

**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
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 November 21, 2023, Regular Session of the Mount Dora City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Bryant

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. Mount Dora Fun Fact

Mayor Stile presented information about

2. Presentation of Wolf Branch City of Mount Dora Resolution by Country Club of Mount Dora Residents

Councilmember Bryant introduced the topic. Kenneth Groves and Dr. Richard Hurley from the Country Club of Mount Dora presented a PowerPoint and provided information about a proposed resolution related to the Wolf Branch sink. The presentation is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A. Mr. Groves explained why the Country Club of Mount Dora is promoting this project, describing reasons action should be taken to protect the Wolf Branch basin and the aquifer. They urged the City to consider codifying protection of the Wolf Branch basin.

3. Small Business Saturday Proclamation

Mayor Stile read the proclamation into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Michell Middleton, 112 East Fifth Avenue, commended the City for naming Chris Carson Employee of the Year.

Dennis Becker, 840 Fairview Avenue, asked Council about slowing down traffic, especially trucks on Old 441. He requested attention to the path around Lake Gertrude, which is in disrepair in some areas. Mr. Becker also asked for the city to address a downed limb blocking the road at Park Place by Lake Gertrude.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval for Code Lien Waiver for 404 Grant Avenue (overgrown lot)
2. Request approval for purchase of four new SludgeKing sludge dewatering boxes from Trippensee Shaw, Inc. for WWTP1 and WWTP2 in the amount of \$299,700.00
3. Request approval of the National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement between the City of Mount Dora and BuyBoard
4. Request approval of agreement between the City of Mount Dora and DebtBook related to debt, lease, and subscription management
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes-October 3, 2023 Regular Session

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Request approval of Resolution No. 2023-59, updating the City of Mount Dora Electric Utility Department Customer-Owned Renewable Generation Policy

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2023-59 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA AMENDING RESOLUTION 2010-06 PERTAINING TO STANDARDS FOR THE PROMOTION, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND EXPANSION OF THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES TO INCORPORATE NEW TIER 1 AND TIER 2 INTERCONNECTION APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FORMS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Comiskey explained the purpose of the item. This resolution changes the Tier 1 and Tier 2 applications submitted from this point forward. It ensures energy generated is not resold by utility customers, clarifying that the solar generation should only be generating energy for the

participating consumer's household, with a 15% margin for over or under. The resolution does not affect existing panels installed by customers.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Robert Gordon, 601 East First Avenue, spoke about reselling energy back to the City.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

It is unclear how many Mount Dora customers have exceeded the 115% generation limit mentioned in the resolution. The timing of the resolution's approval was discussed.

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-59, UPDATING THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA'S ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWAL GENERATION POLICY; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Crail
Dawson
Cataldo
Rolfson
Walker
Bryant
Stile

NO None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-22**, City Sidewalk Bank Policy

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2023-22, City Sidewalk Bank Policy by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, CREATING AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF A POLICY FOR CONTRIBUTION IN LIEU OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE(S); PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; 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.

Public Works Director George Marek described the purpose of the item. In lieu of sidewalks in certain circumstances, builders may contribute the City's determined rate into a bank for the purpose of funding sidewalk projects in other areas. The funds from this bank would be spent on new sidewalks. The City has other funds devoted to sidewalk repair. Sidewalks are

absent in some areas of the City because the need for a sidewalk had not yet been identified, because of obstructions to building the sidewalk, or for other reasons. The Public Works Department would make decisions about sidewalk needs. The best time to put in a sidewalk is when the development is being built.

Mr. Marek said the City is exploring the making the option available for developers to choose to pay into the sidewalk bank because it is less expensive for them. Developers are informed about the Sidewalk Bank. The possibility to pay into the bank instead of building a sidewalk is being considered. Mr. Marek has been using a state formula for contribution calculation.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 2023-22, CITY SIDEWALK BANK POLICY; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Rolfson
Cataldo
Dawson
Walker
Bryant
Crail
Stile
NO None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Comiskey introduced Michelle Janiszewski, who spoke about considering naming the Community Building a historic site. Ms. Janiszewski moderates the Historic Preservation Board, which nominated the Community Building for this status. Ms. Janiszewski asked Council for direction on this matter.

Vice-mayor Crail commented on the historicity of the building. Ms. Janiszewski told Council there would be heightened standards for review for alterations to the building, including those involving landscaping, site improvements, and exterior architectural features.

Council was in support of this item being brought back to Council for approval.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Brackins reported on the progress of activities related to the Consent Order.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Cal Rolfson spoke about painting the Waterman bridge over Donnelly Street. Mr. Sandersfeld explained it would not be painted, but is expected to acquire an appealing patina over time.

Mr. Sandersfeld reported on meetings between the City and the County. There would be a meeting between the two parties the following week.

Councilmember Rolfson spoke about Lady Lake raising the starting salaries for their police officers. The starting salary in Lady Lake is \$10,000.00 more than what is offered in Mount Dora.

Police Chief Gibson reported on his department's hiring and leaving statistics. Out of 16 individuals recently hired, nine have left.

Councilmember Doug Bryant spoke about the following day's ribbon-cutting for the Summerview Park pickleball courts, the ribbon-cutting at the butterfly garden next week, and upcoming holiday events.

Councilmember Dennis Dawson asked Mr. Marek for an update regarding the Duke Energy tree trimming activity. Mr. Marek explained that Duke's attorney met with our attorney. It was made known that the power companies are permitted to trim in their right-of-ways. Mr. Marek got a list of trees slated for removal by Duke.

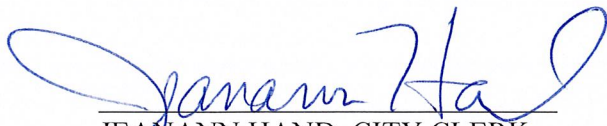
Vice-mayor Marc Crail distributed a summary of attorney bills. The Vice-mayor spoke in support of the Wolf Branch proposal, but cautioned against limiting the city to a set of standards without the County, or other involved parties in concert.

Mayor Crissy Stile spoke about the Summerview courts and Light Up Mount Dora. She announced the lights will come on tomorrow night. She spoke about the parade and the collection for Lake Cares. She reminded those present there are CRA meetings following the Council meeting. Finally, she mentioned the free Thanksgiving meals at Bethel Independent Free Methodist Church.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADJOURN; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m.


JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK
City of Mount Dora



CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora