

**MONTVERDE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wynkoop, Mayor
Jim Peacock, Vice Mayor
Allan Hartle, Councilmember
Carol Womack, Councilmember

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Ley

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Larino, Town Manager
Anita Geraci-Carver, Town Attorney
Sean Parks, Town Planner
Lisa Busto, Associate Planner
Sandra Johnson, Town Clerk

ATTENDANCE 32

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONIES

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

none

CITIZENS QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Brother Steve Gerard addressed the Council regarding pro-life views and recited scripture, left information for the Council.

Banks Helfrich, Independent Farmer, 9100 Sam Lake Road spoke about sustainable farming.

Don Lipham, 16533 Pine Timber what is the status of being allowed to cross county streets with golf carts. Wants to repurpose signs about crossing county lines.

Mayor Wynkoop stated that Lake County decides where those signs are place because they are county roads.

Commissioner Parks stated that he would look into the status.

Town Manager Larino stated we are in the process of amending the golf cart ordinance should be coming before Planning and Zoning in the next 60 days.

Christian Reyes, 17701 Eighth Street, concerned about the dilapidated home on Eighth Street.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager Larino's Report.

South Lake TV will start doing a video feed at our meetings soon, they will be live, and they will provide the town with video.

Willow Ridge Phase II has started to build.

Will be collecting sewer fees from Oakland for the Apopka Sound.

I will be attending the Florida City Managers conference in June.

Would like to waive the usage fee increase for the 3rd year for water utility and bring a Resolution for that.

Town Attorney Geraci-Carver Report.

Going to Minneola first reading won't be heard again until Minneola meets with the Town.

Going to Clermont's this evening, they won't take any comments for their first readings.

Town Planner Parks Report.

Receiving a number of permits and zoning clearance request from Phase II of Willow Ridge.

Working on comp plan tentatively July 9th Town Council meeting will be on comp plan.

Explained comp plan to audience and the need to update every 7 – 10 years.

Mayor explained the ISBA.

Lake County Commission Report.

Commission meeting April 23, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. Commission chambers will decide to add the land acquisition referendum to be placed on the ballot.

Liberty tree dedication with school board April 26th Umatilla High School 9:30 am and 29th East Ridge High School at 9:30 am

Town Manager Larino and Town Attorney Geraci-Carver are warriors trying to get the JPA approved, working hard to get the best JPA in the town.

Town Council Reports.

Councilmember Hartle wanted to give a quick follow up on the ISBA overview watched presentation by Mayor Wynkoop, Town Attorney Geraci-Carver, Town Manager Larino and Planner Parks. Waited after the meeting and heard different views. This is an important issue you need to make your voices heard.

Councilmember Womack, asked about Lake TV, I appreciate the update. I encourage everyone to attend those meetings (Minneola and Clermont) regarding traffic and congestion in the area, you have to be active to stop this. Water fountains at the sports courts.

Town Manager Larino stated yes.

Vice Mayor Peacock said 15 years ago Lake Florence was going downhill. Worked with Lake County Water Authority. We installed four irrigation cabinets which he does maintenance on the pumps. The lake has improved so much because of all the safeguards we have taken. He reduces the number of irrigation cabinets that are running in the winter.

Mayor Wynkoop Report.

MARCH FINANCE REPORT

Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 5,146,388.18
Revenues	\$ 624,786.78
Expenditures	\$ 554,829.80
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 5,216,345.17</u>
Grant Clearing Account	\$ 5,641,913.42
Total Bank Balance	\$ 10,389,044.40

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting/Workshop February 27, 2024. Councilmember Hartle moved to approve. Councilmember Womack seconded. Minutes approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting held March 12, 2024. Councilmember Womack moved to approve. Vice Mayor Peacock seconded. Minutes approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Town Council Workshop held on March 19, 2024. Councilmember Hartle moved to approve. Vice Mayor Peacock seconded. Minutes approved 5-0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Capital Project Update

Has a meeting on Thursday with our team at Woodard and Curran looking at all our projects and grants. The \$80,000 for boat ramp from the County will need to be put that into next year's budget, Commissioner Parks and I are working on getting that done. We have been waiting for what is going to be done with the Osgood Property.

The road, tennis courts and basketball courts have been removed in preparation for the stage construction next week. Hopefully within 4 weeks the delivery. Has discussed with Duke Energy electrical upgrades for the stage. Library has started. Public Works building probably 10-12 weeks for delivery.

Discussion and review of grant reimbursement process and single audit act requirements per Florida statutes.

