

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on February 3, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryan Nelson
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
Commissioner Alexander Smith
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
City Administrator Edward Bass
City Attorney Michael Rodriguez

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery – The Apopka Chief

INVOCATION/PLEDGE – Commissioner Bankson led in the Invocation and provided the fact of the day as follows: On February 2, 1887, the first Groundhog Day is celebrated in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. If the groundhog sees his shadow and runs back in his burrow the prediction is six more weeks of winter weather and no shadow means an early spring. Groundhog Day started in the early Christian tradition of Candlemas where clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long winter would be. Germans expanded this tradition by using hedgehogs as a means of predicting the weather. When Germans settled in Pennsylvania, they continued the tradition with groundhogs, which are native to the area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about any of the minutes. He said he had one minor change which is at the top of page 16. He said at the end of the second sentence, where it reads \$12,000 in revenue, please add in “per month” so it reads “\$12,000 per month in revenue. With no additional comments, he asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021 as read.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021 as read. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Velazquez voting aye.

AGENDA REVIEW

Edward Bass, City Administrator, stated that there are no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Hoffman, of Tayside Court, Apopka, Florida, 32712, said when he spoke during the Public Comment period of the January 20, 2021 City Commission meeting, he said he focused on 10 young families and said that these families bring vibrance and promising energy to our neighborhood. He said these families invested trust that their home acquisition in the context of the community is what they paid for. He said at the Fields of Fame community meeting on January 12, 2021, we attending citizens were told by a reputable authority that the kind of unwelcome intrusive building and development we could be facing would likely mean an existing home value average decline of 20%. He said this ongoing threat is nearly 12 years in the making. He said this is an assault on the 10 families he mentioned at the beginning. He said to the Mayor and the Commissioners, that with all due respect, they have an opportunity to stand up for the middle class in our community.

CONSENT (Action Item)

1. Authorize the road closure of 5th Street from Central Avenue to Park Avenue for Camp Wewa Fundraiser.
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for traffic control with the Crossing at Emerson Park Homeowners Association, Inc.
3. Award a contract for ITB 2021-01: Construction of west reuse storage facility reservoir geomembrane, contingent upon all subcontractor related certifications.
4. Authorize the issuance of evaluated and sole source memos.
5. Authorize the execution of piggyback contracts for fiscal year 2021.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone needed to pull any of the items or had any questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the five (5) items on consent.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the five (5) items on consent. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

BUSINESS (Action Item)

1. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the Oversizing Utility Line and Partial Construction Reimbursement Agreement with Hanover Land Company, LLC.
Presented by: Jeff Weatherford

Jeffrey Weatherford, Public Services Director, said he was here to talk about the Hanover Oversizing Utility Agreement. He provided a map on the overhead and spoke about the different elements of this. He said currently, in the light blue portion of the map, from Holly Street upward, the City had already had in its CIP plans to build this and had \$370,000 set aside for this project. He said additionally, we need to provide a connection into the subdivision that we don't currently have plans for but the developer has agreed to do it for us. He said the latter part is sanitary sewer lines that will run up there and into a future City lift station. He stated that what we're looking at is planning not just for this development, but for the future. He said where the developer is looking and they believe they need a 12" water line to supply their community, we feel that we need a 16" water line to provide for our further needs out there. He said additionally, they were looking to do a 6" sanitary sewer line up US Highway 441 and then a 4" line into the neighborhood and we feel we need a 6" line through the entire community. He stated that the Development Code allows for us to pay the developer for work that we had planned (such as the first \$370,000 of work) or for the material cost difference, if we wish to upsize beyond where their calculations show they have a need. He said what we're proposing here is that the water here at the top US Highway 441 (Holly to Saddler), we want for them to construct a 16" line that we already had planned. He said the developer has a total cost that will cost them to do it of \$443,000. He said the additional line that we did not have plans for from Saddler up to Oneida, to build that will cost them \$179,708. He said the combined cost is \$623,451.50. He said currently, we're scheduled to collect \$224,456 in impact fees and said we're looking to have them build that, rather than collecting those fees, which will leave a remainder of \$400,995.50 that we'll need to pay the developer on the water lines. He said that additionally, on the sewer, we're in a little better shape. He said it will cost the developer for the first section, \$76,900 and for the second section, it'll cost them \$19,543 for a total of approximately \$97,000. He said that at the same time, the developer will be paying us \$1,110,234 in sewer impact fees that he's proposing to credit the \$97,000, which we'll continue to collect \$1,013,231.40 in impact fees from the developer. He said that when you look at the \$370,000 we have set aside for this project, when we enter into this agreement, we will pay them the \$400,000 but it'll be an additional \$30,000 that we have to add into the CIP to pay for this. He said the only other thing we have is that the Agenda item says that this will be approval to allow the City Administrator to sign the document and the original agreement had the Mayor signing so we'll be changing the agreement to allow the City Administrator to sign the document.

Mayor Nelson asked for a motion to authorize the City Administrator to execute the Oversizing Utility Line and Partial Construction Reimbursement Agreement with Hanover Land Company, LLC.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to authorize the City Administrator to execute the Oversizing Utility Line and Partial Construction Reimbursement Agreement with Hanover Land Company, LLC.

Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION (Action Item)

1. Ordinance No. 2813 - Second Reading - Amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 2, Section 2-98, Code of Ordinances, providing authority to establish public records request fees by resolution.

Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

Mayor Nelson asked if there have been any changes since the first reading to which, Michael Rodriguez, City Attorney stated there are none. He then closed the Public Hearing and asked for a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2813.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Becker, to adopt Ordinance No. 2813. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Velazquez voting aye.

2. Ordinance No. 2814 - Second Reading - Amending Chapter 66, Code of Ordinances, City of Apopka, entitled "Public Service Tax."

Presented by: Edward Bass

Edward Bass, City Administrator said that this is the second reading but said he wanted to point out that this is the Public Service Tax and said he did speak with Duke Energy today and their customer service rep, Todd, reached out to some of the larger companies and said they seem to be receptive. He said keep in mind that we also have the customer service lines for our citizens as well if they have any questions. He said that he wanted to point out that there will be an exemption for natural gas for agricultural purposes. He said the other change is the tax on the electric service will be 10%, up to the 5,000 kwh, and drop to 4% from 5,001 kwh and up. He said gas and water will be 10% across the board. He said this generates an additional million dollars, approximately, in revenues as we get ready to go into budget season, we'll be projecting these numbers and monitoring them. He said we also talked about a reduction to our millage rate but we'll see when we get all of the numbers and get into budget season. He said this also gives us flexibility to maybe to look at our merit program and possibly implement that back. He said keep in mind that this does not take effect until July 1, 2021 as the Statute requires 120-day notice so we will notice DOR once this is adopted to give us that 120 day window. He said this can only be effective on a quarterly basis so July 1, 2021 will be the effective date. He said this was duly advertised on January 8th, 2021 in the Apopka Chief and again on January 22nd, 2021 so all advertising requirements have been met. He thanked Duke Energy for all of their hard work and said they've been great partners on working with us on this.

Mayor Nelson asked anyone has any questions for Edward or if anyone from the Public wishes to speak on this matter. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2814

MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Ordinance No. 2814. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Velazquez voting aye.

3. Ordinance No. 2815 - Second Reading – Amending Chapter 78, Code of Ordinances, City of Apopka, by establishing rate schedules for water use charges and deposits, wastewater use charges and deposits, distributed wastewater treatment system use charges and deposits, and reclaimed water rates.
Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

Mayor Nelson asked if there have been any changes since the first reading to which, Michael Rodriguez, City Attorney stated there are none.

He then asked if anyone from the Public wishes to speak on this item.

Mr. Hoffman said he doesn't understand what this is about. He said you're making a change but not changing the rates so I don't know what this means.

Commissioner Becker responded and said that like the last meeting, basically, the Ordinance itself, is codified with the amounts, the actual physical hard charged amounts are within the Ordinance. He said this particular piece of business makes it where we're erasing the actual figures from the Ordinance itself and basically directing the public to the rate schedule to see the most updated rates. He said the next piece of business is where we're doing the Resolution around the actual hard charges. He said this makes it easier and then if we have to change rates in the future, we don't have to go back to the Ordinance itself to recodify it. He said this is more procedural in nature and said the Ordinance is the framework but go see the fee schedules to understand what the actual fees are.

Mr. Hoffman said this sets a stage for increased rates.

Mayor Nelson said no, this sets it so that we can do it by Resolution vs. Ordinance.

Mr. Hoffman said that this makes any forthcoming changes more expeditious.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone else wishes to speak on this matter. Hearing none, he asked for a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2815.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Bankson, to adopt Ordinance No. 2815. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Velazquez voting aye.

4. Ordinance No. 2811 – First Reading – Change of Zoning
From: T (Transitional District)
To: RCE (Residential Country Estate)
Owner/Applicant: Alberto Esteben
Location: 1228 Ustler Road
Project: 5.06 +/- acres
Project Manager: Allyson Williams

Allyson Williams, Planner I, said that this request is to re-zone a 5-acre parcel from T (Transitional) to RCE (Residential Country Estate). She said the subject property is located at 1228 Ustler Road. She said the applicant is requesting to re-zone the property in order to divide the property into two lots. The transitional zoning district requires a minimum lot size of 2.5 acres and a residential country estate requires a minimum lot size of 1 acre. She said DRC and the Planning Commission recommend approval.

Mayor Nelson asked if the applicant wanted to come forward and they refrained. He asked if anyone else wishes to speak on this item and hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for a Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2811 at first reading and hold over for a second hearing and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to adopt Ordinance No. 2811. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Velazquez voting aye.

5. Resolution 2021-02 - Establishing rate schedules for Utilities
Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

Michael Rodriguez said that the following is the Resolution which is implementing the previous Ordinance that was recently adopted, which establishes the rate schedule for utilities. He said the amounts that are referenced in each schedule are the same that are currently under those fees that were previously adopted so there's no increase in the current utility fees across the board. He said the only change is the creation of Schedule C, which is the distributed wastewater treatment system use charges and deposits as that is the program that is currently underway in order to help assist the transition of some properties from septic to a hybrid sewer system in order for us to complete the goal of coming into compliance with the B map for the protection of the springs. He said this Resolution is what you've been authorized under the previous Ordinance to adopt and will establish the rate schedules for the year. He added that if there are any fluctuations and changes then it will come back to Council for review, however currently there are no changes.

Mayor Nelson said that we've started the rate study and asked Edward to provide an update.

Edward said that the rate study was supposed to be completed and then covid hit and they've extended it. He said that since we're working with Water Office of America right now and they're still reviewing everything and said it's important to get through that first as we're finding revenues that need to be included in the rate study which will have an impact. He stated that we're still working with the rate study people and they will wait until we get all of the pieces together before we look at establishing a rate.

Mayor Nelson said that we'll probably come back in the next six (6) months, we'll come back and do a rate adjustment and said it could be up or down based upon the findings.

Edward spoke to the affirmative and said that they'll do their full presentation once they have all of the data.

Commissioner Becker commented that in the ordinance language that we just changed, those numbers differ from what's in the resolution and said it's just that the resolution numbers that we're approving today were already previously approved in business done last year. He said that if you compared apples to apples in our agenda packet, you would see a difference, it's just that this resolution is reflecting what we already passed last year.

Michael spoke to the affirmative and said that the figures that are in this resolution are actually the same ones if you go to the City's website that are listed for utility rates. He said the figures that were on the Code, because we didn't go through the entire codification, those reflected the previous rates. He confirmed that the rates on the resolution are the same as the rates that were effective October 1, 2020 and those are the ones that are currently posted on our website. He said the only one that's not included is the distributed wastewater system as that will now be reflected on the website.

Mayor Nelson asked anyone has any questions for Michael or Edward or if anyone from the Public wishes to speak on this matter. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021.02.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Velazquez voting aye.

