

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

MINUTES

June 20, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Natalie Kahler, Mayor, Robert Battista, Vice Mayor, and Council Members Frankie Burnett, Betty Erhard, and William Kemerer in attendance. Also present were Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Virginia Wright, City Clerk; George Turner, Chief of Police; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Mike Walker, Parks, Facilities & Recreation Director; Richard Radacky, Public Works Director; David Freda, Fire Chief; Jim Delach, Assistant Finance Director.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Kahler followed by an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kahler announced the recipients of the Margaret R. Ghiotto Beautification Award/Commercial division listed on the Agenda as item C-1, were not able to attend the Council Meeting. This item has been rescheduled to be presented at the July 18, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

2016 Hurricane Season Update

Cecilia Patella, Director of Hernando County Emergency Management provided a presentation on the forecast of the 2016 Hurricane Season. Ms. Patella reported the City of Brooksville has adopted a local mitigation strategy plan; therefore the City is fully eligible for mitigation grant funding should disaster hit.

Ms. Patella stated currently Hernando County is in the process of working on Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan updates. A draft of the plan will be presented at the next scheduled Board of County Commissioners Meeting. All of Hernando County's partners have contributed to the update. Any comments from the City are incorporated into the draft. The draft will be sent to the State/Tallahassee for review. Any changes received from the State will be made by Hernando County. The draft is then formally presented to the City Council and Board of County Commissioners for formal adoption. It is anticipated the formal adoption will take place in September/October 2016.

Ms. Patella reported the Hernando County the annual hurricane exercise took place on April 19, 2016. She felt the exercise went very well; the City was one of the participating agencies.

The current forecast for this hurricane season calls for 13 named storms with average activity. Of those thirteen (13) named storms, six (6) are forecasted as hurricanes and two (2) are forecasted as major hurricanes, with a category of 3 or greater. Ms. Patella stressed the importance to have preparedness activities in place as soon as possible since it is already into hurricane season.

Ms. Patella stated there have already been storms this year, with the first event occurring in January 2016. In early June Tropical Storm Colin began to threaten the area. Ms. Patella felt with information received from forecast experts, 4” of water could be absorbed without the threat of flooding. As a precautionary measure the County did begin emergency operation activities, partially activating the emergency operations center. Partners were contacted to assist with emergency operation activities that included the Department of Public Works; Law Enforcement; Fire Rescue and Public Information Officers. At that time, the County identified an email glitch that has been corrected to ensure moving forward, emergency operations partnerships will be in receipt of the County’s emails.

Ms. Patella stated currently, Tropical Storm Danielle is headed for Mexico. Ms. Patella noted in the meantime residents should be proactive preparing for the hurricane season. Make a plan: know where emergency shelters are located; keep an emergency supply kit; have safekeeping of important documents, such as insurance papers, etc. Hurricane preparedness information can also be found on the Emergency Management web site or by picking up an annual copy of the Disaster Planning Guide at the local libraries or from the Hernando County Government Center. The City also has copies available in the lobby.

City of Brooksville Farmer’s Market Update

Mike Walker Parks, Facilities & Recreation Director provided a brief informational update on the Downtown Farmer’s Market on Main Street. The Farmer’s Market will begin every Saturday being on July 9th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To date, there are approximately nine (9) vendors who have signed up to participate. Mr. Walker stated there is enough space to accommodate a total of approximately 21 vendors. He has reached out to local farms and businesses to promote the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Walker provided a handout map (from tourist development) that denotes 28 farms. Some of these farms will be participating in the Farmer’s Market, however, others may wait to participate when their crops become available.

Mr. Walker reported on July 16th the Farmer’s Market will attempt to incorporate a cruise-in car show. In October 2016, Mr. Walker anticipates a Breast Cancer Awareness theme along with a Halloween costume contest for the children. He would like to incorporate these types of events into the Farmer’s Market on a quarterly basis. Mayor Kahler asked if the road would be closed; Mr. Walker stated yes, only one block will be closed; with the exception of the planned cruise-in car show. The goal is for the car show to will be in front of SunTrust Bank and continue down Fort Dade Avenue. Council Member Erhard asked how we are advertising for this event. Mr. Walker stated via Bay News 9 and WWJB who is a sponsor. Council Member Erhard indicated she is assuming there is limited space. Mr. Walker reported one block is full, however if there is an increase to the maximum number of 21 vendors another block will be added. Vice Mayor Battista asked if there are any costs to City for set up.

