



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Town Hall (Council Chamber) - 307 E Kennedy Blvd. 32751

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#### CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and quorum was established through Ms. Nicole Bonds; staff member standing in for the Town Clerk.

**PRESENT:** (4) Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Marlin Daniels, Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels, Mayor Angie Gardner. **Absent:** Councilman Theo Washington,

**STAFF:** (5) Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Administrative Officer**, Nicole Bonds, **Staff Standing in for the Town Clerk**, Patrick Brackins, **Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Interim Chief of Police**, and Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

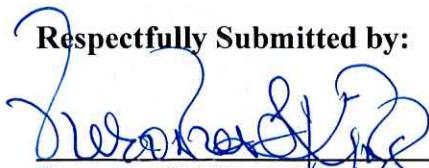
Mayor Gardner led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

#### COUNCIL DECISIONS –

**Mayor Gardner Motions for council to approve the USDA Grant Loan;** Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Vice Mayor R. Daniel; **Discussion:** Chief Jenkins introduced for Council consideration the USDA Grant Loan. The USDA grant is for \$70,000 and the town will give an additional \$23,400 towards two patrol vehicles to include installation of equipment for the Eatonville Police Department. The vehicle models are the four door Ford F150; with a year warranty. The vehicles are being purchased; there will be no payments. This is better option than leasing. The \$23,400 will come from the budget line #5216410 (currently \$50,000) There are currently twelve officers. Officers will be assigned their own vehicles for better accountability; vehicles will not be taken home. Chief Jenkins was made aware of the grant in the early part of 2022; the grant is already awarded. Council has to approve the acceptance of the grant. **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting (Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned AT 5:09 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Veronica L King, Town Clerk

APPROVED

  
Angie Gardner, Mayor