

**TOWN OF LAKE HAMILTON
MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021
6:00 PM**

The Town Council of Lake Hamilton held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday March April 6, 2021 at 85 N Omaha Street, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kehoe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Angie Hibbard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by all

ROLL CALL

Roberson, Tomlinson, O'Neill, Vice Mayor Wagner, and Mayor Kehoe were present. Town Administrator Irvine was present.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation for Distracted Driving Awareness Month-

Mayor Kehoe read the proclamation for Distracted Driving Awareness Month for the record and signed the proclamation.

Proclamation for Water Conservation Month-

Mayor Kehoe read the proclamation for Water Conservation Month for the record and signed the proclamation.

AGENDA

Motion made by O'Neill and a second by Tomlinson to approve consent agenda item a and b. (Motion was restated to only include a & b as stated on the agenda).

No public comments were received.

Motion Passed 5-0.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

There were no Citizens signed in to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Kehoe closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing at 6:08 PM.

Second reading of Ordinance O-21-09 Wastewater Capital Charges-

Attorney Dawson read the title for the record.

An ordinance of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida, relating to water and sewer utilities; amending the code of ordinances of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida (the "code"); creating section 32-20, wastewater capital charges; providing for this ordinance to control in the event of conflict with prior ordinances or resolutions; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

Motion made by O'Neill and a second to approve Ordinance O-21-09 wastewater capital charges. A roll call vote was taken. Tomlinson aye, Wagner aye, O'Neill aye, Roberson nay, Kehoe aye. **Motion Passed 4-1.**

Mayor Kehoe closed the public hearing at 6:10PM and reconvened the regular meeting. Future Planning Discussion-

Community Development Director Assistant Hibbard stated that the road project design is at the fifty percent. Staff received a preliminary report and found many items that were missed and will address those issues with the engineer before the plans are complete.

Mayor Kehoe questioned if there was a known date when the streets would be paved. Hibbard stated it could be around August.

Mayor Kehoe questioned when the project would go to bid.

Community Development Director Leonard stated that for the resurfacing of streets should go to bid in August. Community Development Director Assistant Hibbard stated that they will not commence until the water project is complete. Public Works Director Lewellen stated the water project should be completed by July. Vice Mayor Wagner questioned about sidewalks. Public Works Director Lewellen stated after the 14th of the month they will start to place sidewalks. There was a delay due to the health department sending results from testing.

PRWC Implementation Agreement-

Town Administrator Irvine stated that the PRWC Board of Directors held a meeting and authorized the agreement to be sent to the cities regarding the alternative water source.

Steve Elias addressed the Council and stated he did not have a report ready to present yet, but he wanted to bring some information. He needs more information from the PRWC regarding the costs associated with the AWS. The PRWC scaled down the project to 12.5 million gallons per day. After he reviewed the costs noted with the Southeast Wellfield phase 1, he needs clarification due to this phase being the highest cost to the Town. To get a better projection over time, he needs more of those long-term costs associated with the AWS. Staff will contact the PRWC to request additional information.

Vice Mayor Wagner stated if the PRWC AWS plan does not go through, the Town will still be liable to pay.

Steve Elias explained during the phase 1 period of the PRWC Southeast wellfield allots .5 million gallons per day for Lake Hamilton. That amount in full would have to be bought from the co-op first and then the rest through the water plant.

Attorney Tom Cloud noted he did not think it was a good decision.

Town Administrator Irvine stated the attorney advises to not make a decision regarding the implementation agreement until the report from Pennoni regarding alternative water sources is available.

There was a discussion regarding the types of alternative water sources available to the Town.

Mayor Kehoe stated the Town has until April 28th to return the agreement with an answer and he will contact Ryan Taylor for clarification regarding the terms.

Public Works Director Lewellen noted that the PRWC southeast wellfield will not be online before the Town needs to additional water supply.

Mayor Kehoe announced a special meeting will be needed to make a decision by the PRWC deadline regarding the implementation agreement.

O'Neill questioned Steve Elias if they would have information by then, and he noted that he would try to bring some information to the council for the special meeting, but he needs the additional information regarding the PRWC AWS.

A special meeting for April 27, at 6:00 PM was scheduled.

Mayor Kehoe mentioned there were a lot of homes coming to the Town and need to weigh the pros and cons in regards to the PRWC AWS.

Roberson stated if a commitment as a participant is made to the PRWC, the town gives them total control and she does not want that to happen.

NEW BUSINESS

Floridino Sewer Cost-

Mr. Floridino was not present for the meeting. Town Administrator Irvine stated that the sewer bill for the Floridino's restaurant has doubled due to the increased rates implemented by Dundee. O'Neill agreed that the bill was very high, and the town is waiting for agreements from developers to advance with sewer. He also urged that the focus should be on sewer and push developers to commit so the town can move forward.

Mayor Kehoe noted if an exception were given to Mr. Floridino, they would have to do it for others. He proposed to encourage Mr. Floridino to speak with Dundee and he can resubmit his agenda request for the following meeting.

Jim Edwards, moratorium exception request-

Mr Edwards was not present, and Mayor Kehoe advised to contact him if he would like his item heard, to resubmit the request for the next agenda.

Staff Reports-

Town Administrator- Town Administrator Irvine stated that the American Rescue Plan has allocated \$623,000 for Lake Hamilton. Half of that would be disbursed in May 2021 and the other half in May 2022. A change was made to the plan which allows use of the funds towards infrastructure and also employee incentives due to the impact from COVID-19. There may be more information available for the special meeting. Mayor Kehoe noted that someone could ask for the sewer plant plans from Davenport to help speed up the process to develop the plant. He will contact Congressman Soto about the opportunities that have become available regarding the sewer plant. Administrator Irvine noted that Chris Brown, a public works employee walked out on the job. Peggy Armstrong was hired, and Hank is currently training her on the brush truck. There is still another position open for a maintenance worker. She believes a budget amendment will not be needed to add the additional worker. Dundee advised they would no longer need code enforcement services from the Town. Tom has been working on the website and Facebook and he will be transitioning to other duties. Administrator Irvine stated she is working on an org chart for now and next year. Chief Teague will also be looking to add a detective position which they are looking into grants that are available that would cover the first-year cost up to 100 percent. The P.D. is still looking for interns to help in the office. She also advised for Council to bring their calendars to the next meeting to discuss budget meeting dates.

Town Clerk- included in packet

Police Department- included in packet

Code Enforcement- Tom Mulvaney stated they were seeing positive actions in their case regarding the dogs. Jeff noted that the case would default on the next day. Mayor Kehoe stated there were two trailers full of debris on the street Mrs. Roberson lives on. Mulvaney addressed the issue and stated he had been in contact with Mr. Hurst regarding his property and the steps he could take to reduce those fines and liens. There was discussion regarding the illegal dumping and how those matters could be handled.

Community development- There were questions regarding the old Agri-Pak building and what was going to be going in there. Community Development Director Leonard addressed the council and stated the intent of the owner was to build aluminum and steel trusses, but they have not been in to apply for a change of use permit yet. He stated he is working on concluding the interlocal to send to Haines City.

Public Works- no comments.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Dawson address the current case against the property on Tangerine with the dogs on the property. The dogs have been removed and he noted after a month they can dismiss the lawsuit. Dawson noted he drafted an amended noise ordinance, but Administrator Irvine did not receive it in time to review for the meeting. There were questions if the Ordinance was enforceable, and the attorney stated it was. O'Neill stated he would like to see unamplified human voices be removed from the exceptions. Council directed staff to bring the Ordinance back to the special meeting for first reading.

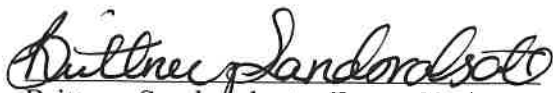
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Roberson asked about the cameras that were going to be placed in Gunter Park and Chief noted that they were almost ready. Tomlinson brought up concerns regarding the red light at Main and 27. He had to wait through 3 light cycles before he could proceed. Administrator Irvine asked if he would like the number to FDOT so he can raise those concerns. There was a consensus on bringing in Zambelli to do the fireworks on July 2nd. Administrator Irvine will check to see if they are available that day. Mayor Kehoe announced that there would be COVID-19 vaccines available at the woman's club on the 19th. Roberson has 35 forms to distribute and there are another 26 at town hall. There are a total of 60 spots available.

Mulvaney noted that a 2nd of July grand opening would be a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by O'Neill to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

ATTEST:


Brittney Sandovalsoto, Town Clerk


Michael Kehoe, Mayor


Sara K. Irvine, Town Administrator