



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 7:30 PM

Denton Johnson Center (Location Change) – 400 Ruffle Street. 32751

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CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and a quorum was established by Mrs. King

PRESENT: (5), Mayor Angie Gardner, Vice Mayor Theo Washington, Councilman Rodney Daniels, Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Tarus Mack

STAFF: (5) Demetrius Pressley, **Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Clifford Shepard, **Town Attorney**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Chief Stanley Murray, **EPD**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Rev. Critton led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gardner Motions to **APPROVE** the meeting agenda; **Moved by** Councilwoman Randolph; **Second by** Councilman Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of the Scholarship Recipients for the 2024 Bruce & Winnie Mount Scholarship Program was introduced and acknowledged by Mayor Gardner and overview with presentations were presented by Veronica King (Town Clerk, and member of the Reviewing Committee). The reviewing committee members: Wanda Randolph (Council Member), Mrs. Veronica King (Town Clerk), Bruce Mount Jr. (Stakeholder), Francis Sealey (Resident), and Angela Rentz (Resident); responsible for reviewing all applications received on or before the application deadline (July 31, 2024) ensuring that all scholarship guidelines for eligibility were met by each applicant. Upon review, the reviewing committee compiled all findings and submitted final recommendations for eligible recipient(s) of the Bruce and Winnie Mount Scholarship to the Town Council. There were four applications received and three eligible recipients. Recipients were presented with a Certificate of Achievement along with an award check. Photos were taken with the town council. The Scholarship Award Recipients were as follows:

- Brenden E. Miller, High School Graduate (\$1,875.00 Awarded) – Brenden Present to receive the award and addressed the public with words of appreciation.
- Cristian A.E. McElwee, High School Graduate (\$1,875.00 Awarded) – Family representative (grandmother) was present to receive the award and addressed the public with words of appreciation.
- Azariah D. Burnside, 1st Year College (\$1250.00 Awarded) – (Presented after the consent agenda) Family representative (Mother) arrived later in the meeting to receive the award and address the public with words of appreciation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – (0)

PUBLIC HEARING (2nd Hearing)

Approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-3 Adopting of Municipal Impact Fee Study. No Public Comments. Mayor Gardner Motions to APPROVE the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-3 Adopting of Municipal Impact Fee Study. Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Councilman Mack with question; Council Comments: (Councilman Mack) request that this item be tabled to have more time to review all the details, expressed concerns about the company doing the scope of work not including transportation, apartments in the study and not specializing in other areas (Councilwoman Randolph)

Inquired about cost for impact study (approximately \$64,00), was it known that the water, sewer, and transportation would not be included in the study, Yes- it was strategically done that way because the water and the sewer impact study was to be done through the Florida Rural Water Association who will doing an impact fee study. In assessing areas that have the greatest impact on the community, the transportation study was not included, Councilwoman Randolph would like to move forward with the transportation study; most of the roads will not benefit from the funds from the actual impact fee letter (most are county roads). (Attorney Shepard) The water and wastewater have the most impact and the town should get the impact fees done while still under this moratorium. If passed on second reading tonight, there will be ninety more days before the fees go into effect, need to keep moving forward, considering the total town budget \$3-5 million can yield approximately \$500,000 which is a substantial amount, there is an opportunity for growth. (Mayor Gardner) inquired about valid concerns from business (they should be at the meetings to express them); requested a traffic study through the Inscribe development agreement, if there are any missing litigating projects that would be completed on their dime, the traffic not being a part of this impact fee study is not as impactful at this time, in four years, we can revamp this impact fee study. **Mayor Gardner Calls for the vote; AYE:** Mayor Gardner, Vice Mayor Washington, Councilman Daniels, Councilwoman Randolph **NAYE:** Councilman Mack; **MOTION PASSES:**

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions to APPROVE Consent Agenda approving the council meeting minutes for August 6, 2024; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Vice Mayor Washington; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.

COUNCIL DECISIONS: No Items

REPORTS:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley – Budget-Ms. Gibson has prepared a final review of the proposed budget, requesting one-on-one meeting with town council members and with a few residents, September 3rd will be the first reading, if there are additional comments or questions regarding salaries, budget line items, please communicate with us.; Impact Fees- can address the concerns within the 90 days before fees go into effect to cover all concerns to make sure council feels good with what you have approved; Comprehensive Masterplan - scheduling a kickoff meeting for September 28th potentially at Macedonia MBC, trying to make sure as many of the constituents and residents of Eatonville are part of the process; Solid Waste - The solid waste RFP is out and waiting on the final deadline to turn it in, requesting for a council member to serve on the committee for ranking of the RFPs; Parks and Recreation – met with the parks and recreation director and discussed the facilities, looking at proposals and will withhold on further rentals for the month of September until the AC is fixed, working with staff on a partial reimbursement to those who have used the facilities during the summer period (from May); Events - had a very eventful weekend and thanks to staff and the police department for their hard work, there were several events all weekend from Founder's Day, a bike club event (Universal Kings and Queens), to Souls to the Poll on Sunday with Macedonia MBC, thanks for the law enforcement team and the public works department who worked tirelessly; Water and Sewer - hoping to send an email (in the morning) in regards to the rate study for the water and sewer time frame, at the next meeting we will be looking at budget, and will have the asset management portion of the study for the water and sewer done for workshop and for adoption by council; Community Pool – hours are changing due to the season, thanks to the recreation department for a great job administering the program, working on the fee structure for council's approval for the usage of the pool for the next pool season, FEMA - working with FEMA

with our recovery plan, working along with Miss NY, the National Trust, as well as the planning department to do analysis and studies specific to the historic value of landmarks, roads, and potential tourism opportunities that will come along with the historic preservation; Grants – met and discussed the mobilization of the policing grant, will meet with CPH (engineering firm) to discuss the potential designs, to include meetings with the community,

