

**The Inglis Town Commission
held the Regular Commission Meeting
at the Inglis Town Hall Commission Meeting Room
and Remotely via Zoom
on March 2nd, 2021 @ 6:00pm**

Present Were:

**Mayor Merritt (attended Via Zoom), Comm. Brennan (attended Via Zoom), Comm. Morin,
Comm. Schwing, Comm. Webb, Comm. Williams
Attorney Fugate**

Motion to Adopt Agenda

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Brennan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Prayer and Pledge to the Flag

Commissioner Webb stated the Town was honored to have in attendance this evening Levy County Commissioner Mike Joyner and County Administrator Wilbur Dean.

Presentation

Power Point Presentation by Dan Hilliard, President W.A.R., Inc. on the data collected during the lower river environmental assessment and the implications in regard to the community's reliance on septic tanks.

Dan Hilliard addressed the Commission giving an in-depth presentation on the environmental assessment study that was conducted on the lower Withlacoochee River and the implications to the community.

Mr. Hilliard answered questions from residents.

Comments, Ordinances, ETC.

1. Attorney Comments:

A. Staff recommendation from NCFRPC to change the LDR timeline for advertising of Zoning Change Public Hearing notices from 15 days to 10 days in order to line up with the requirements set forth in Florida Statute 166.041.

Attorney Fugate stated there is a memo in the Commission Packet regarding the requested change to the LDR as recommended by staff and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this will line up the dates for advertising according to Florida Statute.

Commissioner Morin asked the Attorney to give a little more of an explanation as to why this request is being made.

Commissioner Williams stated if he understands correctly this will change the time frame for the posting of notices from 15 days to 10 days.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to accept the amendment to Section 34-209. Commissioner Schwing seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Ordinance/Resolutions:

A. Resolution R1-21, A Resolution of the Town of Inglis approving an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement between the Town of Inglis and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Attorney Fugate stated the Town has already agreed to this contract, this request was made by D.O.T. to approve not just by motion but by Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute the amendment to the agreement providing the Town of Inglis accepts the responsibilities outlined in the attached amended agreement.

Commissioner Brennan made a motion to accept R1-21. Commissioner Morin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Contracts/Agreements:

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes: Regular Meetings 02/02/2021
Budget Workshops
Budget Hearings
Workshops
Public Hearings
Special

2. Financial Statements: January 2021

Commissioner Morin made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Regular Agenda

1. Planning:

Commissioner Webb stated there will be a Planning Commission Meeting as schedule for Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 6pm.

Dave Banton stated the Planning Commission will be discussing the zoning change request for the property located at 910 Hwy 40 East, Inglis, Florida.

2. Code Enforcement:

Mr. Banton stated at the Code Enforcement Meeting held on February 25th, 2021 there were seven cases brought to the board, three were resolved and the remaining four were given thirty days to bring into compliance.

3. Old Business:**4. New Business:****5. Dept Report by Commissioners:****A. Budget & Finance.**

Commissioner Brennan stated the revenues for February 2021 are \$172,533.52.

B. Water Dept.

Commissioner Williams gave the monthly report for the Water Department.

C. Maintenance/R&B.

Commissioner Schwing read the report for the Maintenance and Road & Bridge Departments commending the Public Works employees for all the hard work they do.

D. Law/Fire.

Commissioner Webb read the report from January and February 2021 for the Inglis Fire Rescue, she had not received the monthly report from the Sheriff's Department.

E. Land Use/Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Morin stated there was nothing more to add.

F. Planning.

Commissioner Webb stated there was nothing further to add.

G. Health/Welfare/Rec.

Commissioner Morin stated there will be a Farm Share Food Give Away at the Am-Vets on March 24th, 2021.

Commissioner Morin stated for anyone that had not been able to get an appointment for their Covid-19 shots Dixie County is still the easiest place to get the shot and the number is 352-498-1360.

Commissioner Morin stated the Pharmacist at Inglis Drugs will be getting the Covid 19 shots in for the residents but you will need to pre-register.

Commissioner Webb stated residents can pre-register to get the Covid-19 vaccination.

Attorney Fugate stated the link to pre-register for the Covid-19 shot is myvaccine.fl.gov.

H. Animal Control.

Commissioner Webb stated the Animal Control Officer as always has been very busy.

Pam Zadorzany, Inglis Animal Control Officer stated she does carry the Animal Control phone with her at all times and is available for emergencies only 24/7.

