



TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS
"On the Banks of the Suwannee River"

AGENDA

WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes Regular Council Meeting

Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

6:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge Allegiance to Flag**

- 2. Roll Call – Present**
 - Vice-Mayor Anita Rivers Councilwoman Jacqueline Williams
 - Councilwoman Nicole Williams Town Manager Vanessa George
 - Town Attorney Joel Foreman Town Clerk Audre' Ruise
 - Admin Assistant/Utility Clerk Cynethia Williams
 - Assistant Fire Chief Thomas Brazil

- 3. Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda –**
 6. g) Sammy Dye
 7. e) Citizen Complaint
 7. f) Discussion of new Councilmembers

- 4. Citizens from the floor: (five-minutes time limit per speaker)**

- 5. Consent Docket: None**

Approval of Minutes:

March 9, 2021 – Town Hall Meeting

March 19, 2021 – Special Meeting

6. Old Business

- a) **Ordinance 2021–01 – 2nd/ Final Reading and Adoption – Prohibition of simulated gambling devices.** Attorney Foreman read the ordinance and the council voted 3-0 to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 with Jacqueline Williams making the motion and 2nd by Nicole Williams.

- b) **Ordinance 2021-02 (#19-02) – 2nd/Final Reading and Adoption – Charter Repeal.** Attorney Foreman read the ordinance and the council voted 3-0 to adopt Ordinance 2021-02 with Jacqueline Williams making the motion and 2nd by Nicole Williams.
- c) **Ordinance 2019-03 – 1st Reading - Golf Cart Inspection and Enforcement.** Attorney Foreman read the ordinance and the council voted 3-0 with Jacqueline Williams making the motion and 2nd by Nicole Williams. for the ordinance to forward to the 2nd and final reading and adoption phase for the next Town Council meeting.

Citizen Ms. Lumpkin spoke on the issue- according to Ms. Lumpkin this ordinance was not right because riding and driving the golf carts were the only entertainment that her 13-year-old twins had. The council and town manager explained to Ms. Lumpkin that the change in the ordinance was regarding who would inspect them in the absence of a police department. Ms. Lumpkin then asked what the legal age was. Vice mayor Rivers told her 16. Ms. Lumpkins went on to say that was not fair and Town Attorney explained the legal driving age for motor vehicles, ATV, golf carts were all under the state statue.

- d) **MuniCode** – Last month the council voted to hire Municode to build and maintain the towns website. The question was asked by the Town manager whether the council wanted to go with the one-year option at \$6,400 that may possibly increase if the town choose to keep the website the 4-year option at 2,950 per year with no increases. Jacqueline Williams motioned and Nicole Williams 2nd. Motioned passed 3-0 vote.
- e) **Animal Control** – Town Manager Vanessa George is still in negotiations with Hamilton County and will advise the council on its progress.
- f) **Interlocal Agreement with HCSO - TOWS to allow the HCSO to provide law enforcement services.** Town Manager Vanessa George is still in negotiations with Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as they plan to attend and update the council at the May 11th meeting.
- g) **Mr. Sammy Dye** – Mr. Sammie Dye re-appeared before the council requesting to have temporary electrical service to his property after a house fire. Mr. Dye had to clean up at least 60% of his property for council approval. Assist Fire Chief Thomas Brazil with the WSVFD affirmed that Mr. Dye had satisfied more than the 60% clean up. Council voted 3-0 to

allow Mr. Dye his request, with Jacqueline Williams making the motion and 2nd by Nicole Williams.

7. New Business

- a) **May Day** – Town Manager, Vanessa George discussed that due to Covid-19 protocols the TOWS will not sponsor this summer's May Day event. Any festivities all welcomed to be held on private property. Letters will be posted in citizen's utility bills for information. There were also members from the community present. The following spoke from the podium: William Kannady, Ashley Bryant, and Ms. Lumpkin. Discussion ensued from golf carts to youth programs. Mr. Kannady was disappointed that the city sponsored event was cancelled. Mr. Kannady went on to plead his case stating that May Day in White Springs is a non-violent event that has never had any incidents, he went on to say that he would be personally responsible for anything negative that happened because of the event and he had a cleanup crew to clean up the streets afterwards.

Ashley Bryant was in agreement with Mr. Kannady and she too accepted responsibility for the event. The Council offered those present to become part of the various special town hall committees for citizens in the community.

Ms. Lumpkin was also in disagreement with the town for the cancellation of May Day.

- b) **Water Notice** – Town Manager, Vanessa George read and discussed the issue with citizens tampering with the water meters and reconnecting their water after disconnection. Ms. George presented the council with a letter that outlined fees for such illegal activity that will be included in next month utility bills.
- c) **Discussion on Rules of Decorum** - Attorney Foreman reiterated general meeting protocols and Roberts Rules of Order.
- d) **New Request Form for Citizen Comments** – Vice-Mayor Rivers discussed the new form for citizens that may want to speak at future council meetings; as they will need to complete the new request form before each meeting and return to Town Clerk, Audre' Ruise and be recognized by the council to speak from the podium.

- e) **Citizen Complaint** – Joe Griffin sent a Complaint filed on Attorney Foreman, Town Manager George, and Town Clerk, Ruise. Vice Mayor Rivers read both complaints. Council member Jacqueline Williams motioned that both complaints be dismissed due to lack of evidence. Council member Nicole Williams 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Griffin’s complaints were dismissed.

- f) **Discussion on Appointment of New Council Member** – Vice Mayor Rivers announced that citizen Mary Berry was interested in becoming a council member. Mrs. Berry was introduced and spoke at the podium on her interest and her career background. After motion passed, council voted 3-0 on Mrs. Berry’s appointment to Town Council.

8. Departmental/Administrative Comments

- a) Public - None
- b) Departments - None
- c) Council - None

Adjourned at 8:45p

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR PURPOSE THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICPATE IN THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Town Manager/Town Clerk or Designee