ATTORNEY: Clifford Shepard – made an offer to any questions that Councilman Mack and anyone may have regarding the impact fees and the ordinance at no charge to the town.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Angie Gardner – Funder's Day was wonderful, simple but effective; highlighted, the town and now being an early voting site, expressed thanks to Mr. Pressley, the staff, and Chief for making Founder's Day successful; Happy Anniversary to St. Lawrence, the 143rd anniversary service was very nice, never disappointed by Bishop Kimble who brought forth the message; glad that the impact fees have passed, the town has lost a whole lot of money by not having impact fees; thanks to Ruthie Critton for Saturday morning (Speaker at the Founder's Day Breakfast).

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS-

Vice Mayor Theo Washington – Founder's Day was good and Happy Birthday to Eatonville and St. Lawrence, would have attended the service but was not aware of it, St Lawrence was a good church in the community that supported the community youth; attended the Florida League of Cities (FLC) conference,

Councilman Rodney Daniels – Congratulations to the students who received the Bruce and Winnie Mount Scholarship; thanks to the staff, Recreation Director Washington and Mr. Thompkins for wonderful job for providing services to the Universal Kings and Queens, would like to request a partnership with the town, both Eatonville and Universal Kings and Queens started in August, can celebrate both the oldest town and the only bike club in the town; agree with halting the rentals of the facility (Denton Johnson Center); glad to be a part of the early voting, was awesome to see Pastor Barnes and the Supervisor of Election walk together; Happy birthday St Lawrence; condolences to the Miller family, Johnnie Miller was a former member of the Universal Kings and Queens, ask for prayer for other bereaving families.

Councilman Tarus Mack – Inquired about the status of getting a contract with Host Dime (working on a new amendment), met with staff to discuss the missing items, there is a course of action by adding a town member to their coordinating meetings, completion is projected by the end of November; acknowledged the Founder's Day (137 year old), Happy Birthday to the Town and to St, Lawrence; congratulations to the scholarship recipients who are working extremely hard in the classroom and for making a difference in this community; address the sidewalks, want to consider temporary sidewalks to prevent fatality, want to push forward by reaching out to Orange County to get this done; concerning the impact fees, although a decision has been made, we need to make very good educated decisions before moving forward with a yes, my job is to protect the town and make sure that the town is getting everything it deserves, needed a little more time; the trash pickup is a continuous problem, need to entertain other venues to ensure we receive quality work; congratulations to Edgewater High School, they traveled to the UK and won the game, was a great experience for the youth; son is an early graduate and will be leaving the first week in January; congratulations on the victory, their opening kickoff is this Friday at Wekiva High School; condolences to all and praying for the Jackson family (lost a sister); hoping that everyone took the opportunity to vote in the historic town, had many representatives come over to personally vote in Eatonville because it is a historic moment (early voting in Eatonville), it is very important to vote locally and to vote in November; are there any lawsuits pending against the town (Yes, the outcome of the lawsuit (UP Development) is up in the air, the insurance company sent a letter declining the coverage on the lawsuit, they did so after a default, after much discussion, the insurance company is moving to set aside the default, they had the lawsuit in April and did not send a denial until early August, the ask is for the \$200,000 deposit to be return, is the town willing to refund the money to make the lawsuit go away.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Happy birthday to St. Lawrence, the Town and St. Lawrence birthday is on the same day, both anniversaries are on August 15th and was both on a Monday in 1881 and 1887; inquired about the status on the electronic signatures (Edmunds is currently being updated to include this features), request for a date that this will be available; inquired about the sidewalk grant from the Winter Park Foundation (had to acquire some right away from six different properties), the final design can be complete and construction can start early 2025; acknowledged the scholarship, it is rewarding when we can provide a child education; acknowledged Founder’s Day, would like to request more information in the future (advance), can do a better by getting more people involved and making sure that the preachers are aware; received the \$250,000 for the first payout to move forward with the architectural design of the nightclub, more information forthcoming; Von (Johnnie) Miller passed away (funeral will be at The Life Center church per the clerk); inquired about the frequency of the historic preservation board (Mr. is taking steps to bring that board back active per the clerk), the board should be involved in the process of the historic project/establishment, all historic properties.

TOWN CLERK, Veronica King – confirmed that the funeral services for Johnnie Miller will take place at the Life Center Church this Saturday at three o'clock pm; reminded council of the email that was sent for a special meeting for a CRA budget meeting, reminded council to provide response; meeting with be held on a Tuesday at 4:15pm prior to the town’s budget hearing.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; **Moved** by Councilman Mack; **Second** by Vice Mayor Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor