

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on July 16, 2014, at 8:00 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Bill Arrowsmith
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Sam Ruth

PRESS PRESENT: Roger Ballas - The Apopka Chief
Steve Hudak - The Orlando Sentinel

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Invocation was given by Pastor John Fisher of the First United Methodist Church of Apopka. Mayor Kilsheimer said on this day in 1969, [July 16, 1969] Apollo 11 lifted off carrying Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Buzz Aldrin on the first manned flight to the moon. Just four days later, the lunar module touched down on the moon surface and Neil Armstrong spoke the famous words, “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” The pioneering spirit of that generation working together provided us with many of the technologies that we use today. He asked everyone to remember the sacrifices and the bravery of the men and women of our space program as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kilsheimer acknowledged members of Boy Scout Troop 211, attending the meeting to earn their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

PRESENTATIONS - There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of July 2, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.
2. Authorize CROM Engineering and Construction Services to perform the storage tank repairs, in the amount of \$72,750.00, at the Plymouth Regional WTP and Mt. Plymouth Lakes WTP.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to approve the two items of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS - There were no special reports or public hearings.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - There were no ordinances or resolutions for City Council action.

SITE APPROVALS - There were no site plans/plats for City Council action.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BIDS - In the absence of City Administrator Richard Anderson, there was no Department reports or bids.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Kilsheimer reported the following:

- Declared a Special Meeting called for July 30th, at 5:15 p.m., for the purpose of setting the proposed millage rate. He reported that revenue numbers are still coming in from the State, and at this point there is a significant gap in the proposed budget submitted by departments, and proposed revenues. He added that work will continue through August to balance the budget.
- The Alcoholic Beverage ordinance is being written. He indicated he would propose some form of alcohol sales on Sunday. He asked Council members for input to which most expressed desire to wait until the proposed ordinance is written.
- Announced Attorney Tom Cloud has submitted his resignation, and outlined the plan to move forward expeditiously to find a new City Attorney. A committee has been appointed to review all responses to an RFP. The committee is made up of HR Director Sharon Thornton, City Clerk Jan Goebel, Community Development Director Jay Davoll, longtime Apopka resident Pat McGuffin, and Jeremiah Jaspon, a Winter Park Attorney who lives in Rock Springs Ridge. The committee will review the applications and submit three (3) finalists, and Mayor Kilsheimer will select one (1) from among three (3) to recommend to the City Council for appointment. Commissioners will be afforded the opportunity to review the finalists' proposals.

Dr. Ray Shackelford applauded the Mayor for taking the leadership to resolve the issue, and asked that minority representation be considered.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **COUNCIL** - There was no old business from the City Council.
2. **PUBLIC** - There was no old business from the public.

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Linda Bailey, 234 N. Washington Avenue, addressed her disappointment in the conduct of the City Council at the previous meeting, and encouraged them to put feelings aside and remember they are representing the citizens of Apopka.

Tenita Reed, 651 O'Leary Court, spoke about the anticipated recommendation from the Charter Review Committee to add two (2) Commissioners to the City Council, expressing opposition to the proposal in regards to additional cost to the City and more discord on the Council. She also inquired about the availability of video of the Council meetings on the website, to which Mayor Kilsheimer advised that audio is now available, but video is still in process.

Mike Cooper inquired about the explanation for Sunday alcohol sales. Mayor Kilsheimer offered to speak with him outside of the meeting, or it will be addressed at the two (2) public hearings for the ordinance.

Gregg Phillips, 2272 Windsor Crest Loop, encouraged everyone to support and attend the Southeast Regional Little League Tournament this weekend at the Northwest Recreational Complex. He said \$20,000 has been raised in support of the tournament, and ESPN is considering acquiring the tournament coverage for next year, and the next 10 years to come. He added that hopefully all of these tournaments will be held in Apopka, putting Apopka on the map.

Mayor Kilsheimer commended Mr. Phillips on the hard work he has put into the tournament.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk