

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 23, 2013
6:00 P.M
MINUTES

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Vice Mayor/Councilman Ward 1 Gene Gallo; Councilman Ward II Gene Brown; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith; and Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr.

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer/Chief of Staff; Warren Merriman, Deputy Police Chief; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; William Lisch, City Attorney; David Ezell, Assistant Fire Chief; and Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director.

The pre-meeting invocation was given by Rabbi Gary Beresford of Ohr Yeshua Messianic Synagogue.
(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

Chief Michael Radzilowski and Chief Chuck Edwards were out with excused absences.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Farm-City Week, Nov. 14-23, 2013

The proclamation was accepted by Ralph Garrison who introduced Samantha Kennedy, the new director of the Manatee County Extension Program. They presented Mayor Poston and Council with new cups depicting cracker cattle and gladiolas in recognition of the 500th anniversary of agriculture in Florida. Mr. Garrison invited everyone to participate in the various events which would be held throughout the week to acknowledge this year's VIVA 500 theme.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Carl Callahan administered the oath to anyone wishing to speak on any non-agenda items and during the public hearings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Norma Dunwoody, 1417 Second Street West, representing residents of Bradenton Village, came forward to question discrepancies and high rates in her and her neighbors' water bills. Councilman Byrd stated that he also had been contacted by residents of that neighborhood with similar complaints. Carl Callahan addressed the issue and said that a problem with a meter had been discovered and it had been replaced. He assured Ms. Dunwoody that the situation would continue to be monitored.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes: Sept. 18 Second Budget Hearing
- b) Minutes: Sept. 25 City Council
- c) Request from BPD to use forfeiture funds to buy first-aid kits for SWAT operators.
- d) 2014 calendar of City Council meetings and City holidays.
- e) Employee Financial Wellness Benefit - Contract with emerge.
- f) Continuing services contract for ASR consulting services with ASRus, LLC.
- g) Amendment No. 3 to loan agreement - FDEP State Revolving Fund Loan SW68117P.
- h) Resolution 13-46: Relating to the proposed SRF Loan application (Item g) for the replacement of the 17th Ave. W. Bridge.

- i) AFSCME Union Contract.
- j) Minutes: Oct. 9 City Council.
- k) Minutes: Sept. 11 City Council.
- l) Minutes: July 17 City Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Items A-L was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY COUNCIL

Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer

Budget Adjustments

Mr. Callahan wished to request approval form three budget adjustments. He said the proposed adjustments would be to Utilities, Police, and Housing. The adjustments would involve simply moving funds between accounts and would not add to the budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Nothing to report.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II: Said that he had attended the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition's *Red Ribbon Week* breakfast at Pirate City. He commended them on the wonderful work they do.

He had also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at St. Stephen's Episcopal School for the opening of the new Moore Athletic Complex. He had been pleased to see the students glowing with pride and excitement.

Lastly, Councilman Brown said that the Winter Wonderland application had just been received, and he suggested continued City support of the event.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Councilman Roff congratulated Jess Jewelers which would be holding a Grand Opening in their new facility this Friday. He thanked Tim Polk and the Planning and Community Development Department for assisting them in this remodeling project. He said the Grand Opening would be catered by SOMA Restaurant which had also recently relocated into the downtown area across the street from Jess Jewelers.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Again thanked Ms. Dunwoody and her neighbors for coming to today's meeting to bring up questions about their water bills. He guaranteed them that all avenues would be pursued to assure accurate bills.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Offered his best wishes for success to the Manatee High School football team which would be contending for a place in the playoffs on Friday night.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Said that he would show his support to Manatee High School by attending his '73 class reunion this weekend.

Assistant Chief Ezell: Nothing to report.

Deputy Chief Merriman: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Announced that paving on 10th Street would begin soon, and traffic interruptions would be kept to a minimum as much as possible.

Tim Polk: Said Code Enforcement would be revisiting Bradenton Village again to continue concerns about delays in maintenance issues on the part of management.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Carl Callahan said that he wished to request approval to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Manatee County for participation in a grant request the county would apply for to continue work on Brownfield areas.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT with Manatee County was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 5:0.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio CD or DVD recording of the meeting is available for a fee upon request.