



**AGENDA MINUTES**  
***McIntosh Town Council***  
***Community Center 5835 Avenue G***  
***November 9, 2023, at 7:15 p.m.***  
***(or Immediately Following the Organizational Meeting)***

***\*\*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 & PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL (P = Present; A=Absent)**

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

**I.PRESENTATIONS**

**II.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 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.*

**1. MINUTES**

October 2023

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to consider the minutes **Cllr Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

TM Gonzalez- Noted some corrections that were made. Pg. 5 under number 8, Cllr Sindledecker's comment, the wording was changed from "working dog" to "service animal". Under Attorney Comment at the end, Town Manager Comment the wording is changed from "posted on the board" to "posted on the board". Attn Corbett was written with no additional comment so her name at the end will be removed.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** We also need to correct the spelling of Karin Harms name on the last page, under Cllr Jones' comment. It should be K-A-R-I-N.

**Cllr Jones-** On the last page, last sentence, "this will help to furnish the food bank" it should be "to support the food bank."

**Cllr Jones** motioned to accept the minutes with noted corrections **Cllr Sindledecker 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

## **2. FINANCIALS**

October 2023

**Cllr Jones** motioned to discuss the financials **2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sindledecker**

**Cllr Ciotti based** on the first month of the new year, we did a good job with the budget. Thanked the Town manager.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Thanked TM Gonzalez and Lynda Medeiros for adjusting the budget vs actual to reflect the annual payments in the actual month they are paid.

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to accept as presented **Cllr Ciotti 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

## **III. 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 is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based.*

### **1. Dennis Devore-** Light up McIntosh

The Friends of McIntosh are asking permission from the council to close roads 7<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. on Ave G for Light up McIntosh on December 16<sup>th</sup>, with provisions for the driveways.

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to approve the request from the Friends, for the Light Up McIntosh closure of 7<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> street from 6-8 p.m. on Ave G on December 16<sup>th</sup> **Cllr Naworensky 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

### **2. Barbara Fellman-** Sportsman's Cove/One Way Streets

Received a complaint on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from an 18-year resident of Sportsman's Cove. She received an eviction notice if she didn't conform. The violation was for driving in the wrong direction on a one-way road. Following that, she received 3 other complaints that are in the packet. There is an issue that needs to be addressed. There was not a resolution made to allow Sportsman's Cove to have control over the roads. There has to be notice to the public that there will be a change to the roads. It was not on the agenda.

*Read 313 Chapter 9*

**Cllr Sindledecker-** In the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of 2020, it was on the agenda, not saying it was done correctly, but it was on the agenda.

**3. Lou Capriotti-** Sportsman's Cove/One Way Streets

The traffic has doubled in front of her home and the residents were not notified. The speed limit is 20 mph in town, who gave the authority to him to change it to 10 mph? Mrs. Capriotti stated Mr. Giese said he would take their pictures to the sheriff, and they would lose their license. Claimed they are being bullied and it is not for the betterment of the town.

**President Mullikin-** We can go back into the records to review whether or not the rules were followed.

**Cllr Jones-** Asked TM Gonzalez to please research and put it on next month's agenda.

**June Glass-** Asked how many petitions it would take to make the road go back to a two-way street.

**Cllr Jones-** We will look into it to make sure the proper steps were taken.

**Cllr Ciotti-** Council voted 4 years ago to make it a one-way street. For it to be reconsidered a motion that has been standing for 4 years, a councilman would have to go back and rescind the vote.

**Attn Corbett-** We need to determine if it was properly done. We need to research it.

**June Glass-** I have lived here since the 70s and there have never been issues with the roads.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** It was brought to her attention whether a traffic pattern violation can be given by the park because AVE F belongs to the town. I do not know the answer but would like an answer as to whether only law enforcement can do it, or if the park manager can do it because the street goes through the park.

**Attn Corbett-** The town cannot control or interfere with Sportsman's Coves Rules for its residents. The question of whether Sportsman's Cove can send a letter of warning or eviction due to a violation of town ordinance or law. Not sure if the town has any say in it.

**June Glass-** But we are talking about a town street.

**Attn Corbett-** Sportsman's Cove is privately owned, so the rules that they require their residents to adhere to, the town cannot control.

**Holger Giese-** The town did not sign the streets over to the park, there was a request to change the traffic pattern to a one-way road because Ave F at the starting point is very narrow. There is a water problem, and one part of fixing it was making the street a one-way to prevent people from driving over the water lines. It was on the agenda. I think the town did what it needed to do.

**Beverly Dodder Ave G-** She did not have a problem until this change. Boaters do not come down Ave F to go to the park, they come down Ave G and cannot pass one another, so it is causing a problem. Understands Holger's problem with the water, but the residents on this street now have an issue with this as well. Ave G is already a busy street with Harmony School and the Post Office. Would appreciate the council's consideration of the residents.

**Al Richter-** Thank the staff and the board. Asked for an explanation of some of the agenda items.

**Heather Clark-** Received a water bill and wanted clarification. It says "reminder parking on town right-of way is not permitted"- *Addressed her questions to TM Gonzalez.* There isn't an ordinance attached to that, so who does it apply to and what it means.

**TM Gonzalez-** It applies to the whole town. We put that on the water bills before the festival as a reminder to residents, so no one interfered with vendor setup.

**Heather Clark-** So this is just for the festival.

**TM Gonzalez-** Clarified that no parking on the ROW was for all the time, unsure of the specific section of the code, but stated that if Ms. Clark would like to call the office on Monday, She would be more than happy to look it up for her.

**Heather Clark-** Asked if it was for residents and non-residents.

**TM Gonzalez-** Yes

**Heather Clark-** How would a visitor know they can't park on the ROW?

**TM Gonzalez-** We work off complaints. If a visitor parked on the ROW and someone complained, I would make contact with them.

**Heather Clark-** And then what? Do you ask them to move or issue a citation?

**TM Gonzalez-** I do not give out citations. I make first contact.

**Heather Clark-** If they don't move, then what?

**TM Gonzalez-** I would notify Code Enforcement

*President Mullikin gavel and states that time is up.*

**Heather Clark-** Stated she didn't think her time was up and continued to ask what happens next.

**TM Gonzalez-** The president said time is up but offered for Ms. Clark to call her at the office and she would provide more details.

**Heather Clark-** Are you just arbitrarily putting things on the water bills to bully residents?

*President Mullikin gavel again stating we are not going to continue anymore.*

**Heather Clark-** I don't care, you're constantly bullying residents and don't understand why.

*President Mullikin gavel again and asks Ms. Clark to have a seat.*

**Heather Clark-** Continues to comment as she exits the building.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**1. Code Enforcement- George Crawford**

**No new business**

**2. Historic Preservation Board-Alison Scott**

**TM Gonzalez-** Alison was unable to be here but emailed the office her updates. At the last Historic Board meeting they reviewed and approved two COAs, one for Zapletal, the replacement of windows, and Sheesley for the installation of a generator. They also compiled notes on the sign ordinance from Williston, Archer, Dunnellon, and Micanopy. At the next meeting, they will finalize the new recommendations for the signed ordinance. They did not work on the historical significance certificates, or the plan to distribute them, but will be completing the list and will work with the town office to coordinate printing and distribution.

**3. Tree Committee- Dennis Devore**

The meeting was postponed and rescheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> at the community center at 10 a.m.

**4. Land Planning Agency- George Crawford- No New Business**

**5. Parks & Recreation- No New Business**

**V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION – TOWN MANAGER**

1. Resolution 2023-11 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

**TM Gonzalez-** Gave a brief description of the agreement.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Noted one of the dates needs to be updated to November 9<sup>th</sup> by the Mayor's signature.

**TM Gonzalez** will make the change before signing.

**President Mullikin-** Read the resolution by title.

President Mullikin	Y
Vice President Jones	Y
Councillor Naworensky	Y
Councillor Sindledecker	Y
Councillor Ciotti	Y

*Resolution passes 5-0*

2. Resolution 2023-12 Officials Civility

**President Mullikin** Read the resolution by title.

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to discuss the resolution **2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Jones**

**VP Jones-** Clarified to whom the agreement applies.

**President Mullikin-** Noted that it was highly recommended by our town attorney to adopt a civility agreement.

*Discussion on the changes made.*

**Cllr Naworensky-** Asked what the objective was for this.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Expressed that several other towns and municipalities have a civility resolution and that there have been several inappropriate conduct instances. This is helpful to anyone coming into a position so that they understand what the town expects as an appropriate code of conduct. In representing the town, it's expected that we will operate in a businesslike manner, and we should respect each other.

**Cllr Naworensky-** Thinks a simple code of conduct would work and disagrees with the penalties.

**Cllr Jones-** I like the term Code of Conduct more than Officials Civility Agreement.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Agreed

**Cllr Jones-** This is for all of us to act accordingly. We should be acting as a representative for our town at all times, no matter what someone throws at us or says to us we should take the high road. That is what this is meant to remind us of, this is why we have laws in place. Having accountability for what your actions are if you fall outside of the code of conduct.

**Cllr Ciotti-** Agrees that there have been issues in the past and this resolution calls for a few meetings to correct a problem. This gives us tools to be able to address the problem.

**Mary Ann Kelly-** Asked if the council has discussed this with every member that works for the town because if not, we blew it.

**Cllr Naworensky-** Thinks we need to be careful censoring people.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Doesn't believe this is censoring, it's expecting certain behaviors from people that are representing the town, the examples laid out are not unreasonable.

**Dennis Devore-** Asked about going before the committees or boards before voting on it since they will have to follow this resolution.

**Cllr Jones-** Asked the TM about having a meeting with all members of each board first.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** The boards are appointed, and they are appreciated. But we are not asking for outrageous things. This is a simple code of conduct across Florida expected from everyone. The council's job is to set policy and does not think it's necessary. This conversation has been going on for 6 months, so it is not a surprise to anyone.

**Cllr Naworensky-** It is not just a code of conduct but the violations that go with it. Asked if there will be training for this panel.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** There should be, other towns have similar resolutions, and we can look at their training.

**President Mullikin** asked that we change the name to Code of Conduct.

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to approve the resolution with the title change as stated **2nd Cllr Jones**

President Mullikin	Y
Vice President Jones	Y
Councilor Naworensky	N
Councillor Ciotti	Y
Councillor Sindledecker	Y

*Motion passes 4-1 Cllr Naworensky opposed.*

**Cllr Sindledecker** asked TM Gonzalez to set up that training and provide a written copy of the resolution.

**TM Gonzalez-** Attn Corbett and I have already discussed this training as well as sunshine training.

### 3. Resolution 2023-13 Employee Benefits

**Cllr Jones** motioned to discuss **Cllr Sindledecker 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

*Discussion on the changes made.*

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to accept Resolution 2023-13 as presented, **Cllr Naworensky 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

President Mullikin	Y
Vice President Jones	Y
Councilor Naworensky	Y

Councillor Ciotti Y

Councillor Sindledecker Y

*Motion passed unanimously.*

#### 4. Continuance of Police Detail

**TM Gonzalez** presented how the Police Detail has been going and asked the council if they would like to continue. Explained to the council that the budget allows for 3 shifts a month with an unknown scheduling fee. If we would like to keep the shifts at four a month, we would want to consider and budget amendment.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Would like to keep 4 shifts a month.

**Cllr Naworensky-** Asked if we can adjust the budget to accommodate this?

**TM Gonzalez-** Yes, we will also need to do a budget amendment for last year to accommodate for the inflation experienced.

**Cllr Naworensky** motioned to continue with 4 shifts a month **Cllr Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

*Motion passed unanimously.*

#### 5. FL FIT Transfer of funds

**Cllr Ciotti-** FL FIT is not producing the interest we should be getting. Thinks we should withdraw the money and put it in the TD Money Market.

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to discuss **Cllr Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Expressed concerns about having too much money invested in one bank.

**Cllr Naworensky-** Reminded the council about Renaissance Bank.

**Cllr Jones-** Asked Frank to look into the options and bring it back next month.

**Cllr Ciotti-** Will come back with an option next month.

*Tabled until next month.*

#### 6. Appropriation

**TM Gonzalez** presented the option to lower the original amount for the town's appropriation request, the update with the architect, and the cost per sq foot estimated.

**Cllr Ciotti-** Stated why he thought lowering the amount we are asking for was appropriate.

*Discussion on the plans provided by Kaplan, which were almost identical to the 2021 plans.*

**Cllr Sindledecker** motion to discuss the size and cost of the building that we want **Cllr Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Cllr Sindledecker-** If we have 275k and we ask for the same amount that is \$550k. At \$150 sq foot that allows for more room.

**Cllr Jones-** We could still have hardened the building.

**TM Gonzalez-** The architect said the hardened building could hold 80 people for 6 hours.

**Cllr Naworensky-**Not sure it's necessary.

**Cllr Ciotti-** With the additions, such as the roof raise, we have added cost.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** There are shelters nearby. We should look at what else we can have in the building to serve residents with additions. Not happy with Kaplan

**Cllr Jones-** Asked if there are any changes, and if they represent what Frank and Jessi asked for in the meeting.

**TM Gonzalez-** No, there were significant changes asked for especially to the inside.

*Further discussion regarding finding an architect that can provide what we need to take to Tallahassee.*

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to ask Jessi to take to Tallahassee the appropriation request in the amount of \$275k with a match from the town of \$275k **Cllr Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Cllr Sindledecker** motioned to find a new architect **Cllr Naworensky 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Cllr Naworensky** offered to get the name of the architect from Orlando.

**Cllr Sindledecker** amended the motion that the council asks Jessi to look for an architect that can handle this project in our time frame and then speak with the president to call a special meeting to allow us to decide **Cllr Naworensky 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

7. School Lease- Lease was not provided. Possibly add to the special meeting

8. New Council Meeting Date Starting January 2024

**President Mullikin** presented the option of moving meetings from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**TM Gonzalez-** This was from the last meeting and discovered Stacie teaches every Tuesday at the college. She checked with Marty, and he is willing to cover the first few meetings of the year until her classes finish.

**Cllr Jones** motioned that starting January 2024 we move meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. **Cllr Sindledecker 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

9. Sign & Bulletin Board at Community Center



**TM Gonzalez-** We have discussed putting a bulletin board up at the community center several times. Asked the council where they would like to see the board placed and suggested adding “Welcome to Van Ness Park” to the top of the board.

**President Mullikin-** Suggested putting the board at the entrance on the east side.

**Cllr Ciotti-** Likes it in front of the tree by the flower bed.

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Suggested also putting “Van Ness Park” on the back side of the walking trail and parking for Van Ness Park on the south side of the park because the address takes you to the front of the building opposite the parking lot.

**Beverly Dodder-** The Friends would be okay if the town wanted to add a sign to the utility box after it's painted.

**Cllr Jones-** The corner of Ave G and 7<sup>th</sup> would be better for the parking sign; they will see it when entering the block. Suggested putting the bulletin board on Ave F.

**Cllr Naworensky-** Suggested putting an arch above the entrance as the Van Ness Park Sign.

*Further discussion on location options.*

*Tabled until next month to allow the council to look at the location options.*

## **VI. MANAGER COMMENTS**

### **1. Manager Updates/Action Summaries**

ARPA funding must be used by December 2024. I have registered with DemandStar, a site for the Government to post bids, and will be posting a bid for the electrical panel.

Working with FL Rural Water on a Grant to obtain \$30k for an engineer to map the water lines as a first step to replace the old pipes.

It was suggested that we order some custom cups to hand out for residents to bring back with them each month for Common Grounds. I created a logo for the cups and passed out the logo.

Community State Bank is officially closed, and Truist will be closed as soon as the state changes the disbursement account.

## **VII. MAYOR COMMENTS**

Not Present

## **VIII. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

The trial for the Jones/Clark case has been moved to December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m.

## **IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Cllr Sindledecker-** Appreciates everyone working together tonight, and thanked Scott and Melinda for taking on their new roles. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, the Christian church

is holding a service on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 6:30 and her church is having a dinner at 5:30 the same night.

**Cllr Ciotti-** Would like to add to the agenda for next month to consider the fence around the playground. Suggested that anyone using the town property for events provide documentation for the next meeting.

**Cllr Jones-** Has information from the city of Ocala about the logo/seal, will give that to Jessi. The Christmas decoration recycling event will be next Friday and Saturday at the old Town Hall. All leftovers will go to interfaith. Light up is December 16<sup>th</sup> and applications will be at the recycling event. DOT updates- I75 will have upgrades almost at the same time as the 441 projects. There are two separate projects, one starting at 326 south to 200 and the other starting at HWY 200 going south to 464. They will be reworking the bridges and widening lanes. Other improvements include improving the traffic flow for 326. There will be public hearings announced. The design, build, and construction will start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025. A meeting is scheduled on the 16<sup>th</sup> in the community center at 5:30 with DOT for public input and comments on the 441 projects.

#### **X.CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Dennis Devore-** Asked for 4 copies of the Code of Conduct for the tree meeting.

**President Mullikin-** Asked that we mail it to all of the committee and board members.

**Joyce Terry-** Asked council if Anji can start doing movies in the park again.

**Anji Fogarty-** Wudl be interested, but not if Parks & Recreation will be a competing entity.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.*