



**TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023
6:00 PM
REVISED**

AGENDA HEARING

Public has five minutes per person to ask questions or comment on any agenda item.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing part of the meeting at 6:00 pm

JoAnne Dickerson, 3204 Gragg Street, asked about the Release Marine Lease. Mayor Williams explained it was Thunderbolt property, off Shell Road, the town leases for overflow parking.

Cynthia Mauger, 2705 River Drive, asked about putting a trash can at the pet waste station in front of Thomson Park. Town Administrator Milie stated as of right now it is not an issue so the plan is not to have one unless it gets to be an issue. There is a plan to add trash cans in the park. She also recommended trash cans on Whatley too.

Town Administrator Milie summarized the items on the agenda. The support letter is for the County since the grant they are applying for has an impact on Thunderbolt. The GMC proposal is the town's stormwater consultant. There are two proposals, a one year contract and a three year contract. Council needs to decide which way they wish to go. Staff recommends the three year due to the money savings. It does have a 30 day kill clause. Council Member Crenshaw asked Director Crosby about chlorides/chlorine testing in stormwater to assist with locating water leaks in the water distribution system. It was explained they test for Chlorine but not all outfalls or inlets. The ones not covered by the contract can be added for inhouse testing. Council Member Drohan asked if there is a measurement of chlorine. Director Crosby stated they look at parts per million.

Town Administrator Milie spoke on the change of ownership for Release Marine causing the cancellation of the lease. They will come back with a new lease under the new ownership.

Council Member Drohan stated he wants to make sure this lease does not interfere with any new redevelopment plans on Shell Rd. Town Administrator Milie and Town Attorney Barrow stated there is a kill clause of 30 days so if there is a need down the road it can be cancelled.

Mayor Williams closed public hearing time of the meeting at 6:30 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to order

Mayor Williams opened the business meeting at 6:31 pm

Those in attendance were Mayor Dana Williams and Council Members: Bethany Skipper-Greer, David Crenshaw, Larry Ward, Ed Drohan III, James Lavin and Brooks Barbaree. Staff in attendance were Town Administrator, Bob Milie; Town Attorney, Charlie Barrow; Lieutenant, Brandon Runyun; Fire Chief, Andrew Bateman; Public Works Director, Oscar Crosby; Utilities Manager, Katina Spaulding and Clerk of Council, Deatre Denion.

2. **Roll Call by Presiding Officer with Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion and a second to approve the meeting agenda. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second from Council Member Drohan. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of July 12, 2023

Mayor Williams asked for a motion and a second to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2023. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second from Council Member Crenshaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Finance Report:**

Ms. Brett, Holland, Bromley, Barnhill & Brett, stated there is no audit update. Everything is set. The July financials indicate all is on track. Between 55% to 59% with revenues and expense are ranging at 60%. The interest bearing accounts are 5.21% for GA Fund and 5.14% for the United Bank. The town is maximizing their deposits. Council Member Crenshaw asked about the investment monies, how much of the cash can be deployed and what is the timeline to get the money out if the Town needs it. Town Administrator Milie stated we may not need to redeploy it and accessibility is immediate. The next steps are to look at the last five years of the Town financials. Council Member Drohan stated it is time to think how we wish to distribute the surplus of the surplus. Town Administrator Milie stated you are looking at this money as surplus and it isn't a surplus.

6. **Discussion Agenda:**

- a) Approval of Support for a Chatham County, Georgia's PROTECT Road System Resilience and Evacuation Route Grant Application.

Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the support letter for Chatham County. Council Member Drohan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Approval of Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) Proposal to Assist with NPDES Phase 1 MS4 Stormwater Compliance Activities & Annual Report.
Two different proposals. One year and Three Year.

Town Administrator Milie stated as discussed previously, there are two proposals, one for a year and the second is for three years. **Council Member Ward made the motion to approve the three year with 30 day kill clause. Council Member Crenshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- c) Approval of Cancellation of Release Maine Lease of Property Off Shell Road.

Council Member Ward made the motion to approve the cancellation with second from Council Member Crenshaw. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Department Report – Written Reports Submitted**

by: Police / Municipal Court / Neighborhood Watch – Sean Clayton, Chief of Police

Lt. Runyan stated they are currently working on outreach materials for unlocked vehicles and pamphlets for officers can hand out to provide information and resources available for citizens. There are plans to send the Court Clerk and an officer to observe other courts to see if there can be improvements for Thunderbolt's court.

Fire –Fire Chief, Andrew Bateman

Chief Bateman stated he is meeting with the ISO Consultant tomorrow. There has not been a date provided for the review.

The Wesley Franklin Tree has been moved to the Fire Station since it was not thriving in the park.

Firefighters will now wear body cams for when they are not in PPE.

Public Works Department – Oscar Crosby, Public Works Manager

There have been some spikes in groundwater withdrawals. The construction on the well will cause some changes in water withdrawals. Chlorides are down. Mayor Williams asked about Maccio Dr. Town Administrator Milie stated the brush was cut back and Director Crosby meet with the County Engineer about the road.

8. Town Administrator Report: Town Administrator, Bob Milie

Elizabeth Rhodes spoke on the website. She showed highlights of the actual site. She explained the site now has an internal focus groups going through it providing feedback. It will go to Council last before launching the website. Ms. Rhodes stated she would send out a link for Council to review in two weeks.

Town Administrator stated a presentation on the fountain should be presented to Council next month.

Town Administrator Milie stated there are nine new dog waste stations in the Town.

Town Administrator Milie explained resurfacing for Rowland and Tuberson was with the County's bid. If the County does not vote on accepting the bid at the next meeting, we will move forward with doing our own RFP. Council Member Drohan stated we need to replace with better quality of road for the heavier trucks and add a sign for no truck parking beyond a point so they do not block people's driveways.

Town Administrator Milie acknowledged the Neighborhood Improvement Association back to school supply roundup. They were able to serve three schools. It was bigger than last year.

9. Legal Report – Town Attorney

10. Mayor and Council

Council Member Drohan held up a broken sign and stated he was saddened that a sign in this yard was destroyed.

11. Thunderbolt Museum

Anna Maria Thomas stated the next garage sale is September 30th.

12. **Executive Session-** Mayor requests a motion and a second to recess into executive session for the purpose of Legal, Real Estate and/or Personnel matters.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to move to Executive Session. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second from Council Member Crenshaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to open back into regular session. **Council Member Crenshaw made the motion with a second from Council Member Drohan. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. **Council Member Crenshaw made the motion with a second from Council Member Skipper-Greer.**

13. **Adjournment:**

Council adjourned at 8:28 pm.



Dana Williams, Mayor



Deatre N. Denion, Clerk of Council