

Town of Fort White

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

September 18, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Fort White met in regular business session September 18, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The regularly scheduled meeting of Sept. 11 had to be canceled due to hurricane Irma. 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. Attorney Koberlein was unable to attend.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2017 as submitted was made, second and approved.

Mayor Jackson asked that the agenda be amended to remove two items under new business: City water/garbage rates and Task order for Brighton Court. He also asked that a new item be placed under new business: Antioch Church fundraiser at Deese Park. Motion to approve agenda as amended was made, second and approved.

OLD 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 read by title by Mayor Jackson for consideration of adoption by council. A motion to approve Ordinance #193-2017 for adoption was made/second. After brief discussion, on roll call vote: Cook (yes), Fleming (yes), Jackson (yes), Lance (yes), and Richardson (yes), motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jackson presented Ordinance # 194-2017, an ordinance establishing the 2017-18 fiscal year budget for the Town of Fort White for consideration on first reading. Motion was made/second to approve Ord. #194-2017 on first reading. On discussion, Mayor Jackson advised council that he had spoken with Bill Jamison regarding the new full time position created in the budget eliminating the part time position and he advised that he would accept the position. There were no comments from the public present.

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 a Special Meeting on Monday, September 25th at 7:30 pm.

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

Shannon Williams from NFPS advised council of the Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources Historic Preservation Grants Program, Small Matching Grant that the town might be interested in for the Mayor's Park (train depot). She explained the program and what would be covered as far as improvements to the property. She also stated that the town would not be required to match the funding available (up to \$50,000) from the grant. The submission dates are tentatively April 1, 2018 – May 1, 2018. Grants will be awarded July 1, 2019 for a twelve-month grant period. After discussion, council advised Ms. Williams to proceed.

Mayor Jackson advised that Antioch Baptist Church requested permission to use Deese Park for a gathering on October 8. Motion was made/second to grant permission for Antioch Baptist Church to use Deese Park for a gathering on Oct. 8. Motion carried.

Chad McCormick advised that the Brighton Court project was in process and work is expected to be within the next 4 months.

Councilman Richardson requested that the town council meetings be recorded and advised that he would work with clerk's office in obtaining the equipment needed to do so. There were no objections.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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