

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LADY LAKE TOWN COMMISSION
LADY LAKE, FLORIDA
July 21, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Lady Lake Town Commission was held in the Commission Chambers at Lady Lake Town Hall, 409 Fennell Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida with Mayor Ruth Kussard presiding. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ruth Kussard

- B. PROCEDURAL:** *Citizens are encouraged to participate in the Town of Lady Lake meetings. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Additional time may be granted by the Mayor. Citizen groups are asked to name a spokesperson and the Mayor, at his/her discretion, may allow longer than three minutes. Upon being recognized by the Mayor, please approach the dais, state your name and address, and speak into the microphone. The order of agenda items may be changed if deemed appropriate by the Town Commission. Please be respectful of others and put your cell phone on silent mode.*

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Ruth Kussard

- D. INVOCATIONⁱ:** Reverend Ron Hartley of the Lady Lake Assembly of God

- E. ROLL CALL:** Tony Holden, Commissioner Ward 2
Dan Vincent, Commissioner Ward 3
Paul Hannan, Commissioner Ward 4
Jim Richards, Commissioner Ward 5
Ruth Kussard, Mayor/Commissioner Ward 1

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kris Kollgaard, Town Manager; Todd Mazenko, Attorney from BRS Legal in for Derek Schroth, Town Attorney; Thad Carroll, Growth Management Director; C.T. Eagle, Public Works Director; Mike Burske, Parks and Recreation Director; Jeannine Michaud, Finance Director; John Pearl, I.T. Director; Tia O’Neal, Human Resource Director; Chief Chris McKinstry, Lt. Robert Tempesta, & Lt. Jason Brough, Police Department; Marsha Brinson, Director of Library and Information Services; Joe Grubb, Public Works; and Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

F. PUBLIC COMMENTSⁱⁱ

Mayor Kussard asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on any item. There were no comments at this time.

G. CONSENTⁱⁱⁱ:

Town Manager Kris Kollgaard asked that Item G-3 be pulled for discussion.

- 1. Minutes – July 7, 2014 – Special Commission Meeting
– July 7, 2014 – Regular Commission Meeting**

2. Consideration of Contract Extension for Bergeron Grubbs Emergency Services – Disaster Debris Hauling Services (C.T. Eagle)

The background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's Office) states that the Town had previously entered into a contract with Bergeron Grubbs Emergency Services for Disaster Debris Hauling Services in September of 2011. The contract allows for an extension of the contract for four additional one year periods. This would be the second extension of this contract. Staff recommends approval of the extension and the contract has been previously reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Richards and a second by Commissioner Vincent, the Commission approved Consent Items #G-1 and #G-2, by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. Consideration to Apply for the FY 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - (Chris McKinstry)

The background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's Office) states that staff is requesting approval to apply for, and accept if awarded, the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to purchase one laser speed measuring device equipped with video capability to better enhance the Police Department's ability to conduct speed enforcement and education in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School Program. It is expected that the Town of Lady Lake's share of this grant opportunity will be approximately \$5,065.00.

Ms. Kollgaard stated she just wanted to clarify for the Commission and the audience that the wording of this item on the agenda should have included the words *and accept if awarded* to match the staff recommendation motion wording on the packet item.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hannan and a second by Commissioner Holden, the Commission approved Consent Item #G-3, by a vote of 5 to 0.

H. OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

4. Consideration of Approval for FY 2014-2015 Benefits (Medical, Dental, Life, Long Term Disability, Short Term Disability, Critical Illness, Accident Coverage) (Tia O'Neal)

Human Resource Director Tia O'Neal gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's Office). She stated that Town staff has received the 2014-15 rates for medical, dental, life, long term disability, short term disability, accident coverage and critical illness. There will be no premium increases to any lines of coverage except for a 9.5% increase in dental.

Ms. O'Neal reported that in addition to the current plans being offered under our health plans, it is now mandatory under Health Care Reform to offer Plan 05901 as it meets the definition of "affordable healthcare". She stated that some of these benefits have two year renewal rates under Lincoln which is very good for the Town.

Commissioner Hannan asked the reason for the increase in dental benefits.

Ms. O'Neal replied that it was due to the high utilization of the dental benefits, but the increase amounts to approximately \$2,000. She stated the health insurance gets used the most, but there

was no increase in that premium. Ms. O'Neal explained that the Town stayed with Principal for dental because it needs to show some longevity with the company to get lower rates. She stated the increase was due to how much it was used and how many carriers they have.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Richards and a second by Commissioner Hannan, the Commission approved the FY 2014-2015 Benefits (Medical, Dental, Life, Long Term Disability, Short Term Disability, Critical Illness, Accident Coverage), by a vote of 5 to 0.

5. Consideration of Approval to Begin the Preliminary Engineering/Architecture for a New Guava Street Athletic Complex Concession Stand (Mike Burske)

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Burske gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's Office). He stated that the Town of Lady Lake has collected \$334,650.00 in Parks and Recreation impact fees. Mr. Burske stated that one project that was discussed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was the construction of a new concession stand at the Guava Street Athletic Complex. The current building was constructed in the late 80's or early 90's and is in need of replacement.

Mr. Burske stated that the estimated total project cost as shown in the packet is \$228,775.00, and that he is requesting the Commission's approval this evening to begin the preliminary engineering/architecture for a new concession stand for the initial cost of \$28,275.00. He stated the concept design in the packet will be the base of the project, and the engineers and architects will work with the Little League for a workable design from these drawings. Mr. Burske stated the goal is to give the Little League a new building which will be usable for at least 25 years, if not more, and this is one reason for the size of the proposed project.

Mr. Burske reported that the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee recommended approval by a vote of 4-0 at their meeting on July 9, 2014 and the draft minutes were included in the packet for the Commission to review their recommendations and findings. He reiterated that this project would be paid for out of Parks and Recreation Impact fees, and they can only be used on new construction, not renovations or repairs. Mr. Burske noted that the Town Attorney asked him to include that there would have to be Commission approval for any engineering lump sum change and this wording has been included in the agreement letter. He stated that Jeremy Sweeney of the Lady Lake Little League and Chris Schultz of Neel-Schaffer Engineering are present if there are any questions.

Commissioner Hannan commented that it bothers him to spend money for this after the budget workshop was just completed and they are looking for more money, but he stated he understands that the impact fees can only be used for new construction.

Ms. Kollgaard reported that the current concession stand has had problems with the roof, electrical, and security.

Commissioner Hannan asked how much is currently in Parks and Recreation Impact Fees and if there will be enough left to build the concession stand after the engineering is completed.

Mr. Burske replied that there is \$334,650 currently in the fund, and there should be a balance of at least \$105,000 after the project is completed.

Ms. Kollgaard reiterated that the Parks and Recreation Impact Fees can only be utilized by Parks and Recreation and only for new construction.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Holden and a second by Commissioner Vincent, the Commission approved the Consideration to Begin the Preliminary Engineering/Architecture for a New Guava Street Athletic Complex Concession Stand, by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. Direction to Set the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 and the Public Hearing Dates and Times (Jeannine Michaud)

Finance Director Jeannine Michaud gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's Office). She stated that staff recommends setting the date, time and place of the tentative millage and budget hearing for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, and the date, time and place of the second public hearing for adopting the final millage rate and budget be set for Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Ms. Michaud stated that a proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2014-15 must be submitted to the property appraiser by August 4th, along with the date, time and place of the tentative millage and budget hearing, as well as the second public hearing for accepting the final millage rate and budget. She stated the proposed millage rate can be decreased, but cannot be increased at the tentative millage and budget hearing or at the final public hearing.

Ms Michaud stated the current year's rolled back rate is 3.1345 mills, and the budget is currently based on the millage rate of 3.2808 mills, which is a 4.67% increase above the current year's rolled back rate. She explained that due to the reduced Communication Services Tax revenues, staff had to cut \$1,000,000 from the FY 2015 budget to keep the same millage rate as last year. Ms. Michaud stated that this rate, as well as any rate up to 3.8781 mills, would require three affirmative votes of the Town Commission. Any rate above 3.8781 mills to 4.2659 mills would require a two-thirds vote of the Town Commission, or four affirmative votes. She stated that these votes are based on the total membership of the Town Commission rather than the membership present at the meeting.

Ms. Michaud stated that any rate above 4.2659 mills would require a unanimous vote of all five Town Commissioners. The Town's two public hearings cannot conflict with Lake County or School Board public hearings. The tentative dates for the County are September 9th and September 23rd, and the School Board dates are July 28th and September 8th. The public hearings cannot start before 5 p.m.

Mayor Kussard commented that she agonized over the weekend on how to come up with a fair solution to the reduction of the \$650,000 in Communication Services Tax revenue and the impact it will have on the Town. She stated that no one wants to raise taxes, however the Town owes it to its residents to keep up the infrastructure and to have a good police department. Mayor Kussard stated the Town currently has the second lowest ad valorem rate in the entire county and the present 3.2808 tax rate is the same rate it had in 1997 - 37 years ago. She stated that you do not award good employees with nothing and the consensus is to give the employees something, and she recommends giving the employees a one time, one percent bonus out of this year's contingency. Mayor Kussard stated she is requesting a one year, one time moratorium from the Commissioners for no travel, per diem, classes or conferences to put money in next year's budget for the contingency fund. She stated she would also like to reduce the library's book purchases for next year by \$10,000. Mayor Kussard reiterated that she is not in favor of raising taxes; however she suggested raising the rate to 3.75 mills, knowing that the ad valorem rate could always be lowered after tonight. This would cost the homeowners an additional \$3.91 per month, or \$47.00 per year on a \$150,000 home with a homestead exemption, bringing in an additional \$377,869 which is not enough to make up the reduction in the CST revenue, but is a

start. She stated the rate could always be lowered in September if things are not as bad as they appear now.

Commissioner Richards stated that the Commissioners went through the budget last week line by line and there was no consensus to make any cuts for equipment or paving which were two of the major expenses in the budget. In addition, the majority of the Commission wanted to find a way to give the employees a cost of living adjustment so they would not be going backwards in pay due to inflation. He stated that when revenue falls, you either have to find more revenue or make cuts or you will be going in the hole. Commissioner Richards stated then you have to factor in the Florida law that states if the tentative mill rate is set at this meeting, you cannot increase it and can only decrease it. He stated there is eight weeks between now and September when the final mill rate and budget is adopted, and he moved to set the mill rate at 3.8781 which requires only three votes. It will generate \$500,000 more and with the increase in valuation of real estate, will replace the expected loss \$633,000 the Town is expected to lose. In the ensuing eight weeks, if the State Department of Revenue changes their position after auditing the communication companies figures, or staff comes up with more possible savings, or if the Commission becomes in favor of cuts to balance the budget as submitted while accomplishing their goals, then the mill rate can be lowered to reflect only the amount of money needed for the FY 2015 budget. Commissioner Richards shared that he and 90% of his constituents in Ward 5 live in manufactured homes, and that his taxes would increase less than \$15.00 per year in running the figures for his trim notice. He stated that the 3.8781 mill rate would be tentative and does not lock in.

Commissioner Holden stated that this dilemma with the State over the Communication Services Tax has put the Town in a real bind and the current year's budget had to be reduced by \$300,000, and next year's by \$650,000. He stated that the Town has no idea what the final result will be, but needs to be prepared and act in accordance. Commissioner Holden stated that he hopes the predicament with the State Department of Revenue turns out to be a mistake, but doubts it will turn out that way. He stated it may result in drawn out lawsuits involving the State and communication companies which would be costly and it is also possible the State will rule the Town owes and needs to pay back millions, and the Town may not receive any CST revenue. He stated it was the revenue from this tax that was going toward making the payments on the new library, and now the Town does not know what the future holds in this respect, but the Town must pay for the new library one way or the other and it could be by raising property taxes. Commissioner Holden stated the Town could face bigger problems next year that could involve lay-offs, so he agrees with Commissioner Richards in raising the tentative rate to 3.8781 at this time.

Commissioner Vincent stated the Town is right on the edge with its reserves because of the CST revenue, and a disaster could occur at any time that would need funding. He stated he agrees with the other Commissioners in raising the tentative millage rate to 3.8781 at this time as it can always be lowered. Commissioner Vincent stated that if the Town ends up in litigation, he hopes we can join in with other cities that are effected the same way.

Mayor Kussard asked if anyone in the audience would like to comment on this item.

- Marlene O'Toole introduced herself as a resident of Lady Lake and stated she received some information today on the Communication Services Tax issue that the Town may not have. She stated that Florida has the 4th highest CST in the country, and \$1.4 billion went to the state in 2013, and \$738 million went to the cities and the counties. She stated there are more then 17 million cell phones in Florida with an

estimated 20% being prepaid (or 5 million), and therefore exempt from the sales tax, and this is the reason for the shortfall. Ms. O'Toole reported that Senate Bill 290 was introduced to clarify that prepay services only need to pay the 6% sales tax, and this will not change, and the revenue will not come back from everything she can see. She stated the CST in Florida is at 14%, the 4th largest in the nation.

Ms. O'Toole stated that a lot of the residents in Lady Lake, with a good portion of them being retired in The Villages sections of Lady Lake, have been contacting her office to state they are on a fixed retirement income with everything else going up such as medical bills, etc., and they cannot afford higher taxes. She stated she is not a proponent of a tax increase for the seniors that she represents. Ms. O'Toole thanked the Commission for their time.

Commissioner Vincent asked Ms. O'Toole where the Town should make the money up from, with expenses already cut to the bone.

Ms. O'Toole stated she understands the Commission's problem, but that she is sitting behind a desk with even a bigger gap, and she is looking at every line item to see where the budget can be cut.

Commissioner Hannan stated he is not in favor of raising taxes because he doubts they will go back down again in his lifetime. He stated he is also not in favor of not giving the employees at least a cost of living raise as Commissioner Richards stated.

Mayor Kussard stated that she mentioned a one time, one percent bonus for the employees earlier as it will cost the Town less than raising wages.

Commissioner Richards stated that a lot more was cut from the budget besides the employees not receiving a cost of living increase, including \$200,000 for the roads, and he realized over the weekend that the Town may never see the CST revenue again. He stated he is pleased that this Commission has decided to pay as we go, and there is plenty of time to try to hammer something out, and he is still in favor of increasing the tax rate at this time.

Commissioner Holden commented that the residents want good streets and good service from city workers, and a lot of tools were cut from the budget that the employees need to do their jobs.

Commissioner Vincent stated that the State represents us, but they are easy to take away and not much help in addressing the Town's problems.

Commissioner Hannan explained to the audience that what happened with the Communication Services Tax is that a mistake was made, and not by the Town, and now the Town has to deal with it.

Commissioner Richards further clarified that this came about because the Florida Department of Revenue was told by the communication providers that they did not have these accounts in this area, and as such, tax revenue was reduced by 66%. He stated until an audit is completed to verify that they do not have the accounts, the Town will not have verification.

Ms. Kollgaard stated that the Town Attorney has sent the State a letter with specific questions and we should hear back from them by the end of the week.

Commissioner Vincent informed the audience that the State's initial response to the Town's inquiry was that the information was confidential.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Richards and a second by Commissioner Holden, the Commission approved setting the tentative millage rate for FY 2014-2015 at 3.8781; and that the date, time and place of the tentative millage and budget be set for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers; and that the second public hearing for adopting the final millage rate and budget be set for Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, by the following roll call vote:

<i>HOLDEN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>VINCENT</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>HANNAN</i>	<i>NO</i>
<i>RICHARDS</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>KUSSARD</i>	<i>YES</i>

After the vote, Mayor Kussard read the following statement:

The prior year's millage rate is 3.2808 mills. The current proposed millage rate is 3.8781. The computed rolled back rate is 3.1345 mills. The date, time, and meeting place of the tentative budget hearing will be Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Lady Lake Commission Chambers.

7. Consideration of Submitting an Application to the Universal Microchip Scanner Donation Program and Accept if Awarded (Chris McKinstry)

Police Chief Chris McKinstry gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's Office). He stated that staff is requesting approval to apply for and accept if awarded the Universal Microchip Scanner Donation Program for the purposes of obtaining a microchip reader for the Town's Animal Control Officer. Chief McKinstry stated that the Town does not currently have a microchip reader for scanning any found animals that do not have identifying information on a collar. He stated that unless a local merchant or veterinarian is available with a microchip scanner, all unidentified found animals must be transported to the Lake County Animal Shelter for possible identification, which is 21 miles from the Town of Lady Lake. Chief McKinstry stated that if the Animal Control Officer had a microchip reader available, the found animal could possibly be identified and released to the owner more expeditiously and without exposure to other animals with potential disease.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hannan and a second by Commissioner Richards, the Commission approved the Consideration of Submitting an Application to the Universal Microchip Scanner Donation Program and Accept if Awarded, by a vote of 5 to 0.

J. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

8. Ordinance No. 2014-05 – First Reading – An Ordinance of the Town of Lady Lake, Florida Relating to Medical Marijuana; Amending the Land Development Regulations, Chapter II, "Definitions and Interpretations"; Amending Chapter V, "Zoning District Regulations"; Amending Chapter VI, "Conditional Uses And Special Exceptions" (Thad Carroll)

Attorney Todd Mazonko, standing in for Town Attorney Derek Schroth, read the ordinance by title only.

Growth Management Director Thad Carroll gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's office). He stated that the draft ordinance was included in the packet for consideration by the Town Commission pertaining to the regulation and prohibition of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, Non-Medical Marijuana Sales, and Cannabis Farms in the Town of Lady Lake. Mr. Carroll stated the draft ordinance provides for the following:

- Defines the terms necessary for regulation; these amendments will be reflected in Chapter 2 of the Land Development Regulations, "Definitions and Interpretations", attached as Exhibit A in the packet.
- Contains language that prohibits the production of medical marijuana within all zoning districts of the Town; these amendments will be reflected in Chapter 5 of the Land Development Regulations, "Zoning District Regulations", attached as Exhibit B.
- Provides for the dispensing of Medical Marijuana in the Heavy Commercial (HC) zoning district as a Special Exception Use (SEU).
- Exhibit C defines the criteria which must be satisfied to qualify as an appropriate location to establish a medical marijuana dispensary in the Heavy Commercial zoning district as a Special Exception Use (SEU); this language will be reflected in Chapter 6 of the Land Development Regulations, "Conditional Uses and Special Exceptions".

Mr. Carroll noted that Exhibit C also defines the hours of operations to be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the week and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and prohibits operations on Sunday.

Mr. Carroll stated that a synopsis of House Bill 843/Senate Bill 1030 (pertaining to "Charlotte's Web") has also been provided, as well as a copy of the enrolled bill SB 1030. The Town's regulations would be ancillary to the measures provided in the bill. In November, further action by the Town Commission may be in order to address legislation that could result from the referendum - should it pass. This may also include enacting a moratorium for up to one year following the referendum.

Mr. Carroll stated that the Town Commission reviewed a draft of Ordinance No. 2014-05 at their regular meeting on June 16, 2014, and reached a consensus to move forward with the ordinance. The minutes of that meeting were included in the packet for the Commission's review. He stated that at the July 14, 2014 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board, the board made a recommendation to forward Ordinance No. 2014-05 to the Town Commission with the recommendation of approval by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Carroll asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Hannan pointed out that weekdays are not specified on page 12, under Exhibit C, section F, and it needs to be added. He also stated that 1,500 ft. from a school or religious facility does not seem very far; he asked if the Commission could increase the distance.

Ms. Kollgaard replied that staff's concern was that there was no place available in Lady Lake that would qualify if the allowable distance for a dispensary was increased. She stated staff originally had it at a 2,500 ft. distance, but had to decrease it.

Commissioner Holden commented that if Lady Lake prohibited it altogether, it could spark a lawsuit.

