

**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2023, 6:00 PM
Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St., Mount Dora, FL 32757**

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Crissy Stile called to order the regular session of City Council in the Mount Dora Council Chambers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Vice-mayor Crail.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Crissy Stile, Mayor
Marc Crail, Vice-mayor
John Cataldo, District 1
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3 Nate
Walker, District 5 Doug Bryant,
At-large

Also Present

Patrick C. Comiskey, City Manager
Patrick Brackins, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Florida City Government Week Proclamation

Mayor Stile read the proclamation into the record.

2. Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness

Mayor Stile read the proclamation into the record.

3. Mount Dora Fun Fact

Mayor Stile spoke about the franchise owner of the new Culver's restaurant which had opened that day. Christian Liebl started working for Culver's when he was a high school student in Wisconsin and now owns the newly opened Mount Dora location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Cheri Pivowar, 30118 Kladruby Point, spoke about the odor in her neighborhood and the consent order.

Meisha Santagata, 30237 Hackney Loop, spoke about the odor in her neighborhood.

Brandon Michael Richardson, 30313 Gidran Terrace, spoke about the odor in his neighborhood.

Caleb Soileau, 20849 Oldenburg Loop, spoke about the odor in his neighborhood.

Jay Smith, 1046 McDonald Street, spoke about the name of the Mount Dora Music Hall at the Community Building.

Michell Middleton, 112 East Fifth Avenue, spoke about the Latin Music Festival sponsored by the Rotary that would take place during the weekend following the meeting.

Mr. Brackins provided information about the meeting that recently took place between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the city regarding the consent order and related activity. Mr. Brackins spoke of the intent to bring a document to Council on November 7th and of the possible adjustment of monetary civil penalties in relation to city activities on this matter.

Mr. Comiskey reported the city acquired additional sensors so that there would be no gaps in their presence. He spoke of the city's actions up to this point.

By consensus, Council authorized Mr. Brackins to work with city staff and the FDEP on revisions to the consent order so that it can be brought to Council on November 7th.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH CONSENT ITEMS TWO AND FOUR MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS AND THE ADDITION OF A DISCUSSION ITEM RELATED TO THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE CITY AND LAKE COUNTY; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Police Pension Board

MAYOR STILE NOMINATED ROZANN ABATO TO SERVE ON THE POLICE PENSION BOARD; COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE NOMINATION. NOMINATION APPROVED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Ms. Abato spoke about serving in remembrance of an acquaintance who had previously served.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of Amendment 3 to the Agreement Between the City of Mount Dora and Commercial Landscape Professionals, Inc., d/b/a Trimac Outdoor for Professional Grounds and Landscaping Services- *Moved to become Action Item One.

2. Request Approval of Amendment 2 to the Agreement between the City of Mount Dora and Bellmore Enterprises Incorporated related to Underground Duct-Line Installation.

3. Request Approval for Code Lien Waiver for 914 Pine Avenue, Mount Dora, Florida-

~~32757 (Damaged, Decayed or Unsafe Structures) *Moved to become Action Item Two.~~

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **September 7, 2023 Regular Session**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH CONSENT ITEMS ONE AND THREE MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Request Approval of Amendment 3 to the Agreement Between the City of Mount Dora and Commercial Landscape Professionals, Inc., d/b/a Trimac Outdoor for Professional Grounds and Landscaping Services- **Moved from Consent Agenda Item One***

Mr. Comiskey explained the amendment exists to indicate additional areas of service, including an area near the new fire station. He spoke about how the grass area by the Eudora Road pond near an apartment complex will also be addressed. Residents had been complaining about the lack of maintenance in that area.

Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO TO APPROVE AMENDMENT 3 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA AND COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONALS, INC., D/B/A TRIMAC OUTDOOR FOR PROFESSIONAL GROUNDS AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 VOTE.

YES Cataldo
Walker
Rolfson
Dawson
Bryant
Crail
Stile

NO None

- 2. Request Approval for Code Lien Waiver for 914 Pine Avenue, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 (Damaged, Decayed or Unsafe Structures) **Moved from Consent Agenda Item Three***

Mr. Brackins explained this item is brought before Council because of an administrative deficiency with the lien. Property owner Mr. Roland Williams requested the waiving of this lien. Mr. Brackins told Council his firm worked with staff to ensure liens from this point forward would be perfected.

Deputy Planning Director Adam Sumner explained no dollar amount was assigned to this lien

because an affidavit of non-compliance had never been recorded. The dollar amount would have been \$600.00 had an affidavit been recorded.

Roland Williams, 4104 Golden Leaf Road, Peachtree Corners, Georgia, stated that, to his knowledge, he had no other properties in the city that are violating city code. He told Council he would check with the county clerk to be sure.

Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE CODE LIEN WAIVER FOR 914 PINE AVENUE, MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA 32757; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	<i>Rolfson</i>
	<i>Walker</i>
	<i>Cataldo</i>
	<i>Dawson</i>
	<i>Bryant</i>
	<i>Craile</i>
	<i>Stile</i>
NO	<i>None</i>

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-44, New Subscription Solar Program

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2023-44, New Subscription Solar Program, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY SUBSCRIPTION SOLAR RIDER; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION SOLAR RIDER; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Brackins ensured all councilmembers had the complete resolution and exhibit.

Electric Utility Director Steve Langley reviewed the program, which he explained during a presentation he delivered at the September 21st City Council meeting. The program is being promoted and will be available for customers December 1st.

The program will allow customers to designate a portion of their consumption as solar. Their billing will then be adjusted for that amount. Mr. Langley reviewed the rates. The bills generated after December 1st will reflect this change. Mr. Langley will speak with Mr. Comiskey about returning to

Council with an option for the city to participate in the program.

Council is being asked to approve the rider for this program. Customers must be no more than 60 days late with payments to be eligible for the program.

The program is available for both residential and commercial customers, with half of the availability being reserved for each. Participation is first-come, first-serve. There will be a waiting list when capacity is reached. Service reliability will remain the same, as the equipment remains the same; only the generating source would be changing.

Registration is hoped to be available near the end of November.

Other cities participating in this program include Ocala, Orlando and Kissimmee.

Participants must be customers of the City of Mount Dora. Expanding the city's solar capability with offsite solar farms will expand the available capacity. Mr. Langley explained how solar usage will be tracked.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Caleb Soileau, 20849 Oldenburg Loop, commented on the cost of the program.

Christine King-Harris, 402 East Jackson Avenue, spoke about consumptive use permitting with public utilities, and power storage.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44, NEW SUBSCRIPTION SOLAR PROGRAM; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

<i>YES</i>	<i>Rolfson</i>
	<i>Cataldo</i>
	<i>Dawson</i>
	<i>Walker</i>
	<i>Bryant</i>
	<i>Crail</i>
	<i>Stile</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>None</i>

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Discussion Related to the Joint Meeting Between the City of Mount Dora and Lake County Board of Commissioners

Councilmember Rolfson would like to see an Action Item on the November 7th agenda encompassing an overview and discussion regarding joint meetings of the Lake County Commission and the Mount Dora City Council concerning the Wolf Branch Innovation District. He spoke favorably about the meeting that had taken place on October 16th. He would like to schedule discussions regarding infrastructure. Councilmembers could contact Planning Director Vince Sandersfeld to schedule time to further discuss the topic with city staff.

The presentation from the October 16th would be sent to Councilmembers by the City Clerk.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Comiskey reported he received a phone call from Lake County Manager Jennifer Barker. A meeting between city and county staff had been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on October 31st.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Brackins thanked Mr. Comiskey, Public Works Director George Marek and Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator James Klein for the meeting regarding the consent order.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Cataldo spoke about a resource for correcting the damaged Century Link boxes throughout the city. He invited those with damaged boxes in their yards to contact him.

Councilmember Dawson spoke about his participation in the Bicycle Festival. He encouraged the city to revive the festival to its past level of participation. Its next occurrence would be its 50th year. Councilmember Dawson offered to be part of a committee for this cause. He announced he would be absent from the November 7th meeting.

Mayor Stile announced the 2024 Bicycle Festival would take place the weekend of October 11th. Parks and Recreation Director Troy Shonk reported he received similar feedback about elevating the festival and is working to do so. The festival would be three days next year, October 11-13, 2024.

Councilmember Rolfson spoke about attending the ribbon cutting for Culver's. He encouraged more participation at ribbon cuttings and grand openings.

Councilmember Rolfson also spoke about the upcoming Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting. He would also like an upcoming workshop reviewing public council decorum policies, and referred to materials from the Florida League of Cities that may be helpful.

Councilmember Walker thanked Mr. Shonk for his assistance with a scheduling challenge related to the playoffs for the Pop Warner football program.

Councilmember Walker asked Mr. Comiskey about opportunities for employee recognition. Mr. Comiskey told Councilmember Walker about the upcoming Employee Appreciation Luncheon. Lengthy terms of service would be recognized.

Councilmember Bryant requested to receive the decorum policy mentioned by Councilmember Rolfson.

Councilmember Bryant also reported he would be travelling and not present for the November 7th meeting. Additionally, he spoke about communication regarding the odor issue.

Economic Development and Public Information Director Misty Sommer spoke of the ways the public could review on the city website actively updated information and measurements regarding the conditions at Waste Water Treatment Plant #2.

Vice-mayor Crail spoke about the October 16th joint meeting with the Lake County Commissioners. He hoped for further, more frequent communication between the county and city.

Vice-mayor Crail also expressed his wish for a Strategic Plan update workshop.

Staff is currently working on the visioning study.

The Vice-mayor also shared a summary of the most recent attorney invoice.

Mayor Stile spoke about the First United Methodist Church's participation in the Wreaths Across America program. The public may go online to volunteer. The program will take place December 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Stile also spoke about judging the Soap Box Derby last weekend. Additionally she spoke about Create Conservatory and a grant available to them.

Mayor Stile reported that Lake County's Principal of the Year is Mount Dora High School Principal Marlene Straughan, and Lake County's Assistant Principal of the Year is Triangle Elementary's Assistant Principal Noris Aguayo.

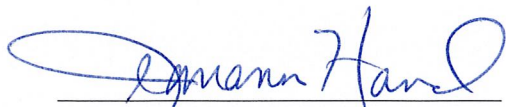
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.



CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora


JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK

City of Mount Dora