6. Resolution No. 2021-03 - Establishing City of Apopka social media policy.
Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

Michael Rodriguez said that the attached resolution is the establishment of the City's Social Media Policy. He said the important distinction is that this isn't a policy that all employees and all of us have to abide by, rather, this is the policy for the implementation, the operation and the day to day of the City's social media pages and how information by the City will be disseminated through its social medias as well as the conduct of the City within its social media. He said we worked with the various departments along with IT to establish this which provides policies and guidelines for how to handle the City's transmission of information through its social media sites. He said this is not a behavioral control of employees on what they can and cannot do through social media.

Commissioner Becker said when he first read this, he saw red flags going off and said that all of us, who sit up here on Council are included in the language of this policy. He said the way that this reads, there's no bifurcation to say that he, as an elected official, has to go through some director level on staff to get any content that he wants to put on social media approved.

Michael said that no, that would not apply to this and said the reference to the elected officials is a guideline that your social media pages, which as your professional social media pages, completely distinct from your personal social media pages, are subject to archiving for Sunshine Law purposes. He said that it serves as a guidance, especially as what has occurred in other jurisdictions in Florida, where you have to be careful as elected officials that you do not communicate or comment on each-others social media pages as that has been construed as communications that are inconsistent with the Sunshine Law. He said the actual policy is limited to the City pages and said that the caveat being that members of the Council, should not communicate through social media with each other.

Commissioner Becker said that from the very first sentence, he doesn't see anything in this that designates that this is the City of Apopka's social media presence. He said it's a pretty broad statement to say all social media for all officials. He said that if he's reading this from the position he's in, all of this wouldn't apply to him. He said that one can argue that on his City Commissioner page, if he has a restaurant that wanted to offer some food packages for our Saturday concert events. He said the policy says he cannot do any commercial advertisements that are not promoted by the City.

Michael said that if by motion, we can do an exclusion to excludes City business by elected officials on the City's social media platforms and therefore, that would exclude your pages as Commissioners. He said you're still going to be subject to the other requirements for archiving for consistency under Chapter 119. He said you can approve with changes and we can implement those changes upon approval.

Commissioner Velazquez said that the City posts a lot of different advertisements for things going on and she tends to share the page both on her personal and her Commissioner Facebook pages as there may be some residents that follow her and not necessarily go to the City's website for information. She asked if that was a problem to

which Michael stated no, that the message you're sharing is already an approved message of the City.

Commissioner Bankson asked if there were any concerns that precipitated this policy or is it just a housekeeping issue to which Michael stated it's more of a housekeeping issue.

Mayor Nelson said that perhaps we should postpone this item for today while we work on the language and then bring it back, to which Michael concurred and said that we can table it to the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith asked who was in charge of archiving our pages now to which Mayor Nelson said IT and said that they archive our emails now.

Robert Hippler, IT Director said that part of this policy is to try to protect the Commissioners from your professional page and part of that will be to archiving for you. He said we have an archive service now and said he'll provide options to them as to how they want to do it. He said one way will be seamless where you won't have to do anything and IT will take care of it and the other one will be more involved. He said the Mayors page is being archived and the City's page has been archived since it started but moving forward your professional page will be included.

Mayor Nelson gave an example of if someone gave an obnoxious comment, the archiving process would pick up on the comment and you can hide the comment but you can't delete it.

Michael said the basis for that is that your professional pages are public forum and because it's an available public forum for the public to speak at, it is essentially a public record so deleting a comment is the equivalent of deleting a public record.

Mayor Nelson asked for a Motion to table Resolution No. 2021-03 to February 17, 2021 meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Becker, to table Resolution No. 2021-03 to the February 17, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Velazquez voting aye.

7. Resolution 2021-04 - Authorizing City to submit application for Florida Department of Environmental Protection Land & Water Conservation Fund grant to assist in acquisition of Camp Wewa property.

Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

Michael Rodriguez said that the purpose of this resolution is to authorize the City to move forward with the application for the grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to help assist in the acquisition of the Camp Wewa property. He said this resolution and the authorization as well as the language within it that there will be a commitment to amend the City's Capital Improvement project list to include the Camp Wewa is a prerequisite of the application process so we have to show this as part of the application in order to meet the criteria established by DEP for this grant. He said this will provide this Council a formal opportunity to approve the City's actions and move forward and obtain the grant for the purposes of acquiring the property.

