

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



**SPECIAL SESSION
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 31, 2024
TOWN HALL**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Mack called this rescheduled Regular Session meeting to order at 6:01pm. He gave the invocation and led the led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Graham Wells, Town Clerk
Wally Hoagland, Police Chief

Roll Call was performed, confirmation of the meeting notification was acknowledged, and it was determined that a quorum was present. The Mayor welcomed guests and recognized Karen Smith from the Planning & Zoning Board. Ther were approximately twenty four people in the audience.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

There were no questions or comments.

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no amendments to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-04 CORRECTING A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN ORDINANCES 2023-10, 2023-11 AND 2023-12.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCES 2023-10, 2023-11 and 2023-12 ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023, CORRECTING A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IN THE ORDINANCES, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

The surveyor acting for County Materials annexation made a minor error in the legal description of the parcels being annexed into the town. The ordinances for the annexation, 2023-10, Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2023-11, and Rezoning 2023-12 were recorded before the error was found. This ordinance rectifies the error and will be recorded following the final reading.

A motion to read by title only was made by Vice-Mayor Cross; seconded by Councilman Teeters and unanimously approved. The Mayor read the title and requested a motion.

MOTION by Vice-Mayor Cross to approve Ordinance 2024-04 and send to final reading; SECONDED by Councilman Teeters.

A roll call vote was taken.

Cross YES

Quiros YES

Issartel YES

Teeters YES

Mack YES

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

DISCUSSION ON A PROPOSAL FROM THE FORT TRAINING FACILITY TO HAVE A MOTORCROSS TRAINING FACILITY WITHIN THE TOWN'S LIMITS (AK #1095450).

Jeremy and Courtney Fortner are currently under contract to purchase the back parcel of what is currently the Mulch Manufacturing Inc. property where the old motocross track used to sit. They seek to purchase this property and construct an elite professional level motocross training facility. The facility will consist of three tracks. One outdoor style motocross track, one amateur Supercross track, and one professional Supercross track that would replicate what professional riders' race on in stadiums.

The purchase of this property is contingent upon receiving proper zoning and permitting to run a commercial motocross facility. A twelve-page presentation outlining what they were looking to do on the site was given to the Council prior to the meeting. Jeremy and Courtney Fortner went over their aims and goals for the benefit of Council and the residents that were present.

When opened up for public comment, there was a mixture of people who were against the project and some who were for the project. The main issue surrounded the noise created by the bikes while training and the effect on the property values of those that were close to the site.

Those opposed to the project were Karen Carr, Bill Carter, Sherri Hayes, James MacDonald, David Quiros, Kelly Carpinski, and John Minger. Jennifer Anthony and John Pearson spoke in favor of the project. Mr. Brian Rivera, the Vice-President of the Mulch Plant spoke of his support of the project and Cody Meredith spoke about what the parents were trying to do for their son.

Dawn Teeters asked what the benefits to the town would be given the very limited number of businesses that could benefit from having this in the town. The discussion was even sided and respectful but as a discussion item, no decision could be made without a formal application. This was to establish the feelings of the council and from the citizens for the proposer to see if they wanted to pursue it further.

The Mayor suggested that a possibility was to have it heard by the planning and zoning board to give extra feedback in making their decision.

At 7:09 pm a 5-minute recess was called. The meeting reconvened at 7:18 pm

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE LAKE COUNTY PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND SCHOOL FLASHERS IN THE TOWN.

Lake County will be requiring all Cities that they manage traffic devices for, to make upgrades to them in the next fiscal year. The attached letter explains the two upgrades that the County is looking for; one is to the traffic signal and the other to the two school flashing signals. The Town will be required to budget for the cost of the upgrades in the next fiscal year. They are requesting whether the Town agrees to make and fund these changes. The County would require the Town to upfront the costs for the additional fees for wireless access which will be added to our annual traffic signal maintenance bill which is currently \$4,641.80.

After the agenda cover sheet was sent to council, an email was sent from the town's attorney to Mr. Gadiel, the Senior Traffic Officer at Lake County. As a response had not been received, a motion to table this item was made by Vice-Mayor Cross; seconded by Councilman Teeters and unanimously agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the adjourned the meeting at 7.36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, CMC, Town Clerk