

**TOWN OF ASTATULA
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES**



**COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY MARCH 14, 2023
TOWN HALL**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Mitchell Mack called the workshop to order at 5.34 pm. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mitchell Mack, Mayor
Stephen Cross, Vice-Mayor
Orita Issartel
Zane Teeters

Absent:

Gayle Sikkema

Also Present:

Graham Wells, Town Clerk
Wally Hoagland, Police Chief
Suzi Waters, Admin Assistant

Roll Call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present. The Mayor welcomed Planner Tim Green and Suzi Waters.

AGENDA REVIEW

There was no change to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED JOINT PLANNING AREA (JPA) AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY.

Mayor Mack gave an overview of his understanding of why the agreement was being brought forward now. He asked what we are protecting and from what or who. He deferred to Mr. Green who gave out maps of the previous time the county tried to do a similar thing back in 2007. This did not go forward. He added that the first part is to determine what the boundaries are under the agreement that the town can serve with services and areas that it would like to annex.

Any annexation may also include taking responsibility for the maintenance of roads at the town's cost. The county will not upgrade the roads before they are taken over. This could be a huge financial burden on the town's taxpayers. The Mayor suggested that we keep an eye on this as it develops and attend future meetings with the county.

DISCUSSION ON THE RAMIFICATIONS OF IMPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7.6.4 AND 7.6.5 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REQUIRING THE ADDITION OF FIBER OPTIC CONDUIT WHEN INSTALLING NEW WATER LINES.

The Mayor said that there are different ways that the dig once policy can be implemented. Some cities do it as excavation (trenching) policy and some as design standards. It is very flexible. There was some discussion but no determination to change, add to or remove the current policy.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk

