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Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Teeters called this Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:31pm. Pastor Josh Lane from First Baptist Church of Astatula gave the invocation, and Mayor Teeters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Council Members Present

Zane Teeters, Jr. – Mayor
Marjorie Boyd – Vice-Mayor
Cheryl Marinelli – Councilwoman
Kay MacQueen – Councilwoman

Town Staff Present

Ann Quandt, Town Clerk
David Langley, Town Attorney
Wally Hoagland, Chief of Police
Andy Stamper, Public Works

Roll Call was performed, confirmation of the meeting notification was acknowledged, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

A. CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

Farmer Banks Helfrich – Clay Road District

Shared insights related to both gardening and his thoughts on what gets you up in the morning. He said, wake up, dress up, show up, listen up, speak up, follow up and never give up.

Miriam Gomes

The Gathering is going well, they have lots of volunteers, classes, supplies. The Warehouse made cards and donated oregano plants. She is very thankful for the meeting. The Mayor and The Lake County District Representative visited, and we are also having volunteers. She thanked the mayor for coming. She asked about hosting her event on the same day as the election and Vice Mayor Boyd is checking. She requested the Town consider a one-time mailing to all seniors in our community at \$170 for 170 separate addresses.

Brad Minger

The delays in trash pickup are resolved and he thanked the Town and wanted to say thanks that the increase was denied, and he believes that holds the company responsible and that created change. Actions are speaking louder than words.

Mayor closes public comment.

AGENDA REVIEW Mayor requested a change for council to move Item 3 to item 1

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote, 4 to 0.

Yea: Teeters, Boyd, Marinelli, MacQueen

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

No presentations currently.

B. STAFF REPORTS

Police Department –

Chief Hoagland reported the department is working on grants and FEMA. The department recently conducted a DUI drive sober get pulled over campaign to gain community awareness, keeping people safe. The code enforcement department had special magistrate hearing on 08/29/2025 and closed a case with fines. The public works staff have cleaned up quite a bit of the town. There will be a new swing set at Swaffar Park. The department found a container in the way. We need to find another place for the swing set concrete pad and will place it next week. Thank you, Councilwoman Marinelli, because we have a new library at Swaffar Park and an old library back at Kirkwood Park which are both operational. Thank you to the code enforcement department, and the public works staff for making everything look good. Also, thank the police department staff for their full cooperation. Thank you, Officer Calhoun, for doing a really good job and for Lieutenant Brown for operating the department with no problems, the way we like it.

Mayor Teeters: I want to say a special Thank You to Andy, he was able to obtain free concrete for the swing set at Swaffar Park.

Chief Hoaglan: The last thing, I just want to remind everybody about the upcoming Community Events: Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival – 10/31 ,11/1 and 11/2; Thanksgiving 11/27 – feed the community Thanksgiving Dinner and right after that is our Christmas Event, Light Up Astatula 12/5; and New Year’s Eve event 12/31. We are entering the season where there is activity after activity. So, tell everybody to watch their calendars, we want to see everybody there.

Vice Mayor - Marjorie Boyd: I have a question about food disbursements.

Chief Hoaglan: I talked with Dora’s Way on Friday. She works with Second Harvest. She will submit a date for October, and I will confirm the date soon.

Town Clerk – Ann Quandt

I have nothing to add about the meeting, but I am grateful to be the new Town Clerk, and I look forward to working with the residents and the community to making it a better place to live and work.

Town Attorney – David Langley

Attorney David Langley explained he should have a draft of the Ordinance for reference to the Gulf of America by next meeting.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Zane Teeters brought up old business regarding the hours at Town Hall. He proposes Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to accommodate the community and its residents.

Vice Mayor Boyd says there is no reason to be open. Councilor Marinelli proposes that we take it one step further and open at least one evening a week to accommodate residents who work from 9 to 5. Mayor Teeters commented that there was conversation between him and the town clerk to stay open one night late on the date of the monthly meeting since both the mayor and the town clerk are here. He then proposed that the Town Clerk be tasked with a plan to address adding Fridays and evening hours. Vice Mayor Boyd is concerned about current shortage of staff, staffing concerns and the increase in hours and budget. She also thinks it does not make sense to have new untrained people answering questions. Mayor Teeters asks for motion, Vice Mayor Boyd motions to wait and train staff, no second. Mayor Teeters asks for motion that town hall be open to the public Monday through Friday with an effective date to be determined by the Town Clerk. Motion made by Mayor Teeters, seconded by Councilor MacQueen, passed three to one.

Welcome to the new Town Clerk, Ann Quandt.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2024 Audit received the audit for review later. Continuation of review on September 11, 2025, 1st Budget Meeting.

Discussion regarding request for bounce house to be used at the Community Center for a 1-year-old birthday party.

Discussion on FMIT with no prohibition on insurance. This request is being made by a resident and a local business owner. Vice Mayor Boyd adds that since the community will be hosting an event with bounce houses, it is only fair to allow the residents. Mayor Teeters' motions with a unanimous vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

Discussion regarding appropriations for 2026.

Mayor Teeters asks if we have any appropriations to request? These are multi-million-dollar projects. Town needs \$1.8M to upgrade the well. This was denied in 2024 and in 2025 but says that you continue to ask and eventually it will be granted. The Town has already received a CBDG Grant from State Commission for \$700K. We can go out to bid for a water tank to hold 250K gallons as opposed to our current 10K gallons. Any other requests for appropriations must be submitted to the mayor as soon as possible. Councilor, Marjorie Boyd, asks if there is enough money and Mayor Teeters confirms. Mayor Teeters will ask the engineer for the engineering for this project to be done by submission date. Add any costs up front on other appropriations.

Town Attorney – David Langley: Please present any additional project ideas to the attorney or Town Clerk to be presented at the next meeting.

Discussion regarding Public Works Credit Card.

Mayor Teeters approved bank card for the department. No comment from the Town Clerk or Council.

Discussion regarding RFP for James Moore Company.

This company has been hired in August to do the financials and all State required documentation. Zach approved. Council can send comments to either Mayor Teeters or to Zach. Floor Open for Discussion by Council – No Comment

E. COUNCIL DEPARTMENT LIAISON & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports – Nothing to report

Vice Mayor Boyd – asked Town Clerk's \$63k approved amount prior

No public safety code enforcement

Councilor Marinelli – has nothing

Vice Mayor Boyd questions about solid waste people will be here? She wants to revise her title, we are not referred to as counselors.

October 14th Next Regular Council Meeting at 6:30.

September 11, 2025, Solid Waste Hearing at 6:30 and Budget Hearing at 7 (1st) setting actual millage rate.

September 25th, 2025, Second and final budget hearing 7 pm.

Attorney to have meeting due to special assessments meeting – special tax – David will confirm by sending report by Thursday.

No further comments from Council

Mayor adjourns meeting at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Zane Teeters, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Quandt, Town Clerk