



AGENDA MINUTES
McIntosh Town Council Meeting,
Community Center 5835 Avenue F
December 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

****Notice to Meeting Attendee****

*As a courtesy to others, please ensure cell phones are turned off during the meeting
Welcome to the Town of McIntosh Town Council meeting.*

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL (P = Present; A=Absent)

President Ciotti	P
Vice President Mullikin	P
Councilor Jones	P
Councilor Naworensky	P
Councilor Sindledecker	P
Mayor Roddy	P

I. PRESENTATIONS

Jerome Feaster- Ocala Jockey Club & SORA- Present
Jerome Feaster introduced Tim Gant, President of SORA
Tim Gant and Jerome Feaster gave the history and mission of Save Our Rural Areas
Requested support letters and help to raise money, SORA Facebook has a link to PayPal and the website. P.O. Box 275, Micanopy FL is the mailing address.
On the 20th of December at 2 p.m. at the county commissioners' meeting, the 40 acres development is going to be heard, the more people that show up and speak up the better.

II. MINUTES

1. November 15, 2022- Organizational Meeting

2. November 15, 2022- Council Meeting

Cllr Jones motioned to consider the two sets of agenda minutes from November 15th as well as our financials as presented- Cllr Naworensky 2nd

Cllr Jones- One correction under Suzanne's comments, it says Scoot not Scott

Motioned passed unanimously

III. **FINANCIALS**

1. **November 2022**

Cllr Sindledecker motioned to consider the financials- Cllr Jones 2nd

Motion passed unanimously

IV. **CITIZEN COMMENT**

All persons wishing to address the Town Council will be asked to limit their comments to the specific subject being addressed. Individuals may sign up in advance by calling the Town Office prior to the meeting and will be allowed 5 minutes to speak. Anyone who attends the meeting and did not sign up in advance will be allowed 2 minutes to speak. In order to foster mutual respect between the Town Council and the public, it is requested that comments are directed at specific issues rather than personal comments directed toward Board members or staff. Please note that if a person desires to appeal any decision made to any matter considered at the above meeting, that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding be made, which record includes the testimony and evidence which the appeal is to be based

Bev Dodder- Thank you for the change in the tables so that the audience can see and hear the council better

V. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

1. Code Enforcement

George Crawford- No new business

President Ciotti- Has there been any contact with eh individual who had a fine and the council could not hear the matter?

George Crawford- You will have to ask the Town Manager.

Cllr Sindledecker- I believe the check has been received

TM Gonzalez- We have received the check, but there has been no communication

2. Historic Preservation Board

Alison Soracchi- Meeting was held yesterday, 4 applications were approved. Mr. & Mrs. Talbert for a fence, Mr. & Mrs. Winters replacement of their roof, Mr. & Mrs. Ball replacing garage windows, and McIntosh Presbyterian replacement of roof of the fellowship hall

3. Tree Committee

Angela Fogarty- The tree committee had no permits and did not meet- No news

4. Land Planning Agency

5. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board- No new business, meeting scheduled for January 3rd

Angela Fogarty- Movie night is tomorrow night, and a new blow-up screen was purchased. There was a planning meeting for the movie night and the next regular meeting is next week. The movie starts at 7 p.m.- Asked TM Gonzalez if the park was sprayed.

TM Gonzalez- Unsure if he has been here yet, but he is scheduled to be here.

Melinda Jones- Hot Dogs and drinks will be served and donations are requested. All proceeds go to Parks & Recreation

Angela Fogarty- After the next meeting there will be a lot more to report

VI. **CONSENT ITEMS**

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the McIntosh Town Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Council with no separate discussion. If a separate discussion is desired, that item may be pulled for discussion and consideration. Please call 591-1047 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

VII. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION - TOWN MANAGER**

1. Hometown Grant- TM Gonzalez Presented; Suggested to wait until next quarter to apply in order to gather more detailed quotes for the application.

President Ciotti- Requested the TM have the quotes ready by the March Council meeting

2. Re-write the school contract

President Ciotti- The school has 5 addendums, and we need to re-write the contract and incorporate them all into one.

Cllr Sindledecker motioned to re-write contract Cllr Naworensky 2nd

Melinda Downing- Confused on the intent of this.

President Ciotti- The intent is to make the contract one document with a beginning and end.

Melinda Downing Everything is public record, and the budget and finances can be found there.

Jonathan Ward- On the 5th amendment, because I wrote it, it started August 15th, 2021, and it was supposed to be a review everything three months, and if there was a rebate, it would go to the school. There should be 5, but as far as I know, there is one. Then annually you should review what the monthly amount should be, and I don't believe that happened either. If you look at the actual number for last year, it came to \$1136 a month, and we've been paying \$1,100 a month.

President Ciotti- I mentioned to Jessi that we would do every 3-month reconciliation, but that is still up to council. Once the council looks at it, we will present it to the school.

Jonathan Ward- Every 3 months is what the addendum says, everything would have been a lot smoother and clearer if that happened.

TM Gonzalez- We have been reviewing every three months. This was the first quarter where the difference was unexpected. But every three months the office has been doing this and we have records in the office.

Motion passed unanimously

3. Temporary office options

Mayor Roddy- No news from the possible location discussed at the workshop.

Karen Ward- Didn't you all decide before that you would use the other end of the community center?

President Ciotti- It was discussed, but we have two people now and several wedding bookings.

Cllr Sindledecker- There are properties that were not available when the start of planning the office began. We want to make sure we check everything before we make a decision.

President Ciotti- We will move forward with building plans as soon as we find a temporary office.

Cllr Jones- The clinic is still an option, but they are considering a daycare.

President Ciotti- One of the options for the temporary Town Hall is the clinic portion by the school. Jonathan and a few people have mentioned that the school would be interested in renting or buying the clinic to develop a pre-school.

Jonathan Ward- The principal has a plan he has been working on and it should bring one or two jobs to the town.

Melinda Downing- Discussed the school's FTE and how it is based off the number of students. Additionally, there is other funding.

As far as the town using the building, there may be a legality to having a municipality next to a school that has to be accessible to anyone.

President Ciotti- We have an interlocal agreement with the county and there is no indication that there is a problem co-mingling the school and government buildings. Council is conservative and would like to speak to the sheriff.

4. Investment Strategy

President Ciotti- Presented the financial status of the Town and what the options are for investment.

Cllr Sindledecker- Discussed the CDs and investing the ARPA funding. The Money Market can be put into a CD as well as FIT; investment bonds are down. We have been balancing risk vs return. The changes being considered could bring in another 35-48 thousand dollars in the next few years.

Melinda Downing- Have bump rate CDs been looked into?

President Ciotti- We do not have that option; FL Statutes are very specific about where municipalities can put their money.

Cllr Naworensky- Spoke to Renasant Bank about CDs- Provided a handout to the council to inform of the 1-year CD option for 4.55%.

President Ciotti- Continued with his desired plan modeled on the spreadsheet provided.

Would like a motion to consider moving 629 thousand dollars. 200 thousand to FL Prime, 400 thousand to FL Class which leaves a balance of 229 thousand dollars which will remain in our Money Market account.

Cllr Sindledecker- So you are asking to move 600 thousand tonight.

Cllr Jones- The 229 thousand that is currently in the Truist account that is left, will go to that CD still with Truist.

Cllr Jones motioned to allocate 229k to the Truist CD, paying approximately 3.75%, 200k to FL Prime paying approximately 4%, and 400K remaining out of that 829K to go to the FL Class at approximately 4%- Cllr Naworensky 2nd

Melinda Downing- Questioned the spreadsheet and asked about the penalty

President Ciotti – Provided clarification

Motion passed unanimously

5. Vision Survey

Cllr Sindledecker- I would like to make a vision survey that will allow them to comment on what they would like to prioritize and give feedback.

Mary Anne Kelly- Is the council accounting for those that are not internet friendly?

Cllr Sindledecker- Yes, we would like to speak with someone to explore the options with a quote by the next meeting.

Cllr Jones- There were a lot of great comments from the audience at the workshop as well.

Resident Joyce- For those that are not full-time residents, the phone alert was a great way to keep them involved. It could be used as a reminder to do the survey.

Cllr Naworensky- I don't think we need to outsource; we know our town better than anyone.

Don Medeiros- Two of the individuals mentioned are citizens.

Cllr Sindledecker- That is who I would go to first.

Cllr Jones- Can we empower Jessi to approach those people to get information and we can go from there.

President Ciotti- There are no motions, can we move on?

Cllr Sindledecker motioned to ask Jessi to follow up on this and find someone that understands surveys and bring back the results to the next council meeting.

Cllr Jones- Are we asking for them to bring the survey questions back?

Cllr Sindledecker- I would like to have the questions ready if possible.

Motion died for lack of 2nd

6. Committee board vacancies

TM Gonzalez- Presented vacant seats & questioned the process for those whose terms are expiring.

Cllr Sindledecker- I think we need to have someone re-apply

President Ciotti- They can fill out an application and we can vote on it.

Cllr Jones- I wouldn't have an issue with them filling out an application, as long as that is made known.

TM Gonzalez- Are we advertising it for others apply? I have researched those process and I could not find what the process is when someone's term is over.

Attn Corbett- I will look into this, however, to be on the safe side I would advertise and have those currently on to re-apply.

President Ciotti- Jessi to reach out to members and ask if they want to re-apply as well as advertise the positions and advertise the positions.

7. Appropriation letter (signature needed)

Mayor Roddy explained the letter to the audience.

Letter was reviewed and signed.

VIII. **MANAGER COMMENTS**

IX. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Cllr Sindledecker- I am disappointed that the vision survey didn't get voted on. I plan to move forward with the survey myself, I believe it is important. Thank you Parks & Rec. for the movie night. Garden Club is ready for Light up McIntosh.

Cllr Jones- There are applications for Light up McIntosh on the back table. I hope everyone found Jerome and Tims presentation helpful and that everyone will support them. The finances were talked about at the workshop, and we discussed that once we got everything laid out as to where we were going

to move money around, that we would start allocating so that citizens know where their money is and what we are going to be using it for.

Cllr Naworensky- Looking forward to Movie Night and Light up McIntosh. Like the new set up for the tables in the meeting.

VP Mullikin- Please come to the Movie Night tomorrow. There have not been many applications for Light up McIntosh, I hope more of the town will sign up.

X. **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Light up McIntosh is the 17th, encourage everyone to decorate.

The January 6th meeting is open to the public, 1-5 p.m. at the College of Central Florida, in the Klien Center. All of our representatives will be there. We are making a request for the appropriation for our new building. Melinda will be making the presentation, let's go support her. Thank you to the council, I think these investment strategies are going to benefit us.

XI. **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

The answer was filed Monday for the amended petition for the Jones case.

XII. **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Angela Fogarty- The original Miracle on 34th street is in the public domain, however, there was some red tape. We are now set up with an account, the cost is \$175, and we are approved and have permission to show the movie.

Mary Anne Kelly- We would like to make it a policy that the council will answer their email. Think about how you want to communicate with the citizens.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00