

TOWN OF BELL

BELL TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, February 18, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. – Historic Train Depot Town Hall

Town Council Meeting

A. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Derek Sanders

Invocation – Flag

Led by Derek Sanders

B. Consent Items

1. Adoption of February 18, 2016 Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Gary Blankenship. Motion carried.

2. Approval of January 14, 2016 Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes for January 14, 2016 was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Kenny Bass. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Expenditures for January 2016

Motion to approve the Expenditures was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Kenny Bass. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Financial Statements for January 2016

Motion to approve the Financial Statements was made by Kenny Bass and seconded by Gary Blankenship. Motion carried.

C. Scheduled Reports and Citizen Request

D. Other Agencies

1. Sheriff Bobby Shultz and Bobby Crosby– Vehicle/Pedestrian Safety at Hwy 129 and CR 342

Sheriff Bobby Schultz was present to discuss the pedestrian safety at Hwy 129 and CR 342.

Several phone calls to DOT and County Administrator Bobby Crosby. Mr. Crosby was present to discuss a grant available by the state. DOT asked for us to present the project. Mr. Crosby stated that he had asked the county engineer, Greg Bailey of North FL Professionals to look at the project.

Some suggestions Mr. Crosby made are possible lights flashing with pedestrian crossing signs.

Mr. Crosby stated that there are no match fees for the grant. Some of the expense would be electric for the lights and maintainance. Grant application has to be submitted in March. Mr. Crosby stated that he had spoken to Scott Akins, owner of Akins BBQ. Mr. Akins was present and stated that he is ok with whatever safety precautions needed for the kids to cross safely.

2. Nathan Thornton from the Net Group was present to inform the Council that the website for the Town of Bell should be up and working by next month.

E. Business

1. David Lang, Jr. – Town Attorney

Informed the Council of proposed House Bill 7059 from the State, requiring all city elections to be held with the general elections. This will take the power away from the Town of Bell to set their own election dates and giving the power to the Supervisor of Elections.

2. Thomas Brown – Town Mayor

Absent

3. Dan Cavanah - Town Manager

Dan gave a price he had received on adding microphones for the council members and the price is approximately \$2000.00.

Dan also informed the council that David Sanders no longer is an employ of the Town of Bell.

Donna Holmes passed away. Not looking to fill any position until possibly spring.

Dan also stated that the town is looking into purchasing a golf cart. Looking at a Kawasaki Mule

That Floyd Underhill has for sale for \$3200. Floyd had said the Town could try out the Mule for a week and let him know. Mike Moore made a motion to try the Mule out for a week and have it checked out mechanically and purchase for \$3200 if it is in good condition. Kenny seconded. Motion carried.

Dan informed the Council that the loan with Drummond Bank matures on February 20, 2016 as well as the CD's. The balance on the loan is approximately \$34,900. Mike Moore made a motion to renew the load for the original amount of \$90,000.00. After discussion, Mike amended his motion to only pay the interest on the balance of the loan until the Council knows the amount of money it will take to renovate the existing Depot/ Town Hall. Kenny Bass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Michelle Rose - Town Clerk
5. Derek Sanders – Council President
6. Michael Moore – Council Vice President
7. Kenny Bass – Council Member
8. Chris Sandlin - Council Member
9. Gary Blankenship – Council Member

F. Old Business

G. New Business

H. Review of Future Agenda Items

I. Public Comments

J. Adjourn

Prepared By:

Michelle Rose, Town Clerk