6. Public Comments:

Scott Levesque addressed Commissioner Webb stating this morning he was coaxed down to Town Hall by Darlene to have a conversation about something he had posted, while he was at Town Hall he was attacked by James and he wants to know what she is going to do about it.

Darlene Slattery addressed Mr. Levesque regarding his comment stating she did not coax him down to Town Hall she called him to talk to him about the statement he posted, she had no idea that Commissioner Williams was going to come into Town Hall.

Commissioner Webb stated, he asked her a question and her answer is, “She is not going to do anything about it because it is not her place to do anything about it, I was not here, I have no firsthand knowledge of what you’re talking about, if it was reported and there was something that happened, and I believe there was Police involvement, it’s their bailiwick it’s not mine, as a fellow Commissioner I have no role in doing anything about that.”

Mr. Levesque stated, “Well that’s not surprising, I asked for the video, I got the video of the front but mysteriously the video on her office doesn’t work.”

Town Clerk Slattery stated, “There is no video in my office Scott.”

Mr. Levesque stated, “not in your office, the front office.”

Town Clerk Slattery stated, “It only points to the water department desk it does not go to the office so that camera over the back side of Cery points to Cery’s desk and the front desk for the cash box it does not point to where the front door is where you guys were just outside of my office, it would not have picked up.”

Commissioner Williams stated, “He has every right to be here, I am a Commissioner and I actually come in to get my packet cause I hadn’t picked it up yet.”

Deputy Macias asked to address the Commission regarding this matter stating this has been handled through Law Enforcement so there is no need for this conversation to be happening right now, it was already handled, he has spoken to Mr. Levesque and Mr. Williams.

James Sparkman addressed Deputy Macias stating he does not get to make the call to stop this conversation and that this has happened before.

Judi Blum asked Commissioner Webb about the Law & Fire Report and why there still is no information being reported regarding how many drugs busts are being conducted.

Commissioner Webb stated she was given information on the domestic violence report but nothing on the drug busts.

Deputy Macias stated he will personally speak to his Lieutenant regarding this request.

Judi Blum stated she was under the impression that a report was to be given tonight by Woodard & Curran.

Jamie Friesen addressed the Commission stating she appreciates everything that the Commission is trying to do to better this community, she has no complaints whatsoever and is proud of all of them.

7. Workshops & Special Meetings:

8. Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Darlene Slattery stated the L & A Test for the election equipment will be conducted on March 11th, 2021 at 10:00am it is open to the Public, the Election will be March 16th, 2021 from 7:00am-7:00pm, the Canvassing Board will conduct the Election Audit on March 19th, 2021 at 10:00am.

Town Clerk Darlene Slattery reminded all of the Code Enforcement Board hearing on March 25th, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

Commissioner Webb reminded all of the Candidates Forum at the Community Center on March 13th, 2021.

Attorney Fugate asked the Code Enforcement Officer Dave Banton how the Board and himself will be notified if the violations are cleared and the Code Enforcement Hearing is cancelled.

Dave Banton, Code Enforcement Officer stated he will make contact with the Attorneys Office, the Board Members and it will be noticed on the electric sign.

Commissioner Morin stated since the election will be conducted in the Commission Room on Tuesday she will not be able to conduct the Access Florida sign ups.

9. Comments:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Merritt addressed the Commission and the residents stating since this is the last meeting she will be attending she would like to thank them all, it has been her pleasure to serve not only as their Mayor but as a Commissioner and Chair of the Planning Commission over the last 16/17 years, she has enjoyed it and wants everyone here to know that nothing she did was a personal agenda it was all for the betterment of the community.

B. Commission.

Commissioner Williams stated he would like to apologize to the Town for what happened today.

Commissioner Webb stated she had nothing more to add.

Commissioner Schwing stated she wants to make the Public aware that unfortunately the Mastadon Bridge Culvert has some erosion problems and she along with Wayne and Darlene are working to get that corrected before June when the rainy season starts.

Commissioner Morin stated she has one comment to make and it is for everybody including the board, Facebook can be weaponized and it's time for all of us to come together as a Town and work together there is no reason to throw lies around like spaghetti and see whatever hits the wall because for some people what's on Facebook is the truth the Gods honest truth and people should be aware before they post things the repercussions that happen and she thinks they all need to grow up and work together and get things done.

Commissioner Brennan stated she is in agreeance with the comments made by Commissioner Morin and he hopes that they can work together.

Commissioner Brennan thanked the Mayor for her service to the Town.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Schwing seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Attested By: Town Clerk

Approved By: Mayor

Transcribed By: Darlene M. Slattery