Mr. Walker stated the only fee would be for the City employee/Recreation Leader that would be normal working hours, no overtime is involved.

July 4, 2016 Celebration Fairgrounds – Hernando County Fair Association

Hernando County Fair Association President Richard Klimas provided a handout of the July 4th event flyer. Mr. Klimas noted that the billboard outside of the Fairgrounds will list the City of Brooksville as a sponsor; as well as a 4’ x 16’ signage listing the City of Brooksville first as a sponsor. Mr. Klimas noted that last year the City of Brooksville Police was utilized to assist with the July 4th event. Mr. Klimas stated the City was paid a little over \$1000 to the Police Department and \$450 to the Fire Department.

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Mr. Klimas stated he recently spoke with the Police Department; he provided costs for this year's with having seven (7) deputies (vs. 4 deputies from last year) at a cost of \$1506. The Fire Department will remain at a cost of \$450. Council Member Erhard reminded Mr. Klimas at the last City Council Meeting she asked if Mr. Klimas had gone before the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners to request funding for the July 4th event. Mr. Klimas replied he has not. Council Member Erhard also asked Mr. Klimas if he had contacted the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to request assistance with auxiliary/volunteers. Mr. Klimas replied no. Council Member Erhard noted at the last City Council Meeting Mr. Klimas requested \$1000 in Sponsorship Credit for fireworks; the City Council approved \$1,500. Council Member Erhard also stated entry and parking fees were being charged. Mr. Klimas clarified that the \$10 fee is only for admittance to the Demolition Derby; there is no entry fee to see the fireworks display. The \$10 parking fee per car is to pay parking staff so that cars can be parked safely. Vice Mayor Battista asked how many car spaces would be filled. Mr. Klimas responded he is not sure. Vice Mayor Battista asked how many other people have given the Fair Association \$1000 plus towards the fireworks. Mr. Klimas stated Cemex, Republic Services, Vans, Cars & Trucks and Florida Adventure Coast. Vice Mayor Battista asked if Mr. Klimas is a promoter of the Demolition Derby, leasing space for the event. Mr. Klimas stated he normally does; this is a community fairgrounds event. The Fairgrounds makes money on sponsors, food; the Fair Association makes a fee only from the tickets sold to enter the Demolition Derby; 20-30% of tickets sold. Last year \$1600 was cleared after all associated payments were made. Some of the funds were provided to a family whose father is ill. In addition, money will be given to a family whose son passed away; and also to a 4-H family (family member may pass).

City Manager Norman-Vacha explained in order for City staff to assist with the July 4th event employees must be paid according to Florida Fair Labor Standards Act and in accordance with the City Personnel Policy. July 4th is a holiday, therefore staff would have to be paid at a time and a half rate. Last year, the Fair Association contracted with the City Police Department and Fire Department as off duty personnel; thus the Fair Association is the employer. Police officers and Firefighters were paid directly by the Fair Association at a rate of \$25 per hour. Council Member Kemerer indicated the Sponsorship Credit Spreadsheet shows approximately \$1900 left in budget. He pointed out that Hernando High School's Homecoming Parade is an upcoming event scheduled for September 2016. He expressed the need to reserve some of the funds for this event. The Fair Association has received \$1000 more this year than the prior year. Council Member Kemerer stated in reviewing last year's Sponsorship Credit requests they tend to be recurring and not at a lower amount. The City has committed to fund Main Street Program at \$50,000 per year for 3 years; however, Council Member Kemerer feels the Main Street Program will request funds from the City in coming years to assist with their events. He expressed the Main Street Program is extremely important emphasizing the City must ensure there are funds to support and promote the main street events.

Mayor Kahler requested a motion to disapprove any additional Sponsorship Credits to the Fair Association for the July 4th event.

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Kemerer and seconded by Vice Mayor Battista.

Motion passed 4-1, with Burnett in opposition.

CITIZEN INPUT

Pat and Shirley Mikinac expressed concerns regarding the Red Light Camera.

Raul Rey asked what is the percentage of the people from Brooksville who are ticketed for red light camera violations, and those who are not living within the City. Mayor Kahler asked Mr. Rey to provide his contact information; City Manager Norman-Vacha will contact Mr. Rey.

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Sanitary Nuisance Abatement, Special Assessment Lien

Authorize the Mayor to sign and staff to record the Public Sanitary Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Lien as presented with provision for foreclosure proceedings.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Removal from office one (1) Member

Consideration to remove member John Wanat from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion: Motion made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Kemerer.

Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution for Loan/Grant for Fire Truck

Proof of Publication into the Record read by City Clerk Wright; notice was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times June 4, 2016. Fire Chief Freda stated at the January 4, 2016 City Council Meeting, Council approved moving forward with the purchase of a new fire truck and approved \$220,000 as a down payment. In addition, Council requested the Fire Department to provide options for the remaining balance of \$247,153.31.

Staff has worked with USDA Rural Development Office and has submitted a pre-application for the Community Facilities Loan/Grant Program. The City has been offered a \$50,000 grant with a \$200,653.31 loan to finalize the purchase of the fire truck, to include Bond Council costs (\$3,500) required. The loan is a 15-year term with an interest rate of 2.87%. If the loan is finalized this month (June) the interest rate will be locked in. Fire Chief Freda requested Council approval of Loan Resolution No. 2016-06 and submission of all required documentation to participate in and accept the grant/loan as stated through the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan/Grant Program and to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Resolution, and loan/grant documents including final closing documents following legal review.

Council Member Erhard asked what the City will do with the old fire truck. Chief Freda stated the old fire truck will be surplus; Hernando Beach Fire Department is interested in purchasing it. Council Member Erhard asked if any other fire department has put in a request of interest. Fire Chief Freda stated no, the truck is 15-years old; Hernando Beach Fire Department has the funding to upkeep the maintenance. Council Member Erhard asked how much money have we invested in the old fire truck and is it safe to surplus. Fire Chief Freda stated the old fire truck has passed all required testing; there was \$5000 in recent repairs; it has been well maintained. Council Member Erhard asked has there been any change in policy to not drive County apparatus. Fire Chief Freda stated yes. Council Member Erhard asked the update of the squad apparatus at the Department Public Works. Fire Chief Freda stated he has spoken with Brentwood Mountain the company that is selling the truck for the City. Originally it was posted for \$189,000; Brentwood Mountain requested

to re-post for \$175,000, which was posted today.

Vice Mayor Battista asked when the new fire truck would be delivered. Chief Freda replied August 2016.

Mayor Kahler asked for Public Input:

Joe Bernardini asked how can the fire department can surplus/sell an older fire truck for use by another fire department. City Manager Norman-Vacha clarified that the Hernando Beach Fire Department has expressed an interest in the fire truck; other than that no negotiations have been made between the City and Hernando Beach Fire Department. Fire Chief Freda also noted the fire truck to be surplus does meet standards and has passed testing, and is safe for use. He also indicated Hernando Fire Department has budgeted funding for maintenance.

Vice Mayor Battista pointed out on the loan/grant documents contact telephone number for the Mayor needs to be corrected.

Mayor Kahler requested a motion to approve Loan Resolution No. 2016-06 and submission of all required documentation to participate in and accept the grant/loan as stated through the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan/Grant Program and to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the Resolution, and loan/grant documents including final closing documents following legal review; with an anticipated closing date of August 2016; and with the correction of the telephone number contact.

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Erhard.

Mayor Kahler requested a roll call vote.

Motion passed 5-0 upon roll-call vote as follows:

Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Erhard	Aye
Council Member Kemerer	Aye
Vice-Mayor Battista	Aye
Mayor Kahler	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

City Auditors

Michael E. Carter/Principal, and Trisha Floyd/Manager with Clifton-Larson-Allen provided an in-depth presentation of the City of Brooksville’s year ended September 30, 2015 Audit. Mr. Carter noted there was a slight change (one change) in the PowerPoint presentation he provided handouts to the City Council, City Manager and City Clerk.

Mr. Carter detailed highlights as follows:

- Audit Services Performed
 - Financial Statements
 - State Compliance
- Required Governance Communication

- What is New:
 - GASB 68 – Accounting for Financial reporting for Pensions
 - Uniform Guidance
 - Executive Summary
 - FRS Highlights
 - Impact on City
- Financial Statement Overview
- Statement of Net Position
- Statement of Activities – Revenues
- Statement of Activities – Expenses
- Change in Net Position
- Governmental Activities
- General Fund – Budget to Actual
- General Fund Balance
- Results of Procedures
 - Reports Issued

Mr. Carter stated being that the City is a governmental agency therefore Governmental Auditing Standards are required to be used for the audit. He added he is required to issue a report on internal controls/financial reporting and compliance. There are three levels of findings: 1.) Control Deficiency (lowest level of finding; a verbal comment to management). 2.) Significant Deficiency. 3.) Material Weakness (most severe finding). There was one finding this year to do with journaling/booking a receivable revenue utility activity. It was billed in October but occurred in September. Finance is now aware and this will be an easy correction.

Mr. Carter was pleased to report City staff has done a very good job; the City is in compliance with Florida Statutes regarding investment of funds. Vice Mayor Battista asked if there is anything we need to do to or can do to improve the pension plans for the City. Mr. Carter stated the City is doing a very good job on the Police Pension Plan; however the City may want to take a look at the unfunded liability on the Firefighters Plan.

Mayor Kahler requested a motion to accept the City's Annual Audit for Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2015.

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Burnett seconded by Council Member Kemerer.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Road Name Change Proposal

At the June 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, Council Member Burnett proposed that Union Street be changed to Muhammad Ali Drive/Street. Council concurred to direct staff to provide City Council with pertinent information relating to the name change as stated. Community Development Director Bill Geiger presented the following information:

Union Street runs from the intersection of Dr. M. L. King Jr. Blvd. north to its intersection with Liberty Street. There are seven (7) individual parcels and an apartment complex (Tanglewood Apartments) that has 55 units with active addresses off of Union Street. A portion of Union Street is privately owned by the Brooksville Housing Authority, which had approximately 44 units that were addressed off of Union Street, however they are currently vacant and inactive.

There are a total of eight (8) signs that would need to be changed at a cost of \$150 per each, for a total cost of \$1,200, plus labor costs. In addition, other associated administrative costs with the proposed road name change would include notifications that need to be mailed to the twenty-eight (28) owners of properties adjacent to the road, and advertising of the Resolution that is the legal instrument used to effect the road name change.

Council Member Kemerer asked if deed/mortgages would have to be changed should the road name change. Mr. Geiger advised yes, eventually if the property was sold. Vice Mayor Battista stated his concern is that residents affected would be notified well in advance via a letter/registered certified letter. Mr. Geiger noted that the Hernando County addressing (Property Appraiser Addressing Division) would be responsible for notifying those residents affected by the road name change.

The City Council has the authority to change street names via a resolution. Mr. Geiger noted that the City does send notices out informing the public of a hearing/meeting scheduled to give the public sufficient time to speak on the matter.

Council Member Kemerer stated he is concerned regarding administrative costs, mentioning the cost to the residents may affect a driver license change, check book addresses; letterhead, notifying debtor, and deeds and mortgages to be changed. He indicated he is extremely concerned; he would like the residents to have sufficient amount of time to respond and to receive notice in a timely manner. City Manager Norman-Vacha stated the requirement for changing a road name is to mail notices to the property owners; not to those residents who live in apartments. However, she noted Council may chose to include those individual living in the 55 units in order for them to have the same opportunity as the property owners. Council Member Burnett requested the proposed road name change to include a suffix of “Boulevard” rather than “Street” or “Drive.”

Mayor Kahler expressed her concerns over expenses that may be incurred to the residents affected by the road name change. Council Member Burnett concurred that he would be concerned about the financial impact it may have on residents.

Mr. Geiger clarified that the information contained in the Council Agenda Packet is to provide direction to staff. Should Council decide to move forward with the proposed road name change, Mr. Geiger would proceed with preparing a Resolution for presentation at the July 18, 2016 Council Meeting and to get notices out to the public prior to the meeting.

After much discussion, for clarification, City Manager Norman-Vacha recapped letters with the proposed road name change, as well as a draft copy Resolution will be mailed within the next 10-days to property owners and to those residents living in the said apartment complex. During the August 15, 2016 Regular Session of the City Council Meeting the actual Resolution will be presented to allow public input regarding the proposed road name change.

Mayor Kahler requested a motion to change Union Street to Muhammad Ali Boulevard via a Resolution.

Motion: Motion made by Council Member Erhard, seconded by Council Member Burnett.

Motion passed 3-2 with Council Member Kemerer, and Mayor Kahler in opposition.

Florida League of Cities Annual Delegate Appointment

Mayor Kahler stated a Council Member is needed to be the annual voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities. Discussion ensued. Mayor Kahler requested a motion to appoint Council Member Kemerer as the Florida League of Cities Annual Delegate.

Motion: Motion made by Council Member Burnett seconded by Council Member Erhard.

Motion passed 5-0

Vice Mayor Battista reported Council Member Kemerer serves on the Transportation Intergovernmental Relations Committee; while Vice Mayor Battista serves on the Environmental Quality Committee which addresses water quality issues. In addition Council Member Kemerer also serves on the Water Supply Authority. Vice Mayor Battista suggested he and Council Member Kemerer exchange positions, i.e. Council Member Kemerer serving on the Environmental Quality Committee; and Vice Mayor Battista will serve on the Interlocal Relations Committee.

Mayor Kahler requested a motion for change of committee assignment of positions as follows: Vice Mayor Battista to serve on the Transportation Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Council Member Kemerer to serve on the Environmental Quality Committee with all other committees they serve on remain the same.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Battista and seconded by Council Member Erhard.

Motion passed 5-0.

8:37 p.m. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

8:45 p.m. ADJOURNMENT OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT MEETING

8:45 P.M. RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

BUDGET AMENDMENT OF CRA WATER TOWER PROJECT

Mayor Kahler requested a motion to accept the CRA documents in contained in the Agenda Packet and to approve the Budget Amendment of the Community Redevelopment Agency Water Tower Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Kemerer and seconded by Vice Mayor Battista.

Motion passed 5-0.

CITIZENS INPUT

Mr. Bernardini expressed his appreciation to Council for delaying the road name change to a later date and mailing out notification to residents in a timely manner.

Mr. Bernardini stated he was pleased that Council Member Kemerer had mentioned the sponsorship credit funding stressing to reserve funding for other events as well.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

City Attorney Jennifer Rey

City Attorney Rey informed Council there is a bit of a unique situation of wherein the City is not a party in a particular litigation, but requires council represent it in a matter related to the litigation. The City has conflict council with Kent Warnstadt. The Hogan Law Firm conflicts out in this litigation with both parties the plaintiff and the defendant. Therefore the Hogan Law Firm cannot represent City in relation to this matter. Mr. Warnstadt is unavailable to serve as the City's conflict council; he has an ongoing recovery from a medical procedure at this time. Seeking guidance/authority from the City Council to proceed to obtain alternative conflict council within the current fee arrangement structure either with the Hogan Law Firm or conflict council for very this very limited issue. The City has been served with subpoenas in which the City does need legal representation to accompany staff as they respond to the subpoenas.

Council Member Erhard asked which case were the subpoenas for. City Attorney Rey stated it is not a case the City is involved in; it is Hankins vs. Hernando Pasco-Hospice. City Council concurred for The Hogan Law Firm to seek alternate legal representation for this particular matter.

City Attorney Rey provided a brief litigation update Hernando County vs. the City of Brooksville. On Friday the judge issued orders; two denying the City's motions to dismiss; a third denying the motion to stay; and issuing a fourth clarifying the scope of a conflict assessment meeting. City Attorney Rey stated the City and County met this morning; the meeting was open to the public, with both council for the City and County, present as well as staff representation for the initial conflict assessment meeting. Based on the City's previously adopted Resolution and direction received from Council, the City could not move forward in conflict resolution without some type of commitment from the County as to dismissal or withdrawal of the allegations in Section 7 of the Writ the County filed relating to the discrimination issues. The County attorney's office did agree to approach their client (Board of County Commissioners) with the request to dismiss or withdrawal the allegations in Section 7. Both parties agreed to come back to their respective council or commission in an Executive Session to further discuss strategy related to the litigation. In addition, a follow up conflict resolution informal negotiation meeting is scheduled for July 19. City Attorney Rey requested an Executive Session to be scheduled for July 18th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss litigation strategy. Mayor Kahler was pleased to hear that the City Attorney's requested dismissal/withdrawal of the discrimination allegations. Mayor reported she has had two conversations with Chairman Adkins/Board of County Commissioners in which he expressed he would work to have the allegation removed/resolved.

City Manager Norman-Vacha

City Manager Norman-Vacha reiterated for clarification an Executive Session will be held on July 18th beginning at 5:00 p.m.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reminded Council Part 2 of the Personnel Manual Workshop is scheduled for June 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Joseph E. Johnston, III Council Chambers.

Council Member Erhard

Council Member Erhard thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting.

Council Member Erhard reported she is looking forward to the Farmers Market.

Council Member Erhard requested the status of the organizational chart. City Manager Norman-Vacha stated she had planned to provide the overall organizational chart to include organizational charts for each department during the budget process. She offered to provide the organizational charts prior to the budgetary process if so desired. Council Member Erhard would like to see an overall organization chart prior to budget process.

Council Member Erhard asked the status of the water bill, i.e., increase or decrease of shut offs. City manager advised staff has been working together to provide the statistics. Once the information is available it will be issued to Council. In addition, it will be added to the Correspondence to Note for the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Erhard addressed an article published in a local newspaper regarding The Hogan Law Firm. She stated she had not heard anything from the City with regards to the publication. City Attorney Jennifer Rey reported that the issue at hand does not involve The Hogan Law Firm, it involves Mr. Hogan. She also stated if Council Member Erhard would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Hogan to discuss the publication, this would be arranged.

Council Member Kemerer

Council Member Kemerer was very happy with the City's audit and was very pleased with the City's percentage of funds on reserve. He requested a copy of the City's final audit. City Manager Norman-Vacha reported a copy has been provided and is located in the City Council Office. She will provide individual copies to Council should they desire one. Council Member Kemerer also requested any draft copies be destroyed once the final is distributed, as a courtesy to the City Auditors. Currently the City Auditor has a 3-year contract agreement with Clifton-Larson-Allen and if this will be placed on the agenda for discussion. City Manager Norman-Vacha stated yes this item would be on the agenda. Council Member Kemerer stated he would like a 3-year extension with the current auditing firm rather than a 1-year extension. However if this item goes out for bid he would like a 5-year contract agreement. City Manager Norman-Vacha will review the current contract to appraise City Council of the terms contained within.

Council Member Burnett

Council Member Burnett expressed his appreciation to the City Auditors for the good job they have done. He also thanked City Manager Norman-Vacha, department heads, and staff for doing a terrific job.

Vice Mayor Battista

Vice Mayor Battista was saddened to report Louise Taylor who was a long time member of the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as serving on other boards, passed away earlier this month.

Mayor Kahler

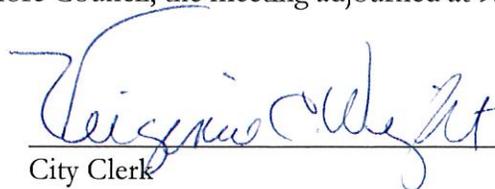
Mayor Kahler thanked Fire Chief Freda and staff for pursuing the USDA Grant. She was very pleased the City will be receiving a \$50,000 grant towards the purchase of the Fire Truck.

Mayor Kahler provided a brief historical note: During the early 1880's a number of letters to the editors of newspaper appeared throughout state and country touting the positive aspects of immigrating to Hernando County. The County was offering free town lots for anyone willing to build a business. While the County grew in population economic grow was hampered due to the lack of railroads. In late 1885 the Brooksville Railroad Association formed to promote the construction of a railway which eventually strengthened the economy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest: 
Mayor


City Clerk