Commissioner Velazquez asked if this commits us to buying Camp Wewa as we haven't voted on the purchasing Camp Wewa.

Michael said that the mechanism for the fund is actually funds for the acquisition. He said that the way the fund is designed, is that the entities that apply, the applicants receive the funds prior to purchase so that it can be used toward the purchase. He said usually the State allows one year from the date of being awarded the grant to close. He said this is an arrow in our quiver as it is the States goal to try and conserve open spaces and this grant allows for that. He said this resolution is not authorizing the purchase of the property, rather it authorizes the City to move forward with the application to obtain grants for the acquisition of the property.

Mayor Nelson said that one of the first things we signed was a letter that gives us retroactivity to that we can purchase the property before the grant became available and get the money toward the purchase price. He said nothing we've done to this point has committed us to anything however the grant application deadline was today. He said we'll go over this more at the Special City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Michael stated that the meeting we're having tonight is also a prerequisite that we have to complete in order to apply for this grant. He said for full disclosure, this is not the only grant the City will be applying for to help defray the cost of acquisition. He said there are other grants that are available if the City decides to move forward with this acquisition including the Florida Forever Fund. He said that application period does not open until September and that grant can also be used for reimbursement to offset costs that were incurred in the purchasing of property for the purposes of leaving them as recreational open space and conservation lands.

Commissioner Velazquez said that when she spoke to Commissioner Moore, she said that Mayor Demmings had put aside \$100 million dollars for the purpose of purchasing land to conserve. She said she wondered if we could look into this.

Michael said that Volusia County has a similar program to where their money is allocated aside for such conservation. He said if the County has a similar program, we will apply for it and we will apply for every possible program that is out there for the purpose of contributing to the cause, namely because it's an overriding public interest to preserve open space, recreational space and conservation land. He said the State has set aside monies specifically for that in order to offset urban and suburban encroachment in Florida.

Commissioner Becker said the resolution talks about 50% matching funds but the application says \$1 million and that appears to be matching. He asked for clarification so that we don't have any hiccups in the application process.

Michael said we can ask for up to \$1 million with the applicant contributing up to a 50% match so we may be awarded less. He said if we were to acquire the property and move forward, this grant has money set aside for acquisition and the rest of the funds not used for acquisition can be used for operation and development. He said that means we can reapply for the developmental aspect of the grant for monies to offset the cost of developing the facilities and improvements.

Commissioner Smith asked if we have an appraised value yet to which Mayor Nelson said we'll go over all of that at the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Mr. Hoffman said he thinks it's tremendous that the City is trying to acquire this property and asked how much property is it to which Mayor Nelson said it's 70 acres and 39.5 acres that are developable. He reiterated that he thinks it's tremendous for the City to set aside for open space and preservation and said thank you.

Mayor Nelson closed the Public Hearing and asked for a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021.04.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Bankson, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Velazquez voting aye.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Becker said he wanted to share a plaque with everyone that he'll keep at City Hall and said he was able to participate in the 12 and under Apopka Pop-Warner banquet this past weekend and said that their 12 and under team won the National Championship. He said the neat thing is that they had some youth on the team that wanted to participate but didn't have the financial means to do so and he was able to help them out with his Commissioner discretionary fund. He said they have a lot to celebrate and said that the trickle down is that the plaque was produced by Apopka Plaque and Trophy. He renewed his call for an HR Director and said that we get emails asking about this and said we need to get that posted.

Edward said we're working through that and said that any of you get emails that are administrative things, if you could please forward them to me and said that's the best way to get that done. He said he responds to his emails and said if you get anything like that that needs to be handled, please forward them to me and he'll will make sure we take care of them.

Commissioner Becker said that our relationship is very healthy and said that it's not fair to you to have to deal with HR roles and said there should be a distinction of roles so you don't have to bear the burden of that.

