



CITY OF WINTER GARDEN

City Commission REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2023

REGULAR MEETING of the Winter Garden City Commission was called to order by Mayor Rees at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 300 West Plant Street, Winter Garden, Florida. An Opening Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given.

Present:

Mayor John Rees
Commissioner District 1 - Lisa L. Bennett
Commissioner District 2 - Ron Mueller
Commissioner District 3 - Mark A. Maciel
Commissioner District 4 - Colin Sharman

Also Present:

City Manager Jon C. Williams
City Attorney Dan Langley
City Clerk Angee Grimmage

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Maciel to approve regular meeting minutes of December 8, 2022 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

2. **FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

- A. **Ordinance 22-40:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LANDS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 30.24 ± ACRES LOCATED ON TILDEN ROAD; SOUTH OF TILDEN ROAD, WEST OF WEST ORANGE COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, AND EAST OF TINY ROAD INTO THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA; REDEFINING THE CITY BOUNDARIES TO GIVE THE CITY JURISDICTION OVER SAID PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- B. **Ordinance 22-41:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE WINTER GARDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 30.24 ± ACRES LOCATED ON TILDEN ROAD; SOUTH OF TILDEN ROAD, WEST OF WEST ORANGE COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, AND EAST OF TINY ROAD; FROM ORANGE COUNTY VILLAGE TO CITY SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- C. **Ordinance 22-42:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 30.24 ± ACRES LOCATED ON TILDEN ROAD; SOUTH OF TILDEN ROAD, WEST OF WEST ORANGE COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, AND EAST OF TINY ROAD; FROM ORANGE COUNTY A-1(CITRUS RURAL DISTRICT) TO CITY PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AS SET FORTH IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PUD REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIBING THE DEVELOPMENT AS THE TILDEN CLUB PUD; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Dan Langley stated that staff requests postponement of Ordinances 22-40, 22-41 and 22-42 to a date uncertain. He noted that the ordinances would be re-advertised and brought back to a future City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett to POSTPONE Ordinances 22-40, 22-41 and 22-42 to a date uncertain. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

- D. **Ordinance 23-02:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA REZONING APPROXIMATELY 0.23 ± ACRES LOCATED AT 114 FLORIDA AVENUE, NORTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WEST OF CHARLES STREET, EAST OF SOUTH DILLARD STREET, AND SOUTH OF FLORIDA AVENUE FROM CITY R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO CITY C-3 PROFESSIONAL OFFICE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Dan Langley read Ordinance 23-02 by title only. Planning Director Kelly Carson stated that this is a request to rezone property located at 114 Florida Avenue. She noted that the owner also owns some of the adjacent properties. The request is to rezone the subject property, which currently contains a single family home, from R-2 Residential District to C-3 Professional Office District in order to use the property as an office. Staff has reviewed the proposed C-3 zoning and found it to be consistent with the property's (COM) Commercial Future Land Use designation and recommends approval of the ordinance.

There was discussion on whether the surrounding neighbors had any issues with this item. It was noted that community meetings would be held when the site plan is brought forward to convert the property, community input would be received at that time. Also discussed was a C-3 Professional being an office zoning, which limits usage to low intensity. It was noted that redeveloping the existing building was also favorable.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett to approve Ordinance 23-02 with a second reading and public hearing January 26, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Mueller and carried unanimously 5-0.

- E. **Ordinance 23-03:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-35, THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET TO CARRY FORWARD PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Dan Langley read Ordinance 23-03 by title only. City Manager Williams stated that Ordinance 23-03 amends the current year budget to carry forward prior year appropriations for projects, equipment, or items budgeted, but not purchased or

completed by year end of fiscal year 2022. He noted differences in the amounts and gave reasons as to the change in the amounts such as a majority of the expenditures being for Marsh Road, some expenditures for East Winter Garden and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and some heavy equipment. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 23-03 with a second reading scheduled for January 26, 2023.

Mayor Rees inquired of the meters, wondering if they were extra. City Manager Williams reminded of past efforts to replace the old meters and noted that these are the additional meters to complete the last phase of that project.

There was discussion on any issues with the meters that have been replaced and it was noted that the City Manager would follow up on this item as it was started prior to his taking office, but he had not heard of any issues to date.

Mayor Rees opened the public hearing; hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Mueller to approve Ordinance 23-03 with a second reading and public hearing January 26, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

3. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance 22-44:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF WINTER GARDEN A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN AUTHORIZING THE CITY COMMISSION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CITY MANAGER IS REQUIRED TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A BALLOT TITLE, SUMMARY, AND TEXT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY, AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE AMENDMENT IF APPROVED, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE

City Attorney Dan Langley read Ordinance 22-44 by title only. City Clerk Grimmage noted that this is the second reading of Ordinance 22-44. She noted that a motion was made on April 14, 2022 to extend residency requirements for the City Manager through March 2023. This was approved by the City Commission with the intent that the City would submit a question to the electorate on the March 14, 2023 ballot. The question addresses whether the City should remove the residency requirement as noted under § 28 of the City's Charter and give the discretion to the City Commission. She noted that this ordinance contains the language for that ballot question.

Mayor Rees noted that he believes the City Commission should withdraw this ordinance. He noted that there would not be an election, all polling places would be required to open all over the City, it would be costly and have a questionable turnout. In his opinion, he thinks the City would be wasting its time, energy and money.

Commissioner Mueller concurred, noting that the City Charter already empowers the City Commission by reason of good cause. He feels that good cause has been demonstrated in this decision as the City Manager has exemplified himself in his role. He feels there is no reason to usurp this decision. There was discussion on an extension, if necessary.

Motion by Commissioner Mueller to WITHDRAW Ordinance 22-44. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. **Resolution 23-01**: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE QUALIFYING RESULTS OF THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICTS 1 AND 5; AND THE CANDIDATES DULY ELECTED TO OFFICE BY VIRTUE OF NO OPPOSITION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM THROUGH MARCH 9, 2027.

City Attorney Dan Langley read Resolution 23-01 by title only. City Clerk Grimmage stated that Resolution 23-01 declares that the incumbents, Lisa L. Bennett, candidate for District 1, and John Rees, candidate for District 5 (At Large), were re-elected by virtue of no opposition for a four-year term through March 09, 2027. She noted that the Oath of Offices would be administered at the March 23, 2023 meeting, which would have followed the March 14, 2023 election.

Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve Resolution 23-01. Seconded by Commissioner Maciel and carried unanimously 5-0

- B. **Recommendation to approve 2023 Vote Processing Equipment Use Agreement and Election Services Contract with Orange County Supervisor of Elections**

City Clerk Angee Grimmage stated that this agreement would still need to be in place in the event of any special circumstances. She noted the question on page nine should be answered yes as the City of Winter Garden's Election Canvassing Board has adopted the Orange County's Canvassing Board criteria since 2008.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett approve 2023 Vote Processing Equipment Use Agreement and Election Services Contract with Orange County Supervisor of Elections. Seconded by Commissioner Maciel and carried unanimously 5-0.

- C. **Recommendation to waive formal procurement procedures and allow City Manager to sign contract with Sorko Services for Cleanup of Lake Reaves in the amount of \$112,125 which includes a 15% contingency**

Assistant City Manager of Public Services Stephen Pash noted the City working with Orange County and Windermere Crossing neighborhoods over the last couple years. This work was to establish and expand the existing Lake Roberts Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) assessment to include Lake Reaves. He noted that this MSBU was approved last year and the City agreed to help with the Lake Reaves cleanup prior to

Orange County doing their spraying process. He spoke of receiving two quotes for having the vegetation removed and detailed the services offered. Staff requests waiving the formal procurement procedures and allow the City Manager to sign the contract with Sorko Services with a maximum cost of \$112,125 which includes a 15 percent contingency.

There was discussion and clarification on the quotes being for the entire lake, completion of the entire project and the areas to be covered.

Motion by Commissioner Maciel to waive formal procurement procedures and allow the City Manager to sign the contract with Sorko Services for Cleanup of Lake Reaves in the amount of \$112,125 which includes a 15% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

- D. Recommendation to waive formal procurement procedures and allow City Manager to piggyback City of Ormond Beach contract and hire U.S. Water Services Corporation to provide a Class "A" Wastewater Plant Operator in the amount of \$65,975

Assistant City Manager of Public Services Stephen Pash stated that the chief operating officer for the wastewater plant is temporarily on leave and a Class A operator is required by law to run the plant. Staff recommends waiving the formal procurement procedure and allowing the City Manager to piggyback the City of Ormond Beach contract and hire the U.S. Water Services Corporation. It was noted that the six month service would cost \$65,975. There was discussion on this contract being reasonable considering benefits coverage. It was noted that the regular operator could return before that timeframe and the ability to terminate the contract at any time.

City Manager Williams indicated that an employee has gone through the Class "A" operator training, but a number of hours are required before the activation of that license.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett to waive formal procurement procedures and allow the City Manager to piggyback the City of Ormond Beach contract and hire U.S. Water Services Corporation to provide a Class "A" Wastewater Plant Operator in the amount of \$65,975. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0

- E. Recommendation for City Manager to sign Revenue Agreement between The City of Winter Garden and St. Johns River Water Management District in the amount of \$100,000

City Engineer Jim Monahan stated that staff has been working with the St. Johns River Water Management District to finalize a revenue agreement. In the agreement, a portion of the design and permitting of the Lake Apopka Dredging and Material Placement project would be funded by the City of Winter Garden. The project consists of channel dredging and near shore habitat dredging in the vicinity of the Newton Park boat ramp. Placement of dredge material can be on district-owned Lake Apopka North

Shore (LANS) property or potentially dewatered and used for an alternative beneficial use. He noted that the proposed dredging would also provide a Lake Apopka water quality benefit by removing unconsolidated flocculent that is easily re-suspended due to wave energy. Dredging the channel provides a benefit by removing sediment for boat navigation. Staff recommends allowing for the City Manager to sign the Revenue Agreement in the amount of \$100,000.

There was discussion on the timeline of the dredged material returning, efforts to address this issue, a cleaner lake, and the next phase of this effort being quite extensive.

Motion by Commissioner Sharman to approve the City Manager sign the Revenue Agreement between The City of Winter Garden and St. Johns River Water Management District in the amount of \$100,000. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett and carried unanimously 5-0

F. Recommendation to approve SITE PLAN for 459 9th Street (West Orange Boys & Girls Club), subject to the conditions

Planning Director Kelly Carson stated that this is an application for City-owned property located at 459 9th Street, a planned commercial development. She described the applicant as the West Orange Boys & Girls Club, who intend to build phase one of their building on the southwest portion of the City's property. She described the proposed plan and site improvements, noting the intent to build a phase two of the plan would be at a later date. Ms. Carson stated that staff has worked closely with this applicant and approval is recommended.

Mayor Rees noted his excitement for the City to receive this project.

Commissioner Maciel recognized Randy June for his efforts in this project, from its start to this point and he thanked him, noting that it has been a long time coming and is a great project.

Commissioner Mueller addressed parking and the ability to expand should future demand warrant it. Ms. Carson explained items that would fall in phase two of the project and noted what is allowed by code.

Motion by Commissioner Maciel to approve SITE PLAN for 459 9th Street (West Orange Boys & Girls Club), subject to the conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett and carried unanimously 5-0.

G. Recommendation to approve SITE PLAN for 12623 W Colonial Drive (Westside Station), subject to the conditions

Planning Director Kelly Carson stated that this is a site plan approval request for property located at 12623 West Colonial Drive. She noted that the zoning is C-2 and has a commercial future land use designation. She indicated that this is the location of a

former Raceway gas station and convenience store. The applicant is proposing to redevelop the site, maintaining and renovating the former retail site as well as proposing an additional commercial building on the property. All would be occupied by retail, restaurant or professional office uses. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, subject to conditions.

Commissioner Bennett sought clarification that this was a gas station and in the future it will not be. Ms. Carson responded that this is correct and expounded on some of the proposed uses. Commissioner Bennett further inquired as to what they would do with the tanks. Ms. Carson responded that these would be removed.

Commissioner Mueller voice his concerns about the chain linked fence. There was discussion on other options, continuation of an existing chain linked fence, the intent to grow vining plants on the fence to soften the look, and it being an industrial area. Ms. Sharon Williams, developer and representative for this project displayed the site plan renderings and explained the fenced area. City Manager Jon C. Williams clarified that the intent was to have a living wall in this area. Ms. Williams responded that this is correct, explained how the three separate buildings would share greenspace and how a hard fence between the buildings would not be as aesthetically pleasing. There was discussion on this fencing being at the back of the building and a satisfying alternative.

Motion by Commissioner Sharman SITE PLAN for 12623 West Colonial Drive (Westside Station), subject to the conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Mueller and carried unanimously 5-0.

H. Recommendation to approve SITE PLAN for 761 & 771 Garden Commerce Pkwy (Winter Garden Flex), subject to the conditions

Planning Director Kelly Carson stated that this site plan approval request is for a property located at 761 & 771 Garden Commerce Parkway, a planned industrial development (PID). The applicant is proposing to construct four new buildings on the lot for office and warehouse uses. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval, subject to conditions.

Motion by Commissioner Maciel SITE PLAN for 761 & 771 Garden Commerce Pkwy (Winter Garden Flex), subject to the conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

I. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Planning and Zoning Board

Planning Director Kelly Carson noted that three members of the Planning and Zoning Board terms are up and have expressed their desire to be re-appointed. She named them as Joe Dunn, Mark Hide and Steve Ambielli. Staff recommends approval of the three members being re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Bennett noted that she had spoken with Joe Dunn, who expressed his desire to stay on this board.

Commissioner Mueller noted that he would nominate Linda F. Bennett from District 2 for this cycle and read her credentials.

Mayor Rees stated that Joe Dunn was the Vice-Chairman for this board, who members on the board have stated has done a good job. He wondered as to the reasoning behind the replacement. Commissioner Mueller noted that he had two seats for his District and lost one last year. Commissioner Bennett noted that her preference would be to keep people on the board who have the experience and want to stay.

Mayor Rees noted that each vote would be done separately.

Motion by Commissioner Mueller to appoint Linda F. Bennett (*District 2*) to the Planning and Zoning Board. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Maciel noted that he would like to keep Mark Hide, who is doing a good job on this board.

Motion by Commissioner Maciel to appoint Mark Hide (*District 3*) to the Planning and Zoning Board. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett and carried unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Sharman noted that he is fine with Steve Ambielli going back on and confirmed this approval with staff.

Motion by Commissioner Sharman to appoint Steve Ambielli (*District 4*) to the Planning and Zoning Board. Seconded by Commissioner Mueller and carried unanimously 5-0.

J. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Code Enforcement Board

Planning Director Carson stated that one member of the Code Enforcement Board has recently resigned and there is one open seat. Staff recommends appointment of one new member to the Code Enforcement Board.

Commissioner Mueller nominated Dan Welsh and read his credentials.

There was discussion that District 1 was already well represented on this board.

Motion by Commissioner Mueller to appoint Dan Welsh (*District 2*) to the Code Enforcement Board. Seconded by Commissioner Maciel and carried unanimously 5-0.

The City Commission acknowledged and thanked Mr. Welsh, who was present in the audience.

K. BOARD APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION: Winter Garden Police & Firefighters Pension Board (Fifth Trustee)

City Clerk Angee Grimage stated that this item is a ministerial duty of the City Commission. The fifth trustee Phil Cross has been unanimously chosen by the Winter Garden Police & Firefighters' Pension Board and confirmation of the appointment, as stated in City Code, is needed by the City Commission. Staff recommends approval of the appointment confirmation of trustee Phil Cross to the Winter Garden Police & Firefighters' Pension Board for a four-year term through December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett to confirm appointment of Phil Cross (Fifth Trustee) to the Winter Garden Police & Firefighters' Pension Board for a four-year term through December 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Mueller and carried unanimously 5-0.

L. Recommendation to approve a SPECIAL EVENT for the Winter Garden Heritage and Music Festival, Saturday, February 11, 2023 with street closure

Planning Director Kelly Carson stated that the City proposes holding the Heritage and Music event downtown on Saturday, February 11, 2023, in part, to commemorate the City's 120th Anniversary. She noted various exhibits, activities throughout the downtown, event times and road closures.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett to approve Winter Garden Heritage and Music Festival, Saturday, February 11, 2023 with street closure. Seconded by Commissioner Mueller and carried unanimously 5-0.

5. **MATTERS FROM PUBLIC**

Joseph Richardson, 220 N. Highland Avenue, Winter Garden, Florida, voiced concerns of the City's response to some of his past questions relating to religious versus non-religious events, advertisement thereof, invocations and options which provides equal access and equal treatment for all citizens of Winter Garden.

Norine Dworkin, Editor in Chief of VoxPopuli news organization of Winter Garden, Florida, stated that the City did a wonderful job with the Hanukkah celebration. She specifically thanked Parks and Recreation Director Laura Coar for her efforts in this event. She thanked Commissioner Mueller for his personal promotion of the event on social media. She shared some of the positive feedback she received from the community.

Zach Waxler, 227 Timbercreek Pines Circle, Winter Garden, Florida, congratulated Commissioner Lisa L. Bennett on her re-election to District 1, spoke of how beautiful the district is and he feels she is doing a great job. He also congratulated Mayor Rees on his re-

election, expressing that he is also doing a great job and he hopes the Mayor does another four years even after this term.

6. **MATTERS FROM CITY ATTORNEY** – There were no items.

7. **MATTERS FROM CITY MANAGER** – Jon C. Williams

City Manager Jon C. Williams wished everyone a very happy new year and congratulated Mayor Rees and Commissioner Lisa L. Bennett on their unopposed re-election.

Mr. Williams reminded of events such as the MLK Parade and celebration event on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., the Garden Theatre activities such as Rock of Ages on January 25, 2023, and the West Orange Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony on new homes located on Bethune Avenue on February 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Williams also addressed some activities that would happen this year as the City celebrates its 120th year anniversary on February 11, 2023. He mentioned some items with a new logo regarding this celebration.

Mr. Williams noted that the East Winter Garden Scholarship celebration would be held at Tanner Hall on February 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

8. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Sharman thanked staff for their good job and efforts while the City Manager was out. He also congratulated Commissioner Lisa L. Bennett and Mayor John Rees on their re-election.

Commissioner Maciel congratulated Mayor John Rees and Commissioner Lisa L. Bennett on their re-election, voicing that it is well deserved. He thanked staff for everything during the holidays, noting his out of town visitors had a world class experience. He again thanked everyone regarding the previously approved Boys and Girls Club, stating it will do great things for East Winter Garden. Additionally, he indicated that he would not be available to attend the MLK celebration, but Mayor Rees would attend in his stead and that he would be there in spirit. It was noted that they would have both the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Commissioner Maciel announced that the City wanted to do an additional honorary item for the late Pastor Anthony Hodge and especially for his wife Sharee Hodge, noting their great non-profit organization, Finding the Lost Sheep. He stated that the City would aid the organization with a \$2,500 donation, recognizing their loss of Pastor Hodge and wanting to assist Sharee Hodge in continuing her great work in East Winter Garden.

Motion by Commissioner Maciel to approve a \$2,500 donation to Finding the Lost Sheep. Seconded by Commissioner Sharman and carried unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Mueller congratulated Mayor Rees and Commissioner Lisa L. Bennett on their re-election. He also thanked all City staff, gave stats of visitors who attended the holiday events, welcomed back City Manager Williams, and thanked Assistant City Manager Frank Gilbert for his efforts during the City Manager's absence.

Commissioner Mueller gave an emotional tribute to Officer Terry Westwood, who recently passed away, sharing some of his past history and praising the turnout of those who came out to pay tribute.

Commissioner Bennett spoke of the holidays, the impact on the Parks and Recreation Director Laura Coar and staff. She voiced appreciation for all that they do and how those efforts drew visitors who took pictures. Commissioner Bennett also recognized the first responders and the additional work they offer during the holidays. She shared an event involving the need for the first responders to transport a neighbor and how grateful she was that they could respond and also transport.

Commissioner Bennett voiced that she was glad that the City Manager is back. She expressed that she is super glad that our Mayor would be our Mayor for another four-years. Additionally, she noted missing the opportunity to thank former I T Director Chad Morrill for all that he did before he left, and she recognizes how very blessed we are to have our staff.

Mayor Rees echoed others comments, stating that it is a lot of work on staff, but our town looks absolutely beautiful and are second to none. He wanted to be sure that staff always realizes how appreciative he is also as a resident.

Mayor Rees shared how a gentleman was having a heart attack and Police Captain Jason Pearson kept the gentleman calm. He shared how it was a privilege to see our first responders in action and asked that his thanks be passed along to him.

Mayor Rees emotionally addressed being re-elected, stating that he thanks everyone. He expressed that it is not him, but City staff, the City Manager, the City Commission, mostly God and his wife. He noted that it is a lot of responsibility and thanked everyone again including the citizens of Winter Garden.

Mayor Rees noted he would also like to sarcastically comment on Duke Energy's recent cutting of trees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 /S/
City Clerk Angee Grimmage, CMC

 /S/
Mayor John Rees