

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR HOOD TO CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JEAN HOOD	P	COUNCILMAN DILLARD	P
COUNCILWOMAN DRIVER	P	COUNCILWOMAN ABERNATHY	A
COUNCILWOMAN KUNZMAN	P	COUNCILMAN WASHACK	P

Also present was Town Manager Williams, Town Attorney Jeff McInnis, Town Engineer Chrystal Weatherington, Deputy Clerk Linda Barringer. Also present Town residents: Duncan Black, Elizabeth Skelly, Gina Gammick and Molly Washack. and from the Ocean City Wright Fire Department Charles Darr.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Council Approval of the Agenda:** Councilwoman Driver made a motion to approve the agenda including per Mayor Hood to change the agenda to move the first discussion item to the first action item on the agenda since we have residents in the audience who would like to speak on an issue. Councilman Dillard seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Council Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Councilwoman Kunzman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Meeting Minutes for the January 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting as well as the Budget and Financial Status as of January 31, 2021. Councilman Dillard seconded the motion. *Motion passed unanimously.*

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Council action to ratify Ordinance 185 on the designation of the Town Manager as the Code Enforcement Officer and Discussion on code enforcement and existing violations within the Town.**

A Town resident addressed the Council on the dilapidated home at 52/54 Yacht Club Dr. the condition that the owner of the home keeps the yard and home in is outrageous and hopefully the Town can do something soon to address the problems there. Another resident Mr. Black also commented on the derelict boat that is anchored out in the bay in front of his house that is also owned by the same owner of the derelict house. I know the Town doesn't have jurisdiction over water but hopefully you can do something about the house on Yacht Club Dr. and there are possible rabid animals that are coming up from Glenwood Park and harboring under all the debris in his yard. Mayor Hood stated she and the Council understands and agrees that something needs to be done but the Town is trying to follow the necessary steps to do everything we can legally do to get the owner to comply Town Attorney mentioned there are steps which we are trying to follow that must be taken in order for a judge to issue the necessary injunctions to make the homeowner clean up the yard. Councilman Dillard made a motion to approve the ratification of Ordinance 158 to designate the Town Manager Williams as the Town Code Enforcement Officer. Councilwoman Driver seconded the motion. *Motion passed unanimously.*

- 2. Town Manager addressed the Council on opening the town hall for rentals once again, however, the rental agreements possibly need be ratified with verbiage in them concerning Covid – 19. Mayor Hood mentioned she thought possibly letting a few 5 – 10 people inside would be able to social distance enough and outside functions would be okay with a limit. The Council asked the staff to look into insurance liabilities and what are some of the other verbiage surrounding cities have used. Councilman Dillard made a motion to approve the staff looking in to exploring modifying the town hall rental agreements with the goal of allowing the Town to reopening the town hall to the public for recreational and rental uses. Councilwoman Driver seconded the motion. *Motion passed unanimously.***

3. Councilman Dillard made a motion to ratify the extension of the State of Emergency Declaration signed by the Mayor at last month's Regular Council Meeting. Councilwoman Driver seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mayor Hood updated the Council on the Transit Co'Op meeting. Also, the Mayor attended the funeral of Valparaiso Mayor and extended our sympathies to the family.

REPORTS:

1. Town Manager's Report – Keith Williams – Written Report:
Town Manager Williams addressed the council on the status of the fence surrounding the American Tower cell tower saying we have received a call from the local representative, and they will begin working on the tower fencing and surrounding area. The Public Records Requests we have received seem to be addressed. We heard from Rep. Patt Maney and the paperwork for the appropriations has been completed so hopefully we will hear from the state on that funding soon.
2. Attorney's Report – Jeff McInnis: NONE
3. Town Engineer's Report – Crystal Weatherington: NONE
4. Town Planner's Report – Jack Dorman: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Council Member's Comments/Request: The Council once again thanked the staff for their hard work.

Mayor's Comments/Announcements: The article on the Town in the Quality Cities Magazine was so great to see and it was received well throughout the community.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 15, 2021 Town Hall will be closed for President's Day.

March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting.

April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting.

ADJOURN: After no further business, the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:06.

ATTEST:


Mayor Jean Hood


Keith Williams, Town Manager/Clerk

