



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

6:00 PM

Town Hall

Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to speak, please use the “raise hand” function and wait to be recognized. If you are attending by phone, dial *9 and you will be called by the last 4 digits of your phone number. Each person will be given 3 minutes to speak, you will need to unmute yourself in order to be heard.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM with Deputy Mayor Rettstatt presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt
Commissioner Michael Wilkinson
Commissioner Tom Shelly
Commissioner Tom Kurey

Absent: 1 - Mayor Gary H. Katica

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

(Discussion of items not on the agenda. Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to speak.)

None to be heard

CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion ensued regarding a possible cancelation/backup date for the race and other events.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

Aye: 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

[20-0294](#) Approval of November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
(approved as part of consent agenda)

[20-0278](#) Special Relief Permit Request: Holiday Family Movie Night
(approved as part of consent agenda)

[20-0290](#) Special Relief Permit: Belleair Sunset 5K & Fun Run
(approved as part of consent agenda)

GENERAL AGENDA

[20-0291](#) Swearing in of Officer Miranda Wincek
Chief Doyle introduced two new members of the police department; Officers Miranda Wincek and Lieutenant Randall Chaney; provided background and experience of both.
Judge Holly Grissinger administered oath to Officer Wincek.

[20-0292](#) Swearing in of Lieutenant Randall Chaney
Judge Holly Grissinger administered the oath to Officer Lieutenant Chaney.

[20-0293](#) Update and Discussion of Long Term Water Supply
JP Murphy-Town Manager-spoke on need for at least two more hearings regarding matter; rate study information finalized, working with Raftelis for a full number for system transfer scenario, would likely include municipal tax.

Commissioner Wilkinson questioned if municipal public service tax would be added if we go with County. Mr. Murphy confirmed and discussed use of tax as funding source for capital projects fund; discussed showing residents what bill would look like with inclusion of MPST.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt spoke on negotiating a reduced amount of time to change from galvanized pipe if transfer to the County. Mr. Murphy clarified it's the service line up to meter not personal connections, able to engage County on; follow up meeting in December to obtain all info for a complete comparison with RO option.

Discussion ensued regarding possible well locations; what area would look like in demo/sale scenario; potential for roadway segment; multiple options available and not necessarily needing to go over all options at this time.

Further discussion regarding Mayor unable to attend through January; possibility of appointing another board member with R.O. knowledge to commission temporarily as charter requires super majority.

Mr. Murphy spoke on super majority requirements; logistics of voting; transfer requires four members in agreement; concerns with further delays.

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-stated he will reach out to the Mayor, appointing another would be a temporary removal.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on importance of issue and need for a full board.

Mr. Murphy reviewed the list requested by the Commission concerning R.O.; possible well locations; matrix of the MPST charges countywide; a rendering or photo shop of what the properties would look like in a systems transfer; matrix of the pricing for the residents.

It was the consensus of the Commission to make a decision in January regarding water.

Commissioner Kurey commented on need for a revised discussion surrounding benefits and risks of each; reviewed the Pinellas County CAFR, and their reserve per customer ratio; also risks with RO; wants to present clearly to residents.

Discussion ensued regarding availability of land for new wells; potential for presentation by Pinellas County later; Pinellas County fiscal health.

Commissioner Kurey stated there was potential that all information may not be available to make decision in January, not wanting to rush.

Mr. Murphy discussed future deadlines and information needed; recommendations from finance and infrastructure boards as well.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy commented on potential for future "lockdowns", COVID restrictions; discussed creating a remote work policy; seeking Commission input on a policy; some positions are "back office" and not necessarily customer facing, potentially able to work from home.

Commissioner Shelly stated a full policy should be flushed out; look at other policies and tailor to Belleair; Deputy Mayor Rettstatt in agreement.

Mr. Murphy questioned percentage of time. Deputy Mayor Rettstatt would like to see director's suggestions of what is thought, 1-2 days a week; to bring policy to the Commission.

STAFF REPORTS

Ashley Bernal- Management Analyst-Employee holiday party at Threshers stadium to provide for social distancing.

Chief Doyle-LPGA event successful; discussed ways to improve next year; Poinsettia Rd. fully open, no issues; effective tomorrow all temporary election signs need removed; reminded of Look, Light, Lock program with upcoming holiday season; Publix donated large quantities of food to various charities, police department helped deliver; provided update on 2020 events and commented all staff on handling of challenges, thanked Commission.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-new payment site will be online in January; Holiday parade upcoming and staff participating.

Keith Bodeker-Construction Project Supervisor-nothing to report.

Cathy DeKarz -Management Analyst-new solid waste holiday magnets going out next

week.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing to report

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Wilkinson-Recreation board did not meet; thanked Chief Doyle and staff for work this year.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt-commented on round-about and having a plan in the new year to correct; update on securing Town Hall and the recreation center.

Mr. Murphy provided update on current protocols in place; commented on grant received for roll down shutters; upgrades in process; building hardening still in planning phase.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt questioned tree ordinance status; clearwater gas; Duke assessment on undergrounding; Mr. Murphy addressed.

Commissioner Shelly thanked all staff for their efforts this year, boards didn't meet.

Commissioner Kurey-Infrastructure board didn't meet; thanked Chief and the police department; spoke on importance of safety and security of residents; thanked all staff.

Discussion ensued regarding the Santa delivery.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:09 PM.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

Aye: 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

TOWN CLERK

DEPUTY MAYOR