

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

## Titusville City Council Meeting 12/13/2022

-Titusville Farmton LLC gave a presentation. It's a raw water wellfield that provides 2/3rds of the city's water. TIFA is an area west of Scottsmore in the extreme NW corner of Brevard County. Titusville Water Department is requesting funding to planning emergency power to the TIFA site. Estimated budget for 2023 is \$1.16 per 1000 gallons of water that comes into the city. (for comparison, 2022 was \$1.19 per 1000 gallons)

# **During Public Comments:**

- -Rodney Honeycutt spoke and requested an alteration to specific zoning rules from his client. Specifically the current zoning district allows outdoor storage (Boats and RVs) but only 300 feet away from a residential zone property. It sounds like the RV dealership downtown and because of our laws, they can only keep RVs on the front of their property.
- -Councilmember Nelson took a public comment herself and is requesting the staff bring back an ordinance to change building laws to force builders to have charging stations for electric vehicles. The mayor said he didn't support mandating condo owners to build electric chargers because he has never seen gas pumps at a condo either.

### Consent Agenda:

- -Titusville Farmton LLL 2023 budget was approved. \$1.2 million dollars (approx.) for 2/3rds of the city's water.
- -\$445,659 for Architectural and Engineering consulting for the replacement of our fleet fuel tanks and master site planning for the Public Works Complex.
- -\$36,235.20 for engineering consulting services to update and review the City's hydraulic model of Seminole, Bayview, and Titusville High School lift stations for current and future needs.
- -\$86,156.14 to Wharton Smith Inc. to removal a tonnage of grit.
- -\$42,071 Emergency purchase of two Effluent Pump Motors for Blue Heron Water Reclamation Facility.
- -\$35,000 for the purchase of one 60HP motor and one 15HP blower for Blue Heron.

## **Public Hearings:**

- -Adjustments were made to the Land Development Regulations to allow developers more time to fulfill permitting requirements. The city staff said this would be a win-win. It makes a developers life easier and the city's life a little easier. Mainly due to how long it takes all the other state agencies to return permits to the city or the developers.
- -Capital Improvement Update was completed for the State.
- -Rezoning application for residential properties (74 acres in size) west of North Singleton, South of Parrish Road. Skyline real estate properties is requesting removing residential density cap. Based on listening to this hearing, it sounds like this property was all sorts of twisted back in 2004 when the city annexed this property. The city staff could not find evidence to the weird density rules placed on this property back in 2004. This applicant is requesting the density cap be removed from one parcel and another placed on the other parcel. The zoning would remain the same. After mass confusion of why we were doing a rezoning hearing if the property wasn't being rezoned, the city staff explained that the way the law is written, this is the only way to fix this issue............. The applicant's attorney



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spoke. They are planning a development of 65 houses on the East side of the property. A group of individuals from the neighborhood came to speak out against the project. City Council approved the application.

- -SHIP Housing Initiative Plan 2023. Titusville is exploring Community Land trust options as well as exploring Inclusionary Zoning. It was approved.
- -\$8,931,860 to Young's Communication LLC for the construction of the Indian River Force Main Project. This money will come from the State Revolving Loan the city took out this year specifically for this project. This replaces the sewage pipe from South Street all the way to the Wastewater plant. This is the sewage line that had the massive leak during Christmas of 2020 at Sandpoint Park. This was approved.

#### **Public Comments:**

-I presented my idea to help small business owners in Titusville with regards to the landscaping of city owned properties around the city. (For more details reach out and I can provide you with a link to the discussion. But basically it gives small business owners a chance to show off their skills and get recognition and free advertising while reducing the half a million dollar city grass cutting costs) It received good response from the council but the city manager said it would be problematic and it ended.

## **Council Reports:**

- -Mayor Diesel spoke about how great the Christmas parade was.
- -Sarah Stoekle did a report from Florida League of Cities and Space Coast League of Cities. She noted Short Term Rentals will be brought up during legislative session again next year.
- -City Manager informed the council that since Sarah Stoeckle was elected Treasurer of Space Coast League of Cities, they need to select someone new to represent Titusville. Mayor Diesel will step up to take the spot.
- -There is no more City Council Meetings until 2023. The City Manager wished the whole city a Merry Christmas.
- -City Attorney presented mediation report from Titusville VS Mr. and Mrs. Wright from the Windover Hearings. The Wrights presented two options to council, Deannexation of the 10 acres from the city of Titusville, or to rezone the community commercial portion of their 13 acres and to change the law removing the CUP requirements. (Deannexation would basically allow them to Secede from the city and join the county.) The wrights could choose to file a petition in either direction. The City Attorney was just providing the results of mediation and the city council was voting to expedite any reports for the city. If they reject it, it goes to a special magistrate hearing who will decide if the 4:30AM decision by city council was unreasonable. If they support it, the Wrights get to decide which direction they choose to take. \*\*\*Please note this was my understanding of what the City Attorney said\*\*\* A few people from Windover spoke and seemed Happy the Wrights are willing to compromise and everyone wins. It was passed unanimously. So, from my understanding, the ball is now in the Wright's court.

Thank you everyone!

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