

**MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTVERDE
TOWN COUNCIL RETREAT**

February 1, 2014

The Town of Montverde met in an informal retreat on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Council Present:

President Glenn Burns
Vice President Joe Wynkoop
Jim Peacock
Arthur Nix
Jim Pierce

Staff Present:

Mayor Troy Bennett
Anita Geraci-Carver, Town Attorney
Mary Mason, Financial Director and Town Clerk

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Mason performed the roll call.

SUMMARY OF TOPICS DISCUSSED

Mayor Bennett provided an update to Council on Town Hall projects:

1. Lake County Sheriff's Office Contract: A meeting has been scheduled with Sheriff Borders, and Mayor Bennett will report back to Council with results from that meeting.
2. Waste Pro Contract: Mayor Bennett met with Lake County to discuss the County's current waste contract. Montverde can piggy-back off of the County's contract. Mayor Bennett also met with Waste Pro to see if they would agree to the same terms with Montverde (without the Town having to piggy-back). Waste Pro will be providing a new proposal to the Town. When the proposal is ready, Councilman Nix would like a spreadsheet detailing the costs.
3. CPH Engineering: Mayor Bennett and Anita Geraci-Carver met with CPH Engineering to get them started on some projects in Town, such as the survey of Alpine Terrace/Lowry Road, water fees for the June Project, the water rate study, and evaluation of the Town's water system.

4. Langley Property: The owners approached Mayor Bennett about the Town annexing their property into Town, and providing water for their proposed development.
5. Meeting with Representative Larry Metz: Mayor Bennett met with Representative Metz; they toured the Town and discussed upcoming legislative issues. Mayor Bennett showed Representative Metz the steep slopes in Montverde, particularly near the lakes, and explained the need for a fertilizer ordinance. Representative Metz agreed to work on enacting such legislation for this area.
6. Fish and Wildlife Commissioner: Mayor Bennett approached a property owner about purchasing his land on Lake Apopka. He then met with FWC, who informed him that a grant would be available for construction of a boat ramp, if the Town acquires the property.

Sean Parks gave an update on the work he is doing on the DEO Grant: the Economic Development Portion of the Comprehensive Plan. The work he is doing would be a direct correlation to a new park and boat ramp.

Mayor Bennett obtained a consensus from Council that they would like to renovate the interior of the Auditorium, now that the exterior is complete.

Arthur Nix would like to see a sprinkler system put in at Town Hall.

Mayor Bennett discussed the Town's plans for the Carey Harden Memorial: tree, plaque, and chair.

Mayor Bennett stated that the IT professional is working to update the Town's website, and that Councilmen should forward a profile to Mary Gillis Mason for the website.

Mayor Bennett stated that there are rumors that the Harden property in the middle of Town may be going up for sale. Consensus was obtained from Council that if it is contiguous to Town property, Council would be interested in obtaining it.

Jim Peacock felt that electrical renovation is the most important part of the auditorium renovation.

Jim Peacock asked for clarification from Anita Geraci-Carver about the Charter, specifically if the Council or Mayor has the authority to hire/fire. Anita stated that the Charter demonstrates a "strong Mayor" form of government and that authority to hire/fire rests with the Mayor.

Jim Peacock stated that he would appreciate it if the Council meetings could be shorter and Councilmen not talk so much.

Glenn Burns discussed the St. Johns River Water Management District/Ecotourism.

Joe Wynkoop showed a document he received from the State Ethics Board regarding an inquiry he submitted for his personal situation. He also passed out flyers about upcoming Super Senior events.

Mayor Bennett asked for any additional topics to be discussed; seeing none, the workshop was adjourned.

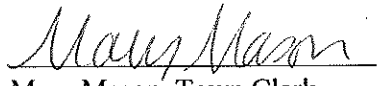
ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,


Troy A. Bennett, Mayor


Glenn Burns, Council President

ATTEST:


Mary Mason, Town Clerk

