

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

MINUTES

August 5, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor Kevin Hohn, Council Members Joe Bernardini, Frankie Burnett and Joseph E. Johnston, III present. Also present were Thomas S. Hogan, Jr. and James Fisher, City Attorneys; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; George Turner, Police Chief and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. Members of the Hernando Today and Hernando Times were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bradburn, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hernando Youth Leagues, Inc. – Brooksville Girls Softball Division

Appreciation to the City for their participation with the Dixie Girls Softball State Tournament held at Tom Varn Park.

Danny Brooks, Florida Dixie Girls State Director & Christie Williams, HYL Girls Softball Director, thanked Council for being able to be here. He read a script from the HYL Rulebook. Christie Williams added that the State Softball Tournament was hosted the weekend of July 4th with 32 teams from all over the State of Florida. Nothing but good reviews were received. All were happy with the City and Parks staff, whom she thanked for doing a phenomenal job, along with all the volunteers.

Of the 32 teams there were two teams that came in as the state runner up. Trophies were presented to them. The first was the Dixie Darling Division of 7 and 8 year olds coached by Bonny Anhalt. The second was the Dixie Angels Division of 9 and 10 year olds coached by Bill Jones. The Sportsmanship Award was presented to the Dixie Belles Division.

Ms. Williams thanked Council for their support, indicating they will bid on having the tournament here again in the near future. Mayor Bradburn thanked the coaches for all they do.

Coach Brooks also presented the Louise Jordan Sportsmanship Award to the Spring Hill Division. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for hosting the tournament, as well as Christie Williams for all her hard work.

Florida Water Professionals Week Proclamation

A Proclamation proclaiming August 12 – 16, 2013, as Florida Water Professionals Week.

Mayor Bradburn read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to Kelvin Melton, a representative from the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association. Mr. Melton reviewed the efforts of the Association to recruit more people to the profession.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE

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CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

David Phillipson spoke about getting public transit for South Brooksville and asked for support.

Pat and Shirley Macktinac commented on the red light cameras and yellow light timings.

Sandy Roth spoke of the upcoming budget process and the Fluoride issue, urging Council to make their decision based on sound science and the best interest of the citizens of the City of Brooksville.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- a. March 4, 2013 Regular Meeting
- b. June 3, 2013 Regular Meeting

Regarding the minutes of March 4th, page 4, at the bottom. Mayor Bradburn asked that the language the petitioner agreed to be added as follows: "Approval at this stage does not guarantee final project approval." City Manager Norman-Vacha advised removing the minutes for further review.

Boom/Crane Unit Bid No. UD2013-03 Award

Consideration of award of bid to Ring Power for the not-to-exceed amount of \$107,000.

Council Member Bernardini asked if the warranty was sufficient. Director Radacky advised it is.

Paving for Parks Projects Bid No. PR2013-04 Award

Consideration of award of Paving Projects bids to Goodwin Brothers Construction in the not-to-exceed amount of \$173,412.51.

Department of Corrections - Work Crew Contract #WS870

Consideration of Inmate Work Squad Contract #WS870 for an amount not-to-exceed \$58,004.

Correction to the 2013/14 Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Allocations

Approval of correction to the allocation of local Federal Edward Byrne Memorial JAG funding as approved by the Hernando County Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of Consent Agenda with removal of the March 4, 2013 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

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REGULAR AGENDA

Supervisor of Elections

Consideration for consolidation of City of Brooksville voting precincts.

Shirley Anderson, Supervisor of Elections, was present and reviewed the City of Brooksville's precinct layouts. She advised her plan is to redraw the districts thereby eliminating two precincts; Precinct 11, the South Brooksville Community Center, which would still be a site for early voting, and Precinct 10, Grace World Outreach. Precinct 4, the Jerome Brown Community Center would be the precinct for City of Brooksville voters only. All non-city voters would be relocated to another precinct.

She advised that all voters impacted will receive updated voter information cards as well as information regarding the vote by mail.

Council Member Burnett requested the Sheriff's Substation be referred to as it's official name.

Supervisor of Elections Anderson clarified for Council Member Johnston that there would no longer be early voting in the Supervisor of Elections office at the courthouse.

Council as a whole was in favor of the change.

Great Brooksvillian Selection

Review of Screening Committee recommendations and selection of the 2013 Great Brooksvillian recipient.

City Clerk Peters reviewed the results of the Screening Committee reviews of the Great Brooksvillian Nominees and distributed ranking forms to Council who discussed the nominees.

Council Member Burnett would like to have time to contact the committee members to speak about the nominees.

Council Member Johnston referenced that it was recommended a file be kept of past nominees. Mayor Bradburn and Council Member Bernardini confirmed. Mayor Bradburn advised she had contacted Screening Committee members and reviewed her findings. Gail Samples, Screening Committee member reviewed the actions of the committee and elaborated on their selection of Mr. John C. Emerson, Sr.

Council Member Johnston did not have a problem allowing Council Member Burnett additional time but also was not adverse to making a voting this evening as well.

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the minutes of the Committee will be provided to Council along with a list of those members.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval to table the item until the next meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

Kojack Burnett advised the water bills haven't been received. T. Jennene Norman-Vacha advised there was a glitch and about 200 customers received two bills. She was not aware that others had not received a bill but will look into it.

He was glad to see the softball league at the meeting.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini offered condolences to the family of Audrey Williams in the loss of her father.

He referenced the red light cameras' flashing light at MLK. He asked that something be done about this.

Frankie Burnett, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini concurred with Council Member Bernardini regarding the red light cameras' flashing lights at night.

He commended the City Manager and staff for their efforts.

Joe Johnston, Council Member

Council Member Johnston advised the stop light at Hernando Plaza is not operating efficiently.

He asked that the yard between Ms. Samples' home and the Daycare Center be investigated as the grass is overgrown.

Kevin Hohn, Vice Mayor

Vice Mayor Hohn concurred regarding the flashing red light camera light at MLK.

He advised he missed Ms. Samples at last week's budget workshop.

James Fisher, City Attorney

Attorney Fisher expressed amazement at the athletes in the town.

City Manager Norman-Vacha

City Manager Norman-Vacha reminded Council of next Tuesday's Budget Workshop on Other Than General Fund and the Fluoride Workshop being August 27th. She requested Council call her with any requests.

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Lara Bradburn, Mayor

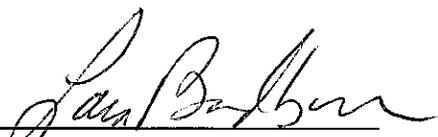
Mayor Bradburn felt an adjustment to the lens of the red light cameras could make a difference.

Council Member Bernardini reminded all of recycle day on Wednesday.

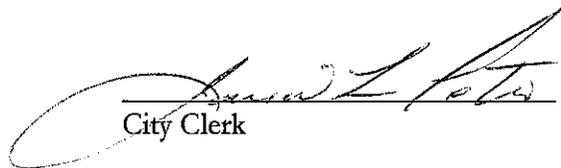
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Attest:



Mayor



City Clerk