

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF**

CITY COMMISSION – CITY OF CARRABELLE, FL

**1206 HWY 98 E
CARRABELLE, FL 32322**

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**DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023,
PLACE: CARRABELLE CITY HALL**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M.
1206 HWY 98 EAST**

**6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

CONSENT AGENDA

- June 1, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 20, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- Attorney's Invoices

Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*(Comments are kept at a maximum of **3 minutes**. You may comment on a non-agenda item or a non-action item for up to 3-minutes when recognized by the mayor. Items brought forth during "Public Comment" requiring a Commission vote will be requested to be placed on the upcoming meeting agenda. If you would like to speak during "Public Comment," **complete a speaker card** which must be submitted to City Administrative personnel prior to the start of the meeting in order for you to speak.)*

Lynn Wilder with Keep Franklin Co Beautiful

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Comm. Walden: none

Comm. Brown: I hope everyone had a wonderful Independence Day. The parade, hay rides, and fireworks were a big hit. It is getting better every year. My hopes are that we can expand the footprint and grow our celebration next year, as other areas of the county have.

Tomorrow night is First Friday downtown. Most businesses will be open late with refreshments, art, and music. Last month was a lot of fun and it was great seeing our locals out visiting the shops.

Comm. Millender: ideas on ways to improve and expand golf cart parade, great job

Comm. Gray: none

Mayor La Paz: Reported Amendment 2 of the DEP SRF loan agreement for the expansion of the Lighthouse Estates water distribution system was signed by the Administrator. Loan amount is \$257,950 with forgiveness of \$128,975. With capitalized interest of \$504.78, the total loan amount is \$129,479.78. Semiannual payments of \$7,209.02 with the last payment scheduled on February 15, 2031. Payments to be funded with water base rate revenues from the 192 new accounts at Lighthouse Estates.

Reported at the June 14th TDC meeting, the TDC board discussed the statute governing TDCs allows for TDC revenues to fund infrastructure at sports parks. I suggested the addition of a disc golf course and a splash pad would be popular with residents and tourists. Chairman Jones explained the DW Wilson Park in Apalachicola is 15 acres, the Vrooman ball fields in Eastpoint are only 4-1/2 acres, but the Kendrick Sports Complex just east of Carrabelle is 89 acres. Discussion about a possible disc golf course at Kendrick Park was positive, but not so much for a splash pad. The TDC board members made a recommendation to the County Commission to use TDC funds for upgrades and new facilities at the Franklin County sports complexes. The Mayor reported if sports park infrastructure funding is an allowable expenditure of TDC revenues, she will stay on top of the addition of a disc golf course at the Kendrick Sports Complex where there is plenty of acreage for this very popular game.

In early June, property owners at **Carrabelle Landing** requested the Mayor and the city's engineer to meet with them regarding stormwater drainage issues in

their subdivision. On June 23rd, Courtney, Dustin, Russell, and the Mayor met on site with the property owners. Everyone walked the affected properties, about 4 or 5 lots. Dustin and Russell hiked the outbound drainage ditch with culverts out to McKissack Lake and Airport Road. They looked at online aerial maps of the location. It was determined by Mr. Large that the drainage issues remained on private property only and were not any fault of the city.

The improvements to the corner at NW 4th St and NW Ave G are in progress. The County Roads Dept assisted with squaring up the corner by grading and adding more road base. The City funded tree removal at that corner and will add another load of road base to level out the uneven areas at the corner.

On June 27th, the Mayor received a report from a local citizen regarding daily sign removal and cutting of the lines marking off the Wilson plover nesting area at McKissack Beach, as well as loose dogs crossing into the nesting area. The citizen reported that chicks have hatched, that this is an important active shorebird area, and requested the users of McKissack Beach to please keep their dogs controlled on a leash to help the volunteers protect the shorebird nesting areas.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: none

City Administrator: Department Reports.

- Marine St Boat Ramp informational signage posted.
- Progress of Old Water Plant new roof and quotes for windows and doors.

City Clerk: July 18, 2023; 1:30 p.m.; regular CRA meeting

- July 20, 2023; 2:00 p.m.; regular Planning & Zoning meeting
- Next City Commission meeting on August 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Inovia: reviews submitted report

PUBLIC HEARING: None

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QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING:

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action concerning a special exception to allow a residential use which is currently zoned with a C-1 Mixed Use Commercial located at 207 W 10th St in Carrabelle. Requested by Vicki McGuyer. Commissioner Walden motions to approve, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Item 1: Discussion and possible action regarding hiring for a Water Tech I. Charles Painter recommends Thomas Lee Evans
Commissioner Walden motions to hire Mr. Evans, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 2. Discussion and possible action concerning amending 2COP beer and wine license at 203 6th St W. Mornin' Bite. Requested by Ryan Brisbin
- Request to change to 8COP to include liquor
 - Request to add outdoor seating to place (5) picnic tables in the gravel area near the woods to the North. This would add (40) new seats to get to the required (120) seats.
- Commissioner Brown motions to approve, Commissioner Gray seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 3. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 480 (Consumption of Alcohol on Premises). Requested by Commissioner Gray.
Commissioner Brown motions to direct staff to prepare draft ordinance regarding Commissioner Gray suggestion of changing the distance to 500 ft door to door, Commissioner Millender seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action regarding funding assistance for outdoor lift at Carrabelle History Museum.
\$15,140
Commissioner Millender motions to approve funding, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn 7:25

NOTE: Anyone needing action taken by the Commission needs to be placed on the agenda and all required paperwork submitted by Wednesday, 8 days prior to meeting.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting. (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Keisha Messer at the above address or phone number.