Mayor Kussard stated she is totally against this and what is happening in the country regarding medical and non-medical marijuana. She stated there is a huge difference between the Charlotte's Web bill that Governor Scott just signed and the referendum that residents will vote on in November at the ballot box. Mayor Kussard encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

- Judy Glasel of 1121 Ricardo stated that many of her family members live in Washington State and one family member uses medical marijuana to be able to live a more normal life. She gave the example of the little girl in the news that was having about 40 seizures a day, but now that she is taking medical marijuana, she is free from seizures. Ms. Glasel said there is a difference between medical marijuana and other uses of marijuana.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hannan and a second by Commissioner Holden, the Commission approved Ordinance No. 2014-05 –First Reading – Relating to Medical Marijuana; Amending the Land Development Regulations, Chapter II, "Definitions and Interpretations"; Amending Chapter V, "Zoning District Regulations"; Amending Chapter VI, "Conditional Uses And Special Exceptions", with the correction as noted to page 12, line 33, by the following roll call vote:

<i>HOLDEN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>VINCENT</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>HANNAN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>RICHARDS</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>KUSSARD</i>	<i>YES</i>

K. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

9. Consideration of Reappointments to the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee (Kris Kollgaard)

Town Manager Kris Kollgaard gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's Office). She stated that the Town Commission approved the second/final reading of Ordinance No. 2014-04 at the July 7, 2014 meeting which resulted in a merger of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Tree & Beautification Advisory Committee into one board – the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee. Reappointments have been on hold until this merge occurred.

Ms. Kollgaard stated that there are currently two members whose terms expired as of February 2014 and one member whose term expires this month, and that Mr. Thomas Schmelzer and Ms. Betty Cantelmo wish to be reappointed. She stated that staff was unable to reach Mr. Edelson and his application will be pulled and brought back once staff confirms he wishes to be reappointed. Ms. Kollgaard stated there are no new applications currently on file for consideration for this board, and members of this board will be reduced to five by attrition.

- Commissioner Holden voted yes for the reappointment of Thomas Schmelzer and Betty Cantelmo.
- Commissioner Vincent voted yes for the reappointment of Thomas Schmelzer and Betty Cantelmo.
- Commissioner Hannan voted yes for the reappointment of Thomas Schmelzer and Betty Cantelmo.
- Commissioner Richards voted yes for the reappointment of Thomas Schmelzer and Betty Cantelmo.
- Mayor Kussard voted yes for the reappointment of Thomas Schmelzer and Betty Cantelmo.

Thomas Schmelzer and Betty Cantelmo received affirmative votes from all five Commissioners and they were reappointed to the Parks, Recreation & Tree Advisory Committee.

10. Consideration of Appointing a Commission Liaison for the Newly Merged Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee (Kris Kollgaard)

Town Manager Kris Kollgaard gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's Office). She stated that The Town Commission approved the second/final reading of Ordinance No. 2014-04 at the July 7, 2014 meeting which resulted in a merger of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Tree & Beautification Advisory Committee into one board – the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee.

Ms. Kollgaard reported that prior to this merge, Commissioner Richards was appointed liaison to the Tree & Beautification Advisory Committee and Commissioner Hannan was appointed liaison to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and at this time, the Commission needs to appoint a Commissioner as liaison to the newly merged committee.

Commissioner Hannan stated he would like to be the liaison for this committee, and Commissioner Richards was in agreement.

It was the consensus of the Commission to appoint Commissioner Hannan as Commission Liaison to the Newly Merged Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee.

L. MAYOR/COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Mayor Kussard asked if the Commissioners had anything to report.

Commissioner Richards commented that although he may have committed political hara-kiri, sometimes you have to love a job to leave it and tough decisions are ahead of the Commission to flesh the budget out with the funds available, but he is looking forward to getting a consensus on some items. He thanked the Commissioners and staff for their service.

Commissioner Vincent commented that the legislature unfortunately passed the bill regarding medical marijuana, and he felt it was poorly handled. He stated that the Town may need to wait and have the legal people sort it out.

Mayor Kussard commented that it is disappointing that the Commission had to raise the millage rate this evening, and that she hopes that the Commission will find out it is not as bad as it appears by September and the tax can be lowered.

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS^{iv}

Mayor Kussard asked if anyone had any further questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

N. ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Kristen Kollgaard, Town Clerk

Ruth Kussard, Mayor

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

ⁱ*Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Commission meeting shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Commission. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Commission, and the Commission is not allowed by law to endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.*

ⁱⁱ*This section is reserved for members of the public to bring up matters of concern or comments. It is not limited to items on the agenda and it is open to any concern or comments that the public may have.*

ⁱⁱⁱ*All items listed under consent are considered routine by the Town Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Town Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.*

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