

**SNEADS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2021**

The Town Council of the Town of Sneads, Florida met in regular session at the Sneads Town Hall on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

See attached minutes provided by Town Manager.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Sherri B. Griffin, City Clerk

MIKE WEEKS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT



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REPORT OF SNEADS TOWN COUNCIL – JULY 13, 2021

1. The regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6 PM, Tuesday, July 13, 2021, by Council President Mike Weeks. Councilmembers present were Donovan Weeks, Anthony Money, and Angie Locke. Absent was Councilmember George Alexander. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer opened the meeting. Approval was given to approve the minutes of June 2021, Acceptance of Financial Report and Budget Review Summary, along with payment of bills on motions made and seconded, with 4-0 votes on each.
2. The first action item was consideration to rescinding the vote made on November 12, 2019, by council to move the Fire Department to south of the railroad tracks on land to be donated. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Money, seconded by Councilman Weeks, to rescind the motion of November 12, 2019, regarding moving the Sneads Fire Department. Vote on the motion was 4-0.
3. Next action item was consideration of approval for Town Manager to attend the annual Florida League Conference in Orlando during August 12-14, 2021. Councilman Weeks made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Money, and carried by a 4-0 vote.
4. Ordinance No. 2021-02 regarding age of mobile homes to be allowed in the Town was read by title on second reading. A motion was made by Councilman Weeks, seconded by Councilmember Locke to approve, and carried on a 4-0 vote.
5. Town Manager Garner presented his report which was contained in written form for the council members. Topics discussed were non-receipt of FRDAP grant for the Dodson Property off Gloster due to the state only allocating \$550,000 statewide for the grants. We applied for a \$200,000 grant and were in the funding level if adequate funds had been appropriated by the Legislature, but our grant remains in contention if additional FRDAP funds are allocated this year. If not, we will apply again in next year's cycle. He also stated a catfish tournament will be held in conjunction with the Jackson TDC on September 11th and 12th, sponsored by "THE SIZEMATTERS TRAIL" FISHING Association and will honor first responders, at Sneads Park. Vendor's and other activities will be available from 11:00 am on Saturday and the tournament will start at around 6 PM and weigh in will be at 8:30 AM, Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend. Next, he reported that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has approved an application for Mr. Jason Loper to conduct special order sales and firearms transfers from his residence. There will be no manufacturing or commercial retail sales authorized. He informed council his packet contained a list of new laws that went into effect July 1st that were passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor. Discussed new agreement for a consultant to assist with Water Treatment Plant doing samples, daily visits and all paperwork required under our state permit, due to the inability of hire an employee for several months. Informed council that we had been donated three (3) used police patrol vehicles; two from St Lucie County Sheriff's Department and one from the City of

Blountstown, and by this it would alleviate the need to purchase a new one in next budget and we could take that money saved to work toward getting all our employees to the \$15.00 per hour federally mandated minimum wage. He also reported that most of the major repairs to the WWTP and Pivot system have been completed with final completion in early August. Mr. Garner also brought up an item discussed at last council meeting regarding possible declaring of the south end of Gerald Street as surplus to the needs of the Town. He stated contact had been made with the Beauchamp family and their property was not part of the section in question, so they had no reason to be part of the matter but did not object to it being declared surplus. After some more discussion and comments from the Town Attorney, council made a motion of its intention to declare the south end section of Gerald Street as surplus. Town Manager and Town Attorney to draw up a Resolution for approval at next council meeting.

6. Town Attorney reminded everyone of the Mandatory Ethics Training to be conducted on Saturday, July 17th in council chambers, starting at 8 AM.
7. Citizens Comments: Mr. Ron Mansfield addressed the council with his concerns about some council members have hidden agendas and not following procedures and policies. He expressed concern about agenda's not being made available in a timely manner. Town Manager stated that in the future agendas would be ready and on the webpage by noon on Friday prior to council meeting the next Tuesday for citizens information.
8. Council Comments:
 - a. Councilman Money stated he wanted to ensure that the Fire Department and Police Department were part of any discussions for a new facility and location.
 - b. Councilmember Locke stated she had received information about the possibility of Graceville School having some surplus recreation equipment since it is closed and is now owned by Rex Lumber Company. Town Manager to investigate this matter to see if there is anything the Town could utilize. Councilman Money stated he had a phone number for a contact at Rex Lumber Company he would provide the Town Manager.
 - c. Council President Weeks stated he made a statement at the June meeting he would be making some prepared remarks regarding his recent ethics charge, where he was declared not guilty. Due to ongoing legal issues of the Town, he will wait until action is taken on this matter before made his planned comments.
 - d. Councilmember Weeks asked about status of Recreation Director. Town Manager stated he was still attempting to hire someone to maintain the fields and was also working with a group of parents/citizens who are discussing how to best do coordination for recreation programs for the Town. As progress on this process evolves, more information will be made available.

Nothing further the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

LEE GARNER, TOWN MANAGER

CC: Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Local Newspapers