

TOWN OF PELZER
MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020

COUNCIL PRESENT – WILL RAGLAND, MIKE MATHEWS, EDDIE WAITS, SKIP GOLDSMITH

STAFF PRESENT – TOWN OF PELZER CLERK – CHERYL BOUDREAU, TOWN MAINTENANCE – MARK VICKERY

STAN WELCH - WILLIAMSTON JOURNAL

CALL TO ORDER –7:01 PM – WILL RAGLAND

INVOCATION/PRAYER – MIKE MATHEWS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR RAGLAND AND COUNCILMAN GOLDSMITH BY ATTORNEY THOMPSON

MIKE MATHEWS MADE MOTION TO ELECT EDDIE WAITS AS MAYOR PRO TEMP, WILL RAGLAND 2ND THE NOMINATION ALL IN FAVOR

CITIZEN COMMENTS – RONNIE SHORT ASKED IF THE MURAL WOULD BE SECURE

DONNA IDE – QUESTIONED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE PALMETTO SOCCER CLUB, IF IT WAS PUBLIC AND IF SHE COULD SEE THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT.

LEE COLE – PRESIDENT OF THE PALMETTO SOCCER CLUB GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE SOCCER CLUB AND STATED THAT THEY ARE HOPEFUL ON STARTING A FALL SEASON

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 13, 2020 – WILL RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT, MIKE MATHEWS 2ND MOTION – ALL IN FAVOR

CLERK REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

CLERKS REPORT – CHERYL BOUDREAU STATED THERE WHERE 67 WORK ORDERS DONE IN THE MONTH OF JULY.

POLICE COVERAGE WITH ACSO FOR THE MONTH OF JULY - THERE WHERE 108 TRAFFIC STOPS – 93 CONTACTS – 39 CALLS FOR SERVICE AND 65 ARREST.

CENSUS 2020 – ADVISED MAYOR, COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS THAT THE DEADLINE DATE TO RESPOND HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH. IF ANYONE NEEDS HELP FILLING IT OUT THEY ARE MORE THAN WELCOMED TO CALL OFFICE AND WE WILL ASSIST THEM IN GETTING THEIR CENSUS FILLED OUT.

ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS NEEDED – ADVISED RESIDENTS THAT I AM COLLECTING INFORMATION FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTS THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. IF YOU HAVE OR KNOW OF AN AREA THAT IS DARK PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN PUT IT DOWN ON THE LIST TO BE CHECKED OUT.

NEW BUSINESS –

TREE WORK – WARDLAW PARK – MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT BIDS, EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

NEW SWINGS – MONKEY PARK – MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO GET BIDS FOR 1 NEW SWING @ WARDLAW, AND ALL THE SWINGS NEED TO BE REPLACED AT THE MONKEY PARK. EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – EDDIE WAITS STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ADD HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE SWINGS TO THE MONKEY PARK PLAYGROUND. EDDIE WAITS MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE SWINGS, MIKE MATHEWS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

GROUNDSKEEPING – MAYOR RAGLAND EXPLAINED THAT WE (THE TOWN) OWNS A LOT OF PROPERTY, AND WITH WATER LEAKS AND OTHER ISSUES THAT COME UP, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ALL THE LAWN CARING ITEMS ADDRESSED THAT NEED TO BE. HE

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MADE THE MOTION TO COUNCIL TO BE ABLE TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO ADDRESS THIS LAWN CARE ISSUE. SKIP GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

DEADLINES – MAYOR RAGLAND EXPLAINED THAT WE HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE TO NO INTEREST FROM CONTRACTORS ON THE ADGER PROJECT AND THE SEPTIC TANK PROJECT, HE MADE MOTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR BOTH PROJECTS UNTIL AUGUST 28TH., EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

CELL TOWER – ATTORNEY THOMPSON GAVE UPDATE TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL, STATED THAT WE HAVE HAD THE PROPERTY SURVEYED, AND HE RECOMMENDS SELLING THE CELL TOWER FOR THE LUMP SUM. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE FOR THE SALE OF THE CELL TOWER, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION. MIKE MATHEWS STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT ALL TOWN OWNED PROPERTY IS BEING HELD FOR COLLATERAL FOR THE SEWER LOANS, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT IN WRITING THAT NO PROPERTY IS BEING HELD AS COLLATERAL BEFORE THEY VOTE ON ACCEPTING THE ORDINANCE. MAYOR RAGLAND WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND ASKED ATTORNEY THOMPSON TO GET SOMETHING IN WRITING SHOWING THAT THERE IS NO PROPERTY BEING HELD AS COLLATERAL. ATTORNEY THOMPSON WILL GET THIS IN WRITING TO PRESENT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

GYM CHIMNEY WORK – MAYOR RAGLAND ADVISED COUNCIL AND RESIDENT THAT WE RECEIVED 2 QUOTES/BIDS FOR THE CHIMNEY CAP AND REPAIR WORK THAT IS NEEDED FOR THE GYM. TWO QUOTES RECEIVED ONE FROM BLUE SKY CHIMNEY SWEEP FOR 1,355.00, AND THE OTHER FROM ELITE CHIMNEY CAPS FOR \$450. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID OF \$450.00, EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS –

BALL FIELD LIGHTING REPAIR UPDATE – MAYOR RAGLAND ADVISED COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS THE LIGHTING REPAIR WORK WILL BE STARTED THIS WEEK

BRANDING FORUM – MAYOR RAGLAND ADVISED COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS THAT THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC FORUM FOR ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED TO ATTEND ON AUGUST 25TH @ 7:00 PM BEING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING TO HEAR THE IDEAS AND GIVE INPUT FOR THE BRANDING OF THE TOWN.

REQUEST BY COUNCIL

ADJOURN WILL RAGLAND TO ADJOURN @ 7:30 PM, EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.