes), motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance #193-2017, an ordinance vacating utility easements along the shared lot line of lots 3-4 and lots 4-5, Block D Hollingsworth Estates was presented to council for consideration by Megan Carter. She explained that the property is where the ALF is located on US Highway 27. When it was approved several years ago the easement was not addressed as the facility was built on three lots and was not a concern/problem, but the facility has been sold and the new owners want the utility easement vacated. A motion to accept proposed Ordinance #193-2017 was made/second. After brief discussion, on roll call vote: Cook (yes), Fleming (yes), Jackson (yes), Lance (yes), and Richardson (yes), motion carried. Second/final reading for adoption will be held at the business meeting on September 11.

District #1
Donald Cook
386-365-4111

District #2
James Richardson
352-316-8467

District #3
Mary Fleming
386-288-1437

District #4
Matthew Lance
352-317-6226

Mayor
Demetric Jackson
386-365-3304

Engineer, Chad McCormick, advised council that the town had received notification of approval of funding for the Town Park (Johnnie B. Bryant) project submitted for the FRDAP grant. The state did not release funding this year; therefore, the Town can re-submit the project for funding next year or submit another project application. The project ranked 100 % and will receive funds upon their release next year. If there is additional funding available, the Town may resubmit the project for the Mayor's Park Council gave approval to resubmit the Town Park (Johnnie B. Bryant) for next year.

Fort White Area Chamber of Commerce President, Scott Thomason advised council that the Chamber had been working very hard on the community celebration for Sept. 2 and asked that a member of the council serve as a judge for the bar be que contest. Mayor Jackson stated that he would be happy to serve as a judge if no one else was available Mr. Thomason also addressed concern of statement made by a council member(on social media) indicating that the chamber was not utilizing funds donated by the Gun Club through the town to the chamber to purchase brackets for poles in the town to display seasonal flags. He stated that he had not received the funds. Mayor Jackson apologized for the mis- communication and asked that the chamber contact Vernon to confirm what was needed and how to proceed.

A resident asked the status of an application by Ms. Dukes to open a restaurant in town. Mayor Jackson advised that Ms. Dukes was asked to submit additional information and once the town receives that information, it will be sent to the town planner for verification and submittal to the planning/zoning board for a recommendation to council.

There will be a budget workshop for fiscal year 2017-18 at town hall on Monday, August 28th at 7:30 pm. Any member of the public is invited to attend.

Meeting Adjourned