Commissioner Velazquez thanked Edward and said he's right that any email she's received where she felt that it concerned the staff, she forwarded to Edward. She said she also sent the employee an email stating the we don't have the authority to resolve the issue and that she would forward to Edward. She thanked Jeff Weatherford and said that Cub Scout Pak 211 reached out and had one more service project they had to preform before they transition into the Boy Scouts and she suggested Public Services. She said she had to give a shout out to Public Services and said that during the entire pandemic, the garbage was picked up, recyclables, leaves, everything, they were out there working. She said Jeff has a community project for them on Saturday, February 13th and said the boys are excited and they'll be transitioning into the Boy Scouts at the end of February.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Edward said first, to Commissioner Velazquez point, our Public Services guys are always out there. He said as you see we're doing some landscaping projects and irrigation work and there's a lot going on around City Hall. He said we also have the information on the roof for City Hall and said the bids are within our budget and said we should be giving them the go-ahead next week.

He said the other positive news is that we've made significant improvements at the VFW and said we've put in about \$90,000 worth of improvements including the flooring and lights. He showed the before and after pictures and said the can lights are gone and we've replaced them with LED lighting and have new chandeliers. He said and said if you get a chance to go by there, you'll notice a big difference.

Mayor Nelson said now we need to start renting it out to which Edward agreed.

Edward then provided a financial update and said these are the sales tax numbers for the month of January which are actually the November activity. He said the pattern is a 26% reduction from last year. He said on the right you'll see the annualized number and said this is just an estimate. He said our last year numbers were affected by covid so as we get further down into the year, hopefully, our numbers will be better this year than they were when covid hit back in March. He said all in all, we're down 5.7% if you annualize the revenue number for the sales tax and said we continue to see that little difference between last year and this year but we'll continue to monitor it each month so we can stay ahead of the game.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Michael Rodriguez, City Attorney, said he had nothing additional to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nelson said first he had two phone calls this morning and firmed it up and said that several years ago, we had the Art and Jazz fest out at Jason Dwelley and it kind of fell apart but now we're planning an Art and Music fest for the weekend of December 4, 2021. He said this will be a partnership between Festivals by Janet to do a lot of those local arts and craft shows in the Central Florida area along with Melissa Byrd from OCPS. He said we're trying to put in some of the student art along the lake behind the amphitheater, intermingled with art and craft exhibitors so you'll be able to see the school artwork as well as the regular artists. He said on the stage of the amphitheater, we're going to intermingle paid talent with the school jazz bands and perhaps drama club.

He said you have the numbers in front of you for Covid and said that just to let you know, he's been working with the Orange County and the Department of Health as well as the State about us having a site here in Apopka. He said he received some encouraging news today and said it looks like they may be able to open the City up as an additional site for Covid vaccinations. He said he's working with Danny Banks over at Orange County and the Department of Health. He said it looks like within the next couple of weeks, we may be able to pick up and do some vaccinations for the folks here in the Apopka area.

He said the Barbeque event is coming together for April 9 & 10. He said we've signed into place Bailey Callahan, a Winter Park native as our headliner for Saturday night. He said we're looking at getting about 4 local bands that can lead in to her finale. She said the Elks Club will be doing a corn hole tournament, we have the ax throwing company coming for a little extra excitement. He said the barbeque will be going on with a People's Choice award and we're looking at trying to bring in some vendors that would compliment the barbeque event to make it more interactive with the public.

He said tonight at 6:00 p.m. is the Camp Wewa update so for those listening, we hope you can tune in at 6:00 p.m.

He said the SJRWMD will have their groundbreaking for their new building on Monday, February 8th, at 1:00 p.m. at the site off Binion Road and is open to anyone that wants to come out and be a part of that. He said the District will be holding their regular board meeting here at 10:00 a.m. on February 9th so we're really excited to have the entire District Governing Board here in City Hall to do their business.

He said lastly, he wanted to provide an update on the Septic to Distributed Sewer Project and said we've had 35 homeowners request information on the program. He said 32 homeowners are moving forward with the screening for the program and of those, 13 have elected to proceed with a sewer system inspection so installation should begin in early March.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Bryan Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Susan M. Bone, City Clerk