

Town of Clermont
Town Council Meeting
October 1, 2024

The Clermont Town Council met on October 1, 2024. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor James Nix, Council Members James Castleberry, Marcia Kesler, John Brady, and Seth Weaver. Town Clerk Amy Lomax also attended.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: James Castleberry moved to approve the agenda. Marcia Kesler seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. The motion passed.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Seth Weaver led the invocation, and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES- September 2024: Council Member John Brady motioned to accept the September 2024 Minutes. James Castleberry seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted in favor. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Mayor and Council reviewed the August 2024 Financial Report.

REPORT: PLANNING AND ZONING: The Mayor and Council reviewed this report.

PUBLIC HEARING: 101 WEST STREET, WARREN AND CATHY WEAVER: Mayor Nix opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm. Mayor Nix said this was a public hearing on a variance request from Warren and Cathy Weaver to allow a 24 x 24 addition to an existing 48 x 24 accessory building to be located on their property at 101 West Street, Clermont. Mayor Nix said that he would open the floor for those who would like to speak in favor of the variance first, and then he would allow those who would like to speak in opposition to the variance to speak. Mayor Nix asked Warren Weaver if he would like to talk to the Council first. Warren expressed to the Council his appreciation for the consideration of the variance. He explained to the Council what type of addition he would like to build. The purpose of the building would be for personal use only as a hobby shop, garage, etc. Mayor Nix asked if anyone else had any comments in favor of the variance. There being none, he then asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the variance. Eric Thomas said he had questions about why this variance's Planning and Zoning meetings were rescheduled. Mayor Nix stated that the September 5th meeting was held but had to be continued due to several members being unable to attend due to illness and death in the family; therefore, we did not have a quorum, and the meeting was continued to September 26th. The September 26th meeting was rescheduled to October 22nd due to inclement weather. Eric Thomas questioned how the Council could have the public hearing without having a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning board. How he understands it, the Council must have the Planning and Zoning recommendation seven days prior to voting on the variance. Mayor Nix said there would be no final action on the variance taken tonight, and the Council would have the Planning and Zoning Committees' recommendation before they voted on the variance at the November Meeting. Eric Thomas stated that the agenda says this is the second reading. Amy Lomax said that was a

typing error; this was the first reading of the Ordinance for the variance. There was some discussion among the Council and members of the audience. Mayor Nix asked if anyone else had any questions or comments on the variance request. There being none. Mayor Nix then closed the public hearing and gave the first reading of Ordinance 82-2024-08-01. This is an ordinance amending the Zoning map of the Town of Clermont, Georgia, by granting a variance to allow a 24 x 24 addition to an existing 48 x 24 accessory building to be located on that lot designated as tax map parcel # 12063 000004 address of 101 West Street. Clermont, Georgia, within the Town of Clermont, Georgia, and owned currently or formerly by Warren Weaver and Cathy Weaver, and being more particularly described on plats or deeds, which are attached hereto and, which are incorporated by reference into this ordinance, and providing that the zoning classification upon said property shall be subject to a certain variance; repealing conflicting ordinances to the extent of the conflict; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

RESOLUTION 2024-10-01: ARPA BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mayor Nix read aloud Resolution 2024-10-01. This resolution is to approve an amendment to the ARPA account's FYE on June 30, 2024. The amendment is for expenditures of \$500.00 and Interest Income of \$500.00. James Castleberry made a motion to approve the budget amendment resolution. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2024-10-02 ARPA FY 25 BUDGET: Mayor Nix read aloud Resolution 2024-10-02. This is a resolution to approve a budget for the ARPA fund for FYE June 30, 2025. The budget amount is \$295,000.00. Marcia Kesler made a motion to approve the budget resolution. James Castleberry seconded, and all Council Members present voted in favor. Motion passed.


PROJECT UPDATES: Mayor Nix asked if anyone had any project updates or anything they would like to say.

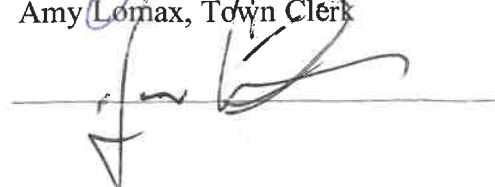
Mayor Nix told the Council that Zach Propes with Hall County had contacted him about scheduling a meeting in the Chattahoochee Center for a TSPLOST presentation to give the public more information on TSPLOST. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 15th at 6:30.

Amy Lomax reminded the Council that our November meeting would be held on Thursday, November 7th, instead of Tuesday, November 5th, due to the election in the Chattahoochee Center. Also, she said that the Town will be hosting a Veterans Day program again this year. The details have not been finalized, but the program will be held on November 8th.

Warren Weaver reminded everyone that we have a Cruise-In on Saturday, October 5th.

ADJOURN: James Castleberry motioned to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. John Brady seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.


Amy Lomax, Town Clerk





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