

**TOWN OF FORT WHITE, FLORIDA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: FORT WHITE TOWN HALL
118 SW WILSON SPRINGS RD

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Frazier led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

OATH OF OFFICE: DISTRICT IV COUNCILMAN

The Town Attorney administered the Oath of Office to District IV Councilman, Bill Koon.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Mayor Ronnie Frazier
Councilman Donald Cook
Councilman James Richardson
Councilwoman Mary Fleming
Councilman Bill Koon

OTHERS:

Town Clerk Katy Hughes
Town Attorney Brittany Loper
Town Planner Tony Arrant (absent)

ITEM – 1 – ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made/second to approve the May 13, 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

ITEM – 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 8, 2019

A motion was made/second to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

ITEM – 3 –PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ken Guard addressed Council to suggest the Town host a financial class run by volunteers for the residents of Fort White.

Dolores Maylone addressed council regarding several items: volunteer committees, CRA grant money, new well, signage, speed limits, and fees for code violations. The Town Attorney advised there are statutory provisions to receiving CRA grant money. Mrs. Maylone was also advised her concern regarding code enforcement was on the agenda to be discussed later in the meeting. Mr. Richardson was asked to discuss these items further with Mrs. Maylone and request the items deemed necessary be placed for discussion on the June 10th agenda.

Reginald Theophilus Bennett I addressed council to request sidewalks on Skye avenue. He also expressed concern about the disrepair of the sidewalks in the SW Quadrant. On discussion, Mr. Bennett was advised that the Town relies on grant funding to assist in making these repairs.

David Bishop requested the Town assist financially with the Trunk or Treat. On discussion, it was noted funds would need to be budgeted and it is something that will be discussed at the upcoming budget workshop.

The Young Marines requested permission to place roses on Veteran graves in Fort White and Heavenly Rest Cemetery for Memorial Day. A motion was made/second. Permission granted.

ITEM – 4 – OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SOLID WASTE UPDATE – COLUMBIA COUNTY TAX ROLL

Rocky Ford, County Commissioner, updated Council regarding the Town's request to be placed on Columbia County's Tax Roll. The County has agreed to include Fort White residents in their tax assessment for Garbage Services which is assessed annually on their property taxes. The Town Attorney will draft an interlocal agreement to submit to Columbia County.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: RESOLUTION 190-2019 AUTHORIZING JOINT SIGNATURES

The Town Attorney read the Resolution by title only. No discussion was had.

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: HEAVENLY REST CEMETERY HEADSTONE REMOVAL

The Town Clerk received notice from Mr. Jackson that the issue has been resolved. No action needed.

ITEM – 5 – NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TRANSFERRING TOWN FUNDS TO A HIGHER INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT

The Town Attorney advised the Town there are regulations that govern how a municipality invests their money and the Town should consult with the Auditor before moving forward.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: FMIT INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE

The Council was presented with an Asset Survey that was completed by the League of Cities. Several new assets were identified and added to the schedule increasing the Town's premium by approximately \$2,000. On discussion, Council questioned the amount of reconstruction cost and how it is determined. The Town Clerk will reach out to Mr. Conley for further clarification of reconstruction costs.

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: UNIFORMS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

No discussion.

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Rocky Ford, County Commissioner, advised if the Council agreed with the terms of the Interlocal Agreement it could be brought back before the Board of County Commissioners on June 6th for a vote. The agreement would become effective immediately. The Town Attorney will update the Signature Block and return to the Town for signature.

ITEM – 6 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ITEM – 7 – ADJOURNMENT

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