We have 13 different grants that we are managing. They have quarterly progress reports and when we receive over \$750,000 spent – we will have a single audit. We have multiple grants that can generate \$750,000. We are trying to determine if each grant will be audited or if there will only be one audit which will cost approximately \$10,000.

Consideration and Approval of purchasing two new vehicles for the Water Department

Two price quotes for trucks that will be paid by developer fees and the money is in the budget. One service vehicle and one truck with a dump bed. Primary use will be for the Utility department.

Mayor Wynkoop opened public hearing.

No one spoke in favor of or against.

Mayor Wynkoop closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hartle moved to approve the purchase of two vehicles for the water department. Vice Mayor Peacock seconded. Approved 4-0. (Councilmember Ley Absent)

Discussion on a Trespassing Ordinance for vacant lots and public areas.

Have been reviewing trespassing with homeless in our public areas for sleeping. We have had some on private property. Illegal trespassing on property, giving verbal warning and if it continues, we can remove from property. Vacant lots or abandoned house, if there are “No Trespassing” signs the sheriff can do nothing. The abandoned house needs to be registered with the town. Council is in agreement.

Discussion on extending sidewalk. in town.

Little repairs on streets repairs because sewer lines going down the street and then repaired. Sidewalks extension from Alpha, Omega, down Ridgewood to town.

Vice Mayor Peacock asked what width.

Town Manager Larino stated he would like to do 8’ if we can afford it. \$100,000 from Hills of Montverde to install sidewalks from Fosgate to Ridgewood.

Discussion planting trees in the parks and in the right of way.

Trees in the park where ball field, tennis courts and stage were, has any interest with oaks or mix with maples. Trail area around 455 is an area that needs trees, look around town and give ideas. We will discuss in our Workshop next week.

Councilmember Hartle would like a map of the areas you would like to place trees.

Town Manager Larino stated he would have that done for the workshop.

Discuss if any council members want to attend the Florida League of Cities annual conference on August 15th-17th. Mayor Wynkoop stated he will be going to the conference along with the Town Manager. He suggested that the council consider going to the conference in Hollywood FL.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 2024-100 An Ordinance of the Town Montverde, Florida amending Section 10-59 in Chapter 10 of the town of Montverde Land Development Code to allow as a permanent use Conex Boxes and similar temporary storage containers/units in the Town of Montverde public facilities zoning district only; providing for codification and severability; providing for the repeal of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. **(First Reading)**

Town Attorney Geraci-Carver read the ordinance by title only.

Paul explained the Town has several of these Conex boxes on the Stetcher property. The ordinance will allow these boxes to be on public property only.

Mayor Wynkoop opened the public hearing.
No one spoke in favor or against the Ordinance.
Mayor Wynkoop closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Peacock moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-100. Councilmember Hartle seconded. Ordinance No. 2024-100 approved 4-0.

Joyce Forehand, 17235 First Street, homeless are feeding alligators in Truskett Park.

Town Manager Larino stated there are cameras in the park, but they are not monitored. You need to call Lake County Sheriff and report immediately.

Commissioner Parks stated that once an alligator is fed, they have to be removed. Contact Fish and Wildlife.

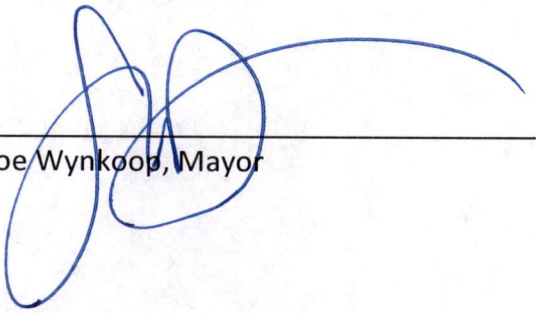
Donald Lipham, 16533 Pine Timber looking at sports courts need restrooms.

REMINDERS AND ADJOURNMENT

Any further business from Town Manager or Councilmembers

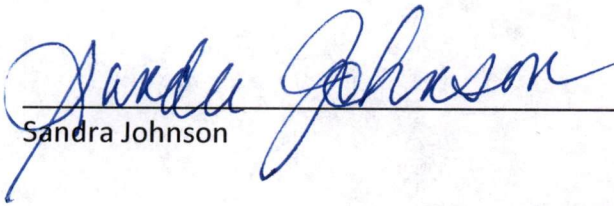
Councilmember Hartle Moved to adjourn meeting. Councilmember Womack seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm



Joe Wynkoop, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Johnson