

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015  
5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL  
9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD  
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135  
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Ben L. Nelson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

II. INVOCATION:

Pastor John Anderson, with Bay Presbyterian Church, furnished the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

At the request of Mayor Nelson, Council Member Steve Slachta led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Nelson and all Council Members were in attendance, except for Council Member Mike Gibson.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

5:27:14 pm Kathy McGrath, a member of the Waterways Advisory Committee for Lee County, addressed Agenda Item VII. A., relating to the WCIND grant funding, and explained to everyone watching that they pay for this service in their tax bill. She explained that requests for grants are prioritized, with one of the biggest requests for marine patrol all over the County. Every year Bonita has qualified for just about everything they have asked for. It's a good bang for the buck!

5:28:03 pm Peter Simmons Jr., addressed the skate park, and stated that kids want the skate park. They also want more activities for kids.

5:29:09 PM Jake Delaney stated a lot of the kids like the skate park. He is here to ask that it not be closed.

5:30:14 PM Greg Dewitt, a resident of District 2, expressed his support for the WCIND grant funding item, addressing the Fire Department's role in the services provided.

5:30:56 PM Ron Pure also commented on the WCIND grant funding, and addressed an article he read in the Bonita Banner which indicated that there were to be additional eyes out in the bay to check things out. The Greensheet, however, speaks only to maintaining services that are in place right now. He feels that money should also go towards dredging Spring Creek as well as other areas of the bay that are badly in need of dredging.

5:33:45 PM Lieutenant Chris Knight, with Lee County Sheriff's Marine patrol, addressed services they provide as part of the Grant. It's a huge asset to the City of Bonita Springs.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO THE BONITA STORM YOUTH SOCCER TEAM ON WINNING THE 2015 U.S. YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP.

Mayor Nelson next presented the Bonita Storm Youth Soccer Team with a Proclamation on winning the 2015 U.S. Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup.

B. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO DOLLY SCOTT, TRIPLE-CROWN WINNER OF THE 2015 FRED ASTAIRE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, LAS VEGAS. DOLLY TO BE HERE TO ACCEPT.

Mayor Nelson next presented Bonita Springs resident Dolly Scott with a Certificate of Recognition on winning the 2015 Fred Astaire World Championship in Las Vegas. Ms. Scott was in attendance to accept the Certificate of Recognition and to thank Mayor Nelson and City Council.

C. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO TERRY SCHMIDT FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER ON THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD.

Mayor Nelson next presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Terry Schmidt for his dedicated service as a volunteer on the City of Bonita Springs Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Schmidt was present to accept his award and to thank Mayor Nelson and City Council.

D. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 AS INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK. PAT O'ROURKE TO BE HERE TO ACCEPT.

Mayor Nelson next presented Mr. Pat O'Rourke with a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 14 through the 18, 2015 as Industry Appreciation Week. Mr. O'Rourke was present to accept the Proclamation and to thank Mayor Nelson and City Council.

E. RECEIVE THE BONITA SPRINGS/ESTERO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (EDC) QUARTERLY REPORT. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-09-0266) JOHN KOZAK, EDC CHAIRMAN, TO PRESENT POWERPOINT PRESENTATION.

5:46:33 PM Mr. John Kozak and Christine Ross, representing the Bonita Springs/Estero Economic Development Council, were in attendance to present the Bonita Springs/Estero Economic Development Council quarterly report via a PowerPoint presentation (copy in Clerk's file).

6:02:04 PM Mr. Doug Tridal, a business owner in the City, thanked City Council for all their help. City Staff has also been a tremendous help in assisting him with moving his business to the City. He looks forward to continuing his relationship here.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA: (NOTE: ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED AS ONE UNLESS A SPECIFIC ITEM IS REMOVED BY A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.)

6:03:32 pm Council Member Steve Slachta motioned approval of the Consent Agenda; Council Member Steve McIntosh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS FOR WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT GRANT FUNDING FOR MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-09-0269)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

6:04:08 PM Kathy McGrath reminded everyone of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bonita Springs Film Festival. She also spoke in support of the WCIND Grant Funding program and addressed associated activities.

6:06:42 PM Greg DeWitt reminded everyone of the September 11, 2015 Patriot Day Service at Riverside Park.

6:07:10 PM Rick Steinmeyer addressed the budget and stated that he is amazed at everything that's getting done in the City. He is excited!

6:07:54 PM Fred Forbes addressed the first budget workshop.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. REVIEW OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-09-0268)

Informational.

6:10:27 PM City Manager Carl Schwing reminded everyone that the first public hearing for the budget is scheduled for September 10, 2015 at 5:01 P.M.

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

6:11:12 pm Council Member McIntosh wished his wife Connie a very Happy Anniversary!

Council Member Simmons commented on the upcoming budget hearing. He feels the budget is in good shape and looks forward to the meeting.

6:11:47 pm Council Member Martin expressed her excitement in that the dog park was receiving national recognition! She also reminded everyone that Coastal Cleanup is Saturday, September 19, 2015, and that Saturday, October 24, 2015 is Riverfest! She also expanded on a fun event the Wonder Gardens was hosting titled "Ghosts in the Gardens."

6:13:01 pm Council Member Slachta reminded everyone of the September 11, 2015 Patriot Day Service at Riverside Park.

XII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 08/17/15 & 08/19/15 SS/PS

Council Member Slachta motioned approval of both sets of minutes; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.




XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

6:13:32 pm Jim Korem, a resident of Pelican Landing, complimented Mayor Nelson and City Council on the great manner in which they conduct their meetings.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT.

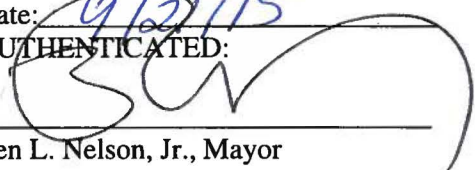
There being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Debra Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED:  
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 9/2/15  
AUTHENTICATED:

  
Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor