

Council Meeting Minutes
3/13/19 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order; Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

In Attendance: Mayor Dudley, Councilmember Howell, Councilmembers DeSimone, Troup and Roberts, Manager Campbell and Attorney Mora

- **Presentation of Florida Bicycle Association 2018 Law Enforcement Agency of the Year Award to the Kenneth City Police Department** - presented by Becky Afonso, Executive Director of the Florida Bicycle Association
Ms. Afonso stated the Town of Kenneth City has one of the most engaging and accessible Police Departments, it has been her pleasure to work with. She stated Chief Riley's dedication and leadership are commendable and inspiring. As a resident of Pinellas County Ms. Afonso can witness that Public Service and Genuine Care of People is alive and well in Kenneth City.

- Mayor Dudley recognized Councilmember Joanne DeSimone for her many years of service to the Town.

- **Administration of Oath's of Office by Town Clerk**
Councilmembers Hautt and Howell were sworn in.
- **Appointment of Vice-Mayor**
Mayor Dudley stated she wanted to continue to have Robert Howell serve as Vice-Mayor.

Motion to Approve: Councilmember Troup
Second: Councilmember Roberts
Motion passed unanimously

- **Consent Agenda for March 2019**

Motion to Approve: Councilmember Troup
Second: Councilmember Roberts
Motion passed unanimously

- **Open Forum-** Attorney Mora assisted a resident with making her public statement, as English is her second language. Malarias Melaro of 5841 52nd St N, had concerns about the new Code Enforcement law that restricts where vehicles can be parked on a property. With an excess number of vehicles, they would have to be parked on the street, which is dangerous. She believes everyone in the community should be educated and that the codes should be enforced consistently throughout the Town.

○ **Old Business**

- **Renewal of the Waste Collection and Disposal Agreement – Waste Connections**

Manager Campbell stated this agreement was on the Agenda previously this year, there was a typo in the agreement we needed to clarify. It was clarified that on the following Holidays -New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, the landfill is closed. There will be no pickups on those days. Your trash will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled day. This is a 3- year extension of an existing contract. The scheduled rate will increase from \$13.00 to \$13.65. We have a Charter item within the Town that specifies if you are a resident of Kenneth City you are regulated to utilized the negotiated waste collection carrier, Waste Solutions.

All in agreement

○ **Mayor/Council/Attorney/Manager/Clerk Comments:**

- Councilmember Troup wanted to thank the Police Department for all they do for the Town.
- Vice-Mayor Howell stated the DPW is also doing a great job.
- Attorney Mora wanted to thank Councilmember DeSimone for her years of service. Welcome to Councilmember Hautt. Attorney Mora will meet, soon with Councilmember Hautt to discuss some of the responsibilities and duties that come with the position. Legislative session has been convened. The biggest issue is legislative encroachment on Home Rule. Expect some memoranda from Attorney Mora in the near future. We are concerned about the Bert Harris Act, which broadly defines what a government taking is and what is a compensable taking, based on land use regulations.
Attorney Mora was been working with the Police in reference to code enforcement issues and Manager Campbell on some legislative issues.
- Manager Campbell summarized his Manager's Report, which was included with the Agenda packet. We have received an inquiry from the owners of the Winn-Dixie property regarding selling their property. Winn-Dixie has renewed their lease in November for 5 years, based on the knowledge we have now, this store will remain. Plaza 66- Bollywood Spice will have a Grand-opening.
Public Works is doing a great job with moving everything out of the storage containers and building modules for storage.
There will be fencing with screening for 9 months, during the construction of the Public Works building.
Alternative parking is being worked on.

○ **Adjournment-**

Motion to Approve:

Councilmember Troup

Second:

Councilmember Roberts

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy McCarthy Matson, Town Clerk