



CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 15, 2025
City Hall 510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 3275

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, at 6:00 p.m., Vice-mayor Cataldo called to order the July 15, 2025, meeting of the Mount Dora City Council in the City Hall council chamber.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-mayor Cataldo led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

John Cataldo, Vice-mayor
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At-large

Also Present

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager
Patrick Brackins, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Members Not Present

James Homich, Mayor
Marc Crail, District 4

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-mayor Cataldo opened public comment. No one spoke. Vice-mayor Cataldo closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of Fourth Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between Lake County, Florida with the City of Mount Dora for Library Services

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Approval of Contract with Core and Main LP Providing an Advanced Metering Infrastructure

Electric Utility Director Steve Langley explained the purpose of the item.

The City of Mount Dora currently uses a drive-by Automatic Meter Reading system for electric and water meters. To enhance efficiency and service, the Electric Department requested to upgrade to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system. The upgrade includes replacing approximately 6,700 electric meters and conducting a water meter pilot project with further water meter upgrades phased in as budget permits.

The AMI system offers real-time data collection, operational improvements, and enhanced customer service. Features include real-time usage monitoring, bill payment, outage alerts, water leak detection, and personalized alerts, empowering customers to manage their utility consumption more effectively.

Council and staff discussed data retention, the use of the system for water utilities, the degree of cost-savings that will result from use of this software, improved communication available through the new system, improved efficiency offered by the new system, long-term savings that will result from use of this program, ease of data accessibility to customers, the necessity for City trucks to read water meters until the system is implemented for the City's water utility, the ability for customers to opt out of switching to the new system, reasons for opting-out, grant availability, and the ability for customers to view their data to budget their energy usage. Items to be signed after approval of this item are the agreement with Core and Main, the software agreement, and the agreement reserving the frequency for the City's dedicated communication network.

Vice-mayor Cataldo opened public comment. No one spoke. Vice-mayor Cataldo closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CORE AND MAIN LP PROVIDING AN ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 5-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

***YES Cataldo
 Dawson
 Walker
 Rolfson
 Bryant
NO None***

2. Request Approval of Agreement Letter with Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA)

Mr. Langley explained that this item is related to project management for the AMI implementation.

The City participates in FMPA joint purchasing projects, which include a Master Services Agreement between FMPA and Quanta Technology, LLC for AMI support services.

Quanta will provide project management support using a certified AMI project manager as an independent stakeholder for the City's interests. This will include working with Core and Main's project manager in project planning, governance, risk management, action tracking, issue resolution, meter exchange data validation, and overseeing system acceptance tests.

The agreement is with FMPA, which has a deal with Quanta. The cost listed is the cost that will be paid to FMPA for services provided by Quanta.

Council and staff discussed costs.

Vice-mayor Cataldo opened public comment. No one spoke. Vice-mayor Cataldo closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT LETTER WITH FLORIDA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY (FMPA); VICE-MAYOR CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 5-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

***YES Dawson
Rolfson
Cataldo
Walker
Bryant***

NO None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2025-16**, Approving Maximum Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2025-16 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 6.6000 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE PROPOSED LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND PERCENTAGE INCREASES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING A PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE FOR BUDGET ADOPTION; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFIED COPIES; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Sandersfeld and Budget Officer Matthew Dodson presented to Council information about the proposed maximum millage rate and dates for the upcoming budget public hearings.

The proposed maximum millage rate for FY2025-26 is 6.6000 mills, the same as the prior year. While this allows flexibility during budget discussions, the final adopted rate can be lower but not higher without further public notice and hearings.

The required public hearings are scheduled for September 3, 2025 (Special Meeting) and September 16, 2025.

Council and staff discussed reasons for setting a maximum rate that will most likely not be the same amount as the final rate.

Vice-mayor Cataldo opened public comment. No one spoke. Vice-mayor Cataldo closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16, APPROVING MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET; COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 5-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

***YES Walker
Bryant
Dawson
Cataldo
Rolfson
NO None***

2. Request Adoption of **Resolution 2025-31**, Approving Budget Amendment

Mr. Brackins read Resolution 2025-31 by title only.

RESOLUTION 2025-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION OF PROCUREMENT ACTIONS; 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. Dodson told Council that budget amendments require City Council approval when revenue and/or expenditures are increased or decreased from the original approved budget. An extensive mid-year review of revenues and expenditures for each fund found the need for an increased

budget amount for the Wastewater Treatment Plant #2 Expansion project. The amount of the proposed increase is \$1,384,970.

Council and staff discussed the accounting structure demonstrated throughout the documentation of the funds as they move to implement this budget amendment. The increased amount will be drawn from wastewater impact fees. Carry-overs were also discussed.

Vice-mayor Cataldo opened public comment. No one spoke. Vice-mayor Cataldo closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-31, APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 5-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

***YES Dawson
Bryant
Walker
Rolfson
Cataldo
NO None***

PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

1. Odor Issues

Mr. Brackins provided an update on impending actions.

2. Parking

3.

Mr. Sandersfeld reported that decorative lights were installed on the Fifth Avenue path to the parking lot. He informed Council about the Parking Workshop on September 8 at 6:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sandersfeld directed attention to the lobbyist update in the agenda packet. He told Council that Steve Langley would be Acting City Manager while Mr. Sandersfeld attends the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Brackins announced his upcoming attendance at the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association Conference on July 24-26.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Rolfson spoke about the Heartland League of Cities Luncheon presentation on July 11. He commended the City for providing necessary information to the League.

Councilmember Dawson spoke about the Sylvan Park neighborhood's happiness with the Parks and Recreation Department for the work done in their area.

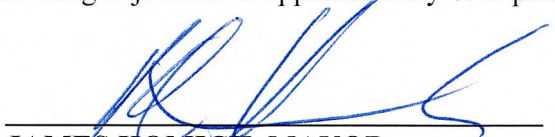
Councilmember Bryant spoke about the Florida Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)'s most recent request and its effect on staff workload.

Vice-mayor Cataldo spoke with Mr. Shonk regarding the current irrigation installation on Tremain Trail. The section upon which work is being done is a pilot section for further work.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.



JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora

JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK