

Town of Bermuda Run

Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022 – 6:00 PM

The Town Council of Bermuda Run held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Bermuda Run Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mayor Rick Cross, Mike Brannon, Curtis Capps, Mike Ernst, and Melinda Szeliga

Council Members Absent: Heather Coleman

Also Present: Lee Rollins, Town Manager; Cindy Poe, Town Clerk; Brian Williams, Town Attorney

Call to Order Mayor Rick Cross called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

It is the intent of the Town Council to solemnize the proceedings of this meeting and the business brought before the governing board, to offer the opportunity for a reflective moment of silence.

Adoption of the Agenda

Council Member Curtis Capps made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Mike Ernst seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Approval of the March 8, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Melinda Szeliga made a motion to approve the March 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Council Member Mike Brannon seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Public Comments –

Glenda Smith, retired educator from Farmington, spoke regarding Davie County Mental Health Advocates and the issues regarding Mental Health in Davie County.

Tina Smith Goins of Kinderton Village shared concerns regarding proposed apartments behind Lowe's Foods and the false statements/rumors being circulated in the community.

Public Hearing – Zoning Map Amendment 2022-02

Fuller Land Company has applied to rezone four tracts of land totaling approximately 22 acres from General Business (GB), Gateway Corridor Overlay (GC-O) to Village Mixed (VM). The subject properties are located along Hillsdale West Drive.

Mayor Cross Opened the Public Hearing

Attorney Chad Bomar, representing Fuller Land Company, spoke regarding the need for this land development. He stressed that the Council should ask "Is it reasonable and in the public interest?" He quoted from the Town's Comprehensive Plan to make his case that it is in the best interest to add more rooftops.

Realtor Kim Strohacker spoke in favor of the zoning amendment, adding that people want to move here for a better quality of life.

Mayor Cross Closed the Public Hearing

Following the public hearing, Council Member Curtis Capps made a motion to approve the Zoning Map Amendment stating, 'The Town Council finds that the proposed general use rezoning is consistent with the Town of Bermuda Run Comprehensive Plan policies, specifically the objective to encourage managed growth and development that is compatible with the Town's character, surrounding land uses and available infrastructure and to support residential growth to attract additional retail and service amenities desired by current residents.

Therefore, we find this zoning amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it supports the Comprehensive Plan policies and maps above and because the site is located adjacent to other Village Mixed properties and its location off US HWY 158. Further, we propose an amendment to the Future Land Use Map to show the site as Village Residential. Council Member Mike Ernst Seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Resolution to Apply for State Wastewater Asset Inventory Grant

Adoption of a resolution is required to apply for the grant. The grant is for \$400,000.00 with no required match from the town. The application fee is \$6,000.00 which would be expended from the Utility Fund. Council Member Melinda Szeliga made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Council Member Mike Ernst seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Amend 2022 Council Meeting Schedule

Due to the Davie County Board of Elections hosting early voting on May 10, 2022 the Town Council will need to hold its Council Meeting at the Winmock Barn Loft. The Town Council has also requested changing the start of its fourth Tuesday Agenda Meetings to begin at 8:30 am starting Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Council Member Mike Brannon made a motion to amend the meeting schedule to reflect change in location of the May 10 Council Meeting, and to move the start time of Agenda Meetings from 9 am to 8:30 am beginning May 24. Council Member Curtis Capps seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Town Manager/Council/Mayor Comments

Lee Rollins – Reminder of Planning Board Meeting 4/20 at 6 pm. DOT Updates re: Baltimore Road/I-40 Interchange and Hwy 158/801 Intersection Improvements

Mike Ernst – Very effective meeting. Commended Town Staff on promoting the Comprehensive Plan Survey and encouraged all in attendance to complete it if not already done. Shared that the percentage of surveys done to date is outstanding. Feels approval of zoning amendment was positive as the Town needs more rooftops.

Mike Brannon – Council Members will agree and disagree at times, and he wanted to disagree. Read a letter stating his "anger and embarrassment" over the town not mailing hard copies of the survey to each resident, and the postcards not arriving at the homes in a timely manner.

Melinda Szeliga – Thanked Glenda Smith for sharing her personal story, adding that she too was an educator at one time. Thanked Tina Smith-Goins for speaking on behalf of Kinderton Village. Thanked Fuller Land for investing in our community. Shared her thoughts on the survey, adding that she reached out to those in her HOA that may not use the computer.

Curtis Capps – Disagreed with most everything that Mike Brannon stated, adding that he knows the importance of surveys (in regards to his primary job). He stated that the Town Staff has done an excellent job in communicating – says everywhere he turns, he sees reminders to take the survey (Facebook, Instagram, Website, cards, signs...) You can't make people complete a survey; it's hard to get people to even vote. He's happy with the path that Bermuda Run has been on.

Mike Ernst – Added that Mike Brannon was not with the Town when surveys were mailed to residents in 2017. And we have received an even better response to date than in 2017. (Deadline is May 1.)

Rick Cross – Encouraged everyone to spread the word about the surveys and stressed that we will strive to do a better job. Thanked all speakers, adding that Glenda Smith did a great job articulating what is needed in our community regarding mental health. Gave update regarding the Blue Heron Trail. Covid boosters at Davie Co. Health Dept. Shredding Event this Saturday. Farmers Market returns on Friday, April 22. Thanked Community Officer Mike Foster for being in attendance. Stressed that all Council and Planning Board meetings are open to the public.

Adjourn

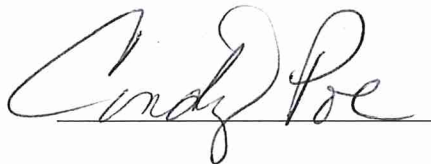
With no further business to discuss, Council Member Melinda Szeliga made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Curtis Capps seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed.

Approved

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Rick Cross, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cindy Poe", written over a horizontal line.

Cindy Poe, Town Clerk