

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 – 7:00 PM
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1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Town Clerk Carmen Spelozzi to take the roll call.

2. Roll call

PRESENT:

- Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett
- Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
- Councilmember Sergia Cardenas
- Councilmember Gray Leonhard

Also present was Town Planner Mark Karet as well as representatives from the VCSO. Town Attorney Christian Waugh was excused absent.

3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Church of God of Prophecy Pastor Larry gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes – Mayor Samuel Bennett

- a. Regular Meeting April 26, 2022

Mayor Bennett asked if there were any additions and deletions if not he would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion to approve the above listed minutes as written; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on Rental Space for the New Town Hall – Jaime Davis, Ese Support & Consultation at Taylor Middle High School

Mayor Bennett introduced Jaime Davis, ESE support and Consultation at Taylor Middle High, who explained that she is looking to rent a spot at the New Town Center to create a consignment store for students to learn life skills in business management and custom screen printing.

47 Discussion ensued about the space needed and the number of months that students would be
48 using the facility. The Council is in consensus. Mayor Bennett will put this as an agenda item
49 for a future meeting, when the Town Attorney can be present.

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51 b. Four Seasons 4th of July Fireworks Contract – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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53 Discussion ensued that the cost of Fireworks went from \$5,000 to \$7,500. All agreed with
54 that increase. Discussion ensued that the 4th of July falls on a Monday this year.

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56 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to accept the increase in cost for the**
57 **Fireworks; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed; motion carries.**

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59 c. Generator Maintenance - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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61 Mayor Bennett spoke about companies available to do maintenance for Town Generators.
62 Discussion ensued.

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64 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve Jim Myers with Small**
65 **Engine and Generator Repair to service the generators for the Town’s water system and**
66 **Town Hall; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed; motion carries.**

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68 d. Termite Service Agreement with PURCOR previously Aaron Pest Control -
69 Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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71 Mayor Bennett and Town Clerk Spelorzi spoke on the Termite Service Agreement.
72 Discussion ensued and all are in consensus to get quotes from other termite companies.

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74 e. Updates by Mayor - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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76 Mayor Bennett spoke on

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- 78 • Eric Nelson out of State. Will be back in June
- 79 • Staff, Town Planner and Attorney working on Zoning violation and that a letter is
80 being drafted to property owner O’Quinn
- 81 • Adding to next meeting agenda – join with all Cities on VSO pursuit of an initiative
82 on Opioids.
- 83 • Public Works to haul more dirt at Chipper Jones Park to fill in the holes made by
burnouts

84 f. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian
85 Waugh

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87 Town Attorney not present

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89 g. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev
90 Cohen & Associates

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92 Town Planner spoke on

- 93 • Being onsite 5/5/22 and again on 5/19/22
- 94 • Meeting on 5/19/22 with a company on surveillance cameras
- 95 • P&Z Commission meets on 5/17/22
- 96 • Pre-construction meeting being set for scheduling and the kick-off meeting

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98 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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101 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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103 a. Council and staff reports

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105 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund suggested to have the Clerk's office mail out letters to all
106 former sponsors of the 4th of July event. Mrs. Spelorzi gave an update that staff has already
107 started on the event.

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109 Councilmember Sergia Cardenas

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Mrs. Spelorzi spoke on

- Waste Pro Newsletter
- High School Senior Awards Ceremony May 19th
- VLOC RSVP needed
- Trash Cans on East 2nd Ave too close to road

8. GOOD AND WELFARE (public participation)

Resident Linnie Richardson, Richardson Lane inquired about the revised rental agreement for the Community Center as she feels that dangerous activities are happening with folks using/storing propane appliances in the center. Mayor stated that they have not received it back yet from the Town Attorney. Discussion ensued that under no circumstance are renters allowed to bring grills and fryers into the building and to add it to the agreement. Other residents in the audience gave suggestions on that matter.

137 Resident Paul Martel, N. Pine Street, asked what has been done about all that signage as it is
138 getting out of hand. Mrs. Spelorzi stated that the Town Council still has to appoint the DRA
139 to perform functions identified in the LDR and that one of those functions is to perform
140 investigations or to initiate others to perform investigations into complaints.

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142 Ms. Jaime Davies with Taylor Middle High School inquired about grants for the playgrounds.
143 Discussion ensued about ADA compliant swings. Ms. Davies asked to put in an official
144 request for adult swings and asked about the timeframe. Mrs. Spelorzi stated that there will
145 be a public workshop about using grants for playground.

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147 Ms. Sherrise Boyd, running for Volusia County at Large, spoke on

- 148 • Grants for playgrounds
- 149 • OPIOID impacts to small towns
- 150 • Lunch programs available
- 151 • Vote to make your voice heard
- 152 • Votran usage

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154 **9. ADJOURNED**

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156 Mayor Bennett read upcoming meeting dates/times and thanked all in attendance.

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158 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

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160 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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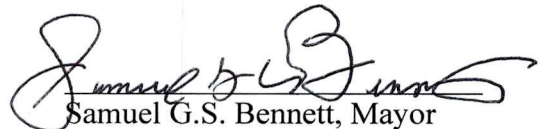
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Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk


Samuel G.S. Bennett, Mayor