PUBLIC COMMENTS

Florida Statue, Chapter 286.0114 - PUBLIC BUSINESS:

Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission. The opportunity to be heard need not occur at the same meeting at which the board or commission takes official action on the proposition if the opportunity occurs at a meeting that is during the decision-making process and is within reasonable proximity in time before the meeting at which the board or commission takes the official action. This section does not prohibit a board or commission from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum in a public meeting. The opportunity to be heard is subject to rules or policies adopted by the board or commission.

If a board or commission adopts rules or policies in compliance with this section and follows such rules or policies when providing an opportunity for members of the public to be heard, the board or commission is deemed to be acting in compliance with this section. (History Ch. 2013-227). On August 1, 2017, The Town of Lake Hamilton, amended their original *Town Council Rules of Procedure*. These rules are in compliance with Florida Statue, Chapter 286.0114.

In accordance with the Town Council Rules of Procedure, Section 1.12c (Ord. 2015-01)

All remarks shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes unless the Mayor extends the time and shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than members of the Council and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without the permission of the presiding officer (Mayor). No question shall be asked a member of the Council except through the presiding officer. No person who has addressed the Council during any given Citizens Input on agenda items shall be allowed to make additional comments on the agenda item except with the permission of the Council.

The Town Council has (2) two methods for Public Comments.

- When your name is called, please proceed to the podium, and state your Name and place of residence. Your comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
- Those citizens in the audience, please refrain from speaking during Public Comments until you are recognized by the Presiding Officer to approach the podium and address the council. <u>Only those citizen's signed-in shall be allowed to address the Council</u>.
- 1) Non-Agenda Items (Monthly Regular Meetings Only) Citizen's in the audience wishing to address the Town Council on matters that are not specifically listed on the agenda, please sign-in on the Non-Agenda Public Comment Sheet. Only those citizen's that have signed-in for Non-Agenda Item during Public Comments shall be allowed to address the Council.
- 2) Agenda Items (All Meetings /Council Action Items) Citizen's in the audience wishing to address the Town Council on Agenda Items, please complete the Citizen's Input Agenda Item Only Sheet for each agenda item you wish to address. Only those citizen's submitting the Citizen's Input Agenda Item Only Sheet shall be allowed to address the Council.

Thank you for you cooperation.

Michael Kehoe, Mayor