

**MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTVERDE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

November 10, 2015

The Town of Montverde met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Town Clerk, Graham Wells welcomed the residents of the Town to the swearing in of new Mayor Joe Wynkoop, Councilman Glenn Burns and New Councilmembers, Jim Ley and Judy Smith. He went on to introduce Lake County Commissioner Sean Parks who would conduct the swearing in and the taking of Oaths from the candidates.

Sean said that it was an honor and privilege to conduct the ceremony and invited Mayor elect Joe Wynkoop to step forward to take the Oath of Office. The swearing in of Glenn Burns, Jim Ley and Judy Smith as Council Members followed. Sean spoke afterwards saying that as a fellow elected official himself he knew well what was involved in putting yourself out there in public office, which was a lot of work and he had great respect for all the candidates. He went on to say that he looked forward to working with them all and making Montverde even better.

Council Present:

President Glenn Burns
Jim Ley
Judy Smith

Staff Present:

Graham Wells, Town Clerk
Terry Burden, Public Works Director
Kevin Rausch, Fire Chief
Stephanie Kernan, Utility Billing Clerk
Kathleen Gifford, Librarian
Anita Geraci- Carver, Town Attorney
Sean Parks, Town Planner
Steve Romano, Town Engineer

Following the swearing in ceremony, Mayor Wynkoop called the meeting to order at 7:08 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTE APPROVAL

MOTION by Councilman Burns to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2015; SECONDED by Councilman Ley

For: Burns, Ley and Smith

Against: None

CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT

Allen Hartle 16191 Hillside Circle: Mr. Hartle said that he wanted to address the community rather than the Council. He said the as we remember November we think of elections, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving and he wanted to share his thoughts on two of these holidays. At Thanksgiving we think of blessings, family and country he said but tonight I want to reflect on a group of special people; our Town of Montverde Employees who are our unsung workers who are often out of sight.

He went on to express his thanks for the outstanding service made to the Town by Librarian Kathleen Gifford, Utility Billing Clerk Stephanie Kernan, Public Works Director Terry Burden and his assistant Blake Summers, Town Clerk Graham Wells and Fire Chief Kevin Rausch. He heralded their individual qualities and contribution to the safe and professional running of the Town.

He turned our attention to Veterans Day and thanked and honored our veterans from each branch of the military who have served from Montverde and around the local area, both past and present for keeping our country safe.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

MOTION by Councilwoman Judy Smith to elect Councilman Billy Bates as the Council President; SECONDED by Councilman Jim Ley.

For: Burns, Ley and Smith

Against: None

MOTION by Councilman Jim Ley to elect Glenn Burns as the Council Vice President; SECONDED by Councilwoman Judy Smith.

For: Burns, Ley and Smith

Against: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED DOOR MEETING

Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver announced that the Town had coordinated a closed door meeting scheduled for December 3, 2015 at 6pm concerning the case entitled McQuaig versus Burden in the Town of Montverde, Lake County Florida, Case number 2015-CA-000015. The meeting will be held at Town Hall, 17406th Street Montverde Florida. It is a closed door meeting and those in attendance will be Mayor Joe Wynkoop, Council President Billy Bates, Vice President Glenn Burns, Council Members Jim Ley and Judy Smith, Town Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver and Litigation Counsel Mark Brionez who is appointed by the Town's insurance company to represent the Town. The meeting is closed and will last between one and one and half hours to discuss litigation strategy with the Council.

REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN GLENN BURNS TO THE LAKE SUMTER MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Wynkoop asked Glenn Burns if he was willing to represent the Town on this committee; he replied yes.

MOTION by Councilwoman Judy Smith to nominate Glenn Burns to represent the Town on the Lake Sumter MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee; SECONDED by Councilman Jim Ley.

For: Burns, Ley and Smith

Against: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Wynkoop

Mayor Wynkoop thanked Sean Parks for coming and conducting the swearing in ceremony and expressed that we are happy to have him as our County Commissioner and that he does a good job for the County and the Town. He echoed the same sentiment for Anita who also does an excellent job for the Town.

Councilman Burns

Pass.

Councilman Ley

Pass.

Councilwoman Smith

Pass.

Jane Tomlinson asked how things went with Montverde Day and if it was a successful event. Mayor Wynkoop introduced Karin Arellano who is the Chair of the Visioning Committee and also Carolyn Ann Cole. Karin felt that from the feedback that she had received that it was one of the best Montverde Days ever and that it was a hit with all concerned. The Town and vendors did well financially and the general feeling was that they would be back next year. The number of visitors to the event was greater this year and everyone had a good time. Carolyn Ann thanked the Residents, Council and in particular the Fire Chief for all their help and support.

There was also a short discussion about the upcoming events of the Friends of Montverde and the outcome of the Trunk and Treat that took place at Halloween.

Jim Peacock stated that the Town was one Councilman short and asked what the plan was to fill the position. Mayor Wynkoop outlined the procedure to fill the position and that it would be advertised in next month's newsletter for anyone who had an interest to apply. The Mayor also expressed his wish for residents to call him personally with their questions and ideas, to come to the meetings and get involved in the Town.

Karen Arellano announced the upcoming Light up Montverde on Saturday December 5, 2015 at 6pm. The lighting of the Christmas festivities tree will take place outside of Town Hall and the Christmas Movie would follow at the Kirk Park Stage.


ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn by Jim Ley; SECONDED by Judy Smith at 7:38pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

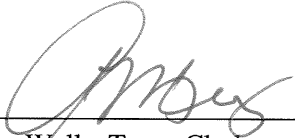


Joe Wynkoop, Mayor



Billy Bates, Council President

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk