



MINUTES

City Commission Meeting

6:00 PM – Thursday, May 04, 2023 – City Hall

APPROVED 6/15/2023

INVOCATION: PASTOR JONATHAN PEARSON, LIFEPOINTE CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: VICE MAYOR EMILY LEE

CALL TO ORDER: 6:13 P.M.

ACKNOWLEDGE OF QUORUM AND PROPER NOTICE

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Emily Lee, Commissioner Nan Cobb, Commissioner Willie Hawkins, Commissioner Gary Ashcraft and Mayor Michael Holland

1. **AGENDA UPDATE**

Tom Carrino, City Manager, announced that the modifications to the tree ordinance were supposed to be on the agenda; however, there were some inconsistencies so that will be brought back. He added there was a code enforcement case that was originally on the agenda; however, it was already pulled due to staff continuing to work on the case. He stated he would like to add under 3.1 Grant Presentations a presentation to the Eustis Junior Panthers.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 20, 2023 City Commission Workshop: Fairgrounds

Motion made by Commissioner Hawkins, Seconded by Vice Mayor Lee to approve the Minutes as submitted. Motion passed on the following vote:

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lee, Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Cobb, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor Holland

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 Grant Presentation: Amazing Race and Worth It

Mayor Holland explained the City's organizational grant program. He presented to Worth It Outreach and Support \$2,000 for their suicide outreach and support program. He then presented \$6,500 to Amazing Race for Charity. He noted that the Amazing Race takes the small amount the City provides them and increases it to provide support to other community organizations.

Robin Richter, representing Amazing Race for Charity Inc., noted they have provided to the community \$232,566 over the last eight years. She announced they would be giving out over \$34,000 at their presentation on May 23rd at USB. She expressed appreciation to the Commission and City for their support. She stated they already have 135 teams signed up for 2024.

Eustis Police Chief Craig Capri presented a check for \$1000 to Johnny Saunders in support of the community children and Eustis youth football program.

Johnny Saunders thanked the City for its assistance and how they work with the people. He commented on the success of the football program and how it helps the children.

Mayor Holland thanked Coach Johnny and stated he teaches those participants more than just sports.

Commissioner Hawkins commented on Coach Johnny's work with the children and his assistance at the school.

3.2 Elite Baggerz

Demond Blue, Elite Baggerz, explained they are a group of promoters who enjoy biking. He stated they have been hosting a successful event for the last 15 years in Leesburg; however, they have outgrown their venue. He added that, in November they were able to utilize the Lake County Fairgrounds as their venue and indicated they want to build a bridge with the City of Eustis and bring more bike events to the City. He commented on how they donate back to the community. He stated they are "riding for a purpose" and asked for the City to stand behind and help build that partnership. At the Commission's request, he provided a brief history of the organization and how it grew over the past 15 years.

Mayor Holland commented on their assistance with the Music Fest and encouraged them to work with the City's Events and Tourism Coordinator. He reminded everyone that the Bike Fest originally started in Eustis.

4. APPOINTMENTS

4.1 Reappointment to City of Eustis Municipal Police Officers' Pension and Retirement System Board of Trustees – Kenneth D. Birkhofer

Motion made by Commissioner Cobb, Seconded by Commissioner Hawkins to reappoint Ken Birkhofer to the Eustis Police Pension Board of Trustees. The motion passed on the following vote:

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lee, Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Cobb, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor Holland

5. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Howard Stone complimented the Commission and the Police Department on their outstanding job.

Tami Roundtree, Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce, noted she had left a packet of information for each Commissioner and reviewed their upcoming events and ribbon cuttings. She presented their new information packet that they are providing to any new businesses in the City and noted they had given out 14 that week.

Commissioner Cobb asked about their work on the beautification reminders with Ms. Roundtree indicating that has not yet been implemented yet but they are working on developing the materials. She invited them to provide any suggestions they may have.

Randy and Joanna Watson addressed the Commission regarding issues they are having with Green Lake Drive and getting their mail delivered as well as other deliveries and trash pickup. She noted a number of individuals that have gotten stuck due to it being a dirt road. She acknowledged that there is a sign stating it is not under City maintenance.

Mayor Holland welcomed them to the City and suggested they meet with the City Manager Tom Carrino and Public Works Director Rick Gierok.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1 Resolution Number 23-47: Recording Utility Liens: Water, Wastewater, and Irrigation

Motion made by Commissioner Cobb, Seconded by Commissioner Ashcraft to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed on the following vote:

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lee, Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Cobb, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor Holland

7. **ORDINANCES, PUBLIC HEARINGS & QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS**

7.1 Resolution Number 23-35: City of Eustis/UCF Business Incubator Partnership Agreement

City attorney Sasha Garcia announced Resolution Number 23-35: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida; approving a business incubator partnership agreement between the City of Eustis and the University of Central Florida Research Foundation, Inc. to partner in the establishment and operation of a business incubator in the City of Eustis.

Al Latimer, Economic Development Director, presented the proposed agreement.

Attorney Garcia opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Hawkins, Seconded by Vice Mayor Lee to approve Resolution Number 23-35. The motion passed on the following vote:

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lee, Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Cobb, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor Holland

7.2 Resolution Number 23-43: Approving an Urban County Cooperation Agreement with Lake County Relating to the Community Development Block Grant Program

Attorney Garcia announced Resolution Number 23-43: A Resolution of the City of Eustis, Florida, pertaining to the Urban County Cooperation Agreement relating to the Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for approval of agreement and authorization to execute; providing for the implementation of administrative actions; providing a savings clause; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Carrino explained the resolution would opt the City into the Lake County CDBG program which is a HUD funded program. He stated that Lake County is large enough to receive automatic funding each year but the City is not. He stated that, in the past, the City has not opted into the County program as that leaves the City able to apply for the Small Cities CDBG program. He indicated the City has received a Small Cities grant in the past for Palmetto Plaza. He explained that program is competitive and you cannot apply every year. He then reported that staff spoke with Lake County regarding obtaining some of their CDBG funds for road improvements for the Coolidge project.

Mr. Carrino continued stating that in order to do that, the City must opt in to the Lake County program and it is a three-year program. The City would not be able to apply for the Small Cities block grant program but they would be able to apply for County funds during the three years. He reviewed some of the other stipulations. He recommended that the City move forward with opting in.

The Commission asked if it would be a less competitive process with Mr. Carrino responding they would only be competing with other Lake County entities and not the entire State of Florida.

Commissioner Cobb reported on her attendance with City staff and Lake County at a meeting regarding their application.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Lee, Seconded by Commissioner Cobb to approve Resolution Number 23-43. The motion passed on the following vote.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lee, Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Cobb, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor Holland

7.3 Resolution Number 23-45: Foreclosure Authorization: 2250 South Bay Street, Code Case 21-00680

Attorney Garcia announced Resolution Number 23-45: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida; approving a Code Enforcement Board action to authorize the City Attorney to foreclose on an outstanding code enforcement lien recorded against a commercial property located at 2250 South Bay Street.

Eric Martin, Code Enforcement Supervisor, explained the resolution authorizes the City Attorney to foreclose on an unpaid code enforcement lien associated with Code Enforcement Case #21-00680 recorded against a vacant commercial site located at 2250 S. Bay Street. He stated that as of that date the fines had accrued to \$89,350.

Mr. Martin confirmed there have been no recent communications with the owners and the last communication was with the physician's partner in 2018. He stated that in 2021, when the current case was opened, staff emailed the same contact and received no response.

Attorney Garcia opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cobb, Seconded by Commissioner Ashcraft to approve Resolution Number 23-45. The motion passed on the following vote:

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lee, Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Cobb, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor Holland

7.4 Resolution Number 23-46: Foreclosure Authorization - 124 East Ward Avenue, Code Case 21-00185

Attorney Garcia announced Resolution Number 23-46: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida; approving a Code Enforcement Board action to authorize the City Attorney to foreclose on an outstanding code enforcement lien recorded against a residential property located at 124 East Ward Avenue.

Mr. Martin explained the resolution authorizes the City Attorney to foreclose on an unpaid code enforcement lien associated with Code Enforcement Case #21-00185 recorded against a vacant residential property located at 124 East Ward Avenue. He stated that as of that date the fines had accrued to \$56,700. He stated staff's recommendation for approval.

The Commission asked if there had been any communication from the property owner with Mr. Martin responding that he spoke with a nephew of the current occupant, who may be the son of the owner, but none with the actual owner.

The Commission asked if staff had been able to locate either of the owners with Mr. Martin responding that he located Barbara D Metz out of Leesburg, Florida and found a warranty deed for her dated 2015 that shows a John David Metz as a beneficiary. He indicated he just recently located this document. He added they have not yet contacted that individual.

Commissioner Hawkins questioned what happens once they enter the foreclosure process with Attorney Garcia explaining they would conduct a title search and indicated it is likely the owners are deceased. They would determine if a probate was opened. They would also have to contact the heirs and contact them regarding their interest in the property. She indicated the Court must confirm that every effort was made to contact the heirs before they can proceed with the case.

The Commission asked whether or not staff could do some of that on the front end.

Attorney Garcia indicated that fees continue to accrue throughout the case. She stated they could conduct an heir search and title search prior to proceeding with the foreclosure. She noted they would also do a title search to make sure there are no other liens attached to the property. She indicated it would not change the procedure unless they are able to locate the heirs and they are interested in the property and want to appear before either the Code Enforcement Board or the Commission.

Commissioner Hawkins asked what would occur if they located the heirs with Attorney Garcia explaining they would send them a copy of the lawsuit since they would now be part of the suit. However, if they found them ahead of filing their office would contact them to determine if they have an interest in the property.

The Commission asked when did staff last try to contact anyone regarding the case with Mr. Martin responding the Order Imposing Fine was mailed on November 10, 2021. He stated the house is vacant and noted he drives by the house routinely to see if anything has changed. He indicated he has also conducted internet searches. He stated that, even though the property is titled to Barbara L. Metz and the person he found is Barbara D. Metz; however, the name John David Metz coincides as the water was in his name from 2001 to February 2022.

The Commission asked if they had spoken with any of them with Mr. Martin indicating that Joe Rittenhouse had spoken with James Metz at the beginning of the case when the property was still occupied. However, it is now vacant.

The Commission noted the owner is a former teacher with Mr. Martin noting he tried to reach her through a Facebook friend of hers.

Commissioner Hawkins expressed support for waiting to foreclose to try and contact a family member prior to foreclosing.

Commissioner Ashcraft asked how the case differs from any other foreclosure.

Commissioner Hawkins stated he just wants to make sure the City has done as much as it can before taking these steps.

Mr. Martin asked if they could approve the action tonight with staff still sending a letter to Barbara D. Metz. If they get a response, they can come back to Commission for further direction.

Mr. Carrino asked Attorney Garcia if there is a point in the process where they would have to come back to the Commission or a point where they can come back to the Commission.

Attorney Garcia responded they can always entertain a discussion with whomever they are able to find. She cited the recent Colonial Inn matter where they reached a settlement.

Further discussion was held regarding how to proceed and the need to perform a more indepth search prior to filing for foreclosure.

Mr. Martin stated the first step would be to find the owner and bringing the property into compliance would be the second step.

Attorney Garcia stated this would be the first time the City has done the process this way and cautioned that it may be requested for other residential properties when they have difficulty locating the owners. She stated the searches are pretty much simultaneous with the filing of the lawsuit as they have to find someone in order to provide notice of the suit. She added it could possibly delay the sale date and legal process.

Further discussion was held regarding the following: 1) Whether or not the City would lose any time by doing the searches prior to filing the suit; 2) When the case was initiated which was 2021; and 3) The cost to the City for the searches and work done by the city attorney.

Mr. Martin confirmed the only address they have mailed to is the 124 E. Ward Avenue. He indicated he had no other address until he just found the other deed.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not staff could reach out through social media and the required legal procedures under Chapter 162.

Attorney Garcia explained they utilize a separate entity who conducts the detailed heir search.

Mr. Carrino noted that sometimes foreclosure is the only way to get someone's attention and get them to respond. He added that the Commission can always stop the process at any time prior to actual foreclosure.

Discussion was held regarding how other properties were foreclosed on which resulted in families losing their parents' property. Discussion was also held on changing the City's procedures to incorporate a more detailed search prior to requesting foreclosure.

Attorney Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Unknown gentleman informed the Commission that until a few years ago James Metz was the assistant manager for the Ace Hardware in Mount Dora. He indicated he texted Kadie Carter, the owner, to see if they have information on Mr. Metz.

Mr. Martin stated he had tried to call James Metz at the phone number he had contacted the City from several months prior but he did not call back.

There being no further public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Cobb, Seconded by Commissioner Ashcraft to approve Resolution Number 23-46 in order to remain consistent with the City's process, remain consistent with what the Board brings to the Commission and for future processes. The motion passed on the following vote:

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Cobb, Mayor Holland

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hawkins, Vice Mayor Lee

7.5 FIRST READING

Ordinance Number 23-09: Conditional Use Permit for the placement of an accessory structure in front of the primary structure at 4017 East Orange Avenue (Alternate Key Number 1658641)

Attorney Garcia read Ordinance Number 23-09 by title on first reading: An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida; approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow an accessory structure to be located in the front yard at 4017 East Orange Avenue (Alternate Key #1658641).

Jeff Richardson, Deputy Director of Development, reviewed the request for Conditional Use Permit for an accessory storage building in the front yard street yard setback. He noted an error in the staff report which indicates the property is designated Suburban Residential; however, it is actually Rural Residential. He indicