

Bermuda Run Town Council

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
9:00 a.m. – Town Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Kenneth Rethmeier, John Guglielmi, Jerry West, Mike Ernst, and Rick Cross

Council Members Absent: Ed Coley

Also Present: Lee Rollins, Town Manager; Brian Williams, Town Attorney; Christy Schafer, Planning Board Chair; Cindy Griffith, Town Clerk; Bill Holdgrafer, BR West resident; Erin Burris, Benchmark Planning; Chris Fowler, Kinderton Village resident

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ken Rethmeier called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Council Member Rick Cross made the motion to move item 5C to 5A and Council Member Mike Ernst seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed. Council Member Jerry West made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, and Council Member Rick Cross seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

3. Approval of the August 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22 Agenda Meeting. Council Member Rick Cross seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

4. Citizen's Comments – No citizens wished to speak.

5. Items for Consideration

A. Review of Potential Agreement for law Enforcement Services

Council members have expressed concerns with a lack of enforcement of underage driving of golf carts and speeding within residential areas on town streets. Due to a rash of residential area vehicle break-ins within the gated community, some Council Members also feel there may be an intrinsic value associated with “dedicated” law enforcement coverage within the town limits, as well as a more visual presence of law enforcement dedicated to the business community. Town Manager Lee Rollins provided clarification to the distinction between streets within the gated and non-gated portions of the Town street system. Also provided was a 2015 versus 2017 comparison of law enforcement activity within the corporate limits of the Town of Bermuda Run. Town Attorney, Brian Williams also provided clarification regarding the official action that can be taken by a deputy within the Town. Some of the questions/concerns that were discussed were over what would be the difference between adopting this and what we currently have – is the cost worth it? Also, it was stressed that the additional services may set unrealistic expectations from residents. One of the big plusses that the Mayor related is speed control for Kinderton Village, which has been a major complaint. Another positive would be more visibility of the Sheriff's department and “acting versus reacting” to situations that may occur within the Town.

*Mayor Ken Rethmeier requested that the Town Manager place on the October Town Council Meeting for action. The Town Council will vote on this matter on October 10. *Note – at this time, Council Member Mike Ernst left the meeting due to another engagement.*

B. Proposed Engagement with "Development Finance Initiative"

Scope of Services is proposed in two phases. Phase I will provide parcel analysis and opportunity site identification at a cost of \$12,000. Phase II for sites determined to be key development opportunities, DFI can provide site-specific, pre-development services at a cost of \$63,000. Davie County Economic Development Commission has agreed to pay for Phase I of the engagement if the Town Council approves the service agreement. The Planning Board was impressed with their presentation as this would provide an objective third party view regarding land use.

Mayor Ken Rethmeier requested that the Town Manager add to the agenda for the October 10 Council Meeting.

C. Resolution Supporting Davie County Bike and Pedestrian Planning Grant

NCDOT allows counties under 50,000 population to apply for bicycle and pedestrian planning grants. The Town Manager recommends partnering with Davie County for a more comprehensive bike and pedestrian plan that will connect Bermuda Run to the Advance and Farmington areas. Mayor Rethmeier also reminded Council that reducing the speed limit on Hwy. 158 and 801 to 35 MPH will also allow paths on those highways.

Council Member Jerry West made a motion approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rick Cross. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3) in favor and none opposed.

6. Other Business –

Erin Burris with Benchmark Planning gave an update to the Council regarding the Compressive Plan, requesting that a Public Hearing be set for November 14 to adopt the final plan. She requested that Town Council communicate to her regarding their feedback before October 11.

7. Council/Mayor Comments

- Rick Cross –Expressed that he would like to attend all meetings that he can, as a representative of the Town Council.
- Jerry West – Shared that he is very glad that the new County Manager works so well with the Town.
- John Guglielmi – No comment
- Mayor Rethmeier –Very thankful that the County supports what the Towns are doing.

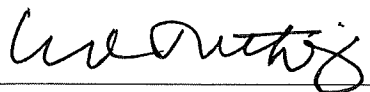
8. Town Manager Comments - Town Manager Lee Rollins shared with the Council that a new bakery is planning to come to the Bermuda Quay shopping center. However, there were issues with Davie County requiring the owner to install a grease trap. This situation has been resolved after closely working with Johnny Lambert (Davie County) and John Grey (Engineer).

9. Adjourn

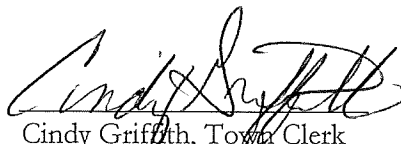
With no further business, Council Member Jerry West made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rick Cross. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3) in favor and none opposed.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Rethmeier, Dr. PH - Mayor



Cindy Griffith, Town Clerk