

Libertarian Party of Brevard County - PO Box 237454, Cocoa, FL. 32923-7454

Titusville City Council Meeting

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- ❖ One interesting note from the CRA meeting is that the city approved \$40,000 to give to Mars Moonshot, LLC located at 5 Main Street in Downtown. (I believe this is the real estate office down by Babcock furniture.) This money was approved for them to buy a new roof for the building.
- Tony Shifalo was appointed to the Historic Preservation Board (Congratulations!!!)
- Parrish Medical Center Board of Directors did a semi-annual report presentation.
- ❖ Titusville Environmental Commission asked the City Council to prohibit St. Augustine grass in the City of Titusville. The Mayor, Robert Jordan, Sarah Stoekle, and Joe Robinson were against the government mandating what kind of grass can be grown. Recently reelected Councilmember Jo Lynn Nelson disagreed and supported the TEC. Councilmember Stoekle asked if we had a Water supply issue they were unaware of. The staff answered No. Councilmember Nelson reminded the council that California didn't think they had a water supply issue either. Stan Johnston spoke and supported Jo Lynn Nelson and said we do have a water supply issue. Nothing came of this. 4-1 were against.
- ❖ -\$40,496 expense on a consultant to review the permit for Independence Recycling. (Barnes, Ferland, and Associates Inc.) The city requested an expert to do this and no one responded in the market, so this consultant would be hired to do it. It's a consultant we have used before. The Mayor, Joe Robinson, and Robert Jordan were against spending this much money on this. Jo Lynn Nelson commented that she knows it's a lot of money, but we need to know if the concrete facility will harm the groundwater. After more discussion it was voted down 5-0.

## Consent Agenda:

- -\$32,880 spent on a maintenance contract for Blue Heron Wetlands
- -\$58,385 spent on a replacement valve at Blue Heron Facility
- -\$992,272.32 spent on Medical Excess Loss Insurance with Symetra coverage through Sept. 2023.
- > -\$31,925 spent on the new LED City Sign in front of City Hall.



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- Approved a \$1,079,129 insurance premium for all lines of insurance coverage for FY 2023.
- > -\$667,925 spent on annual stormwater & piping installation for underdrains within LaCita and Shangri-La neighborhoods.
- -\$129,946.86 spent on two Ford trucks from Duval Ford
- > -\$29,550 spent on engineering consulting services at Blue Heron for screen replacements.
- The council voted to approve the agreed settlement in the case of *Gardner vs. City of Titusville*. (This was a personal injury claim from a sidewalk. The settlement will come at a cost of \$50,000 of taxpayer funds)
- ❖ A new ordinance was created to allow building trade services in the Community Commercial and Planned Industrial Zoning districts. (This basically will allow contractors to open a business in these zoning districts.)
- Titusville Farmer's Market was voted to continue to operate with the Fall of 2022 token program. This is an approval of 7 more farmer's markets.
- City Council meeting scheduled on election night was rescheduled to the Wednesday the very next day.
- ❖ Mr. Mantzaris was approved as the special magistrate mediator. \$5,000 was approved to go into the professional services account for these services.

Tomorrow is the first of the budget hearings. Put it in your calendars.

Thank you all for reading and following!

Nathan Slusher

Chair, Libertarian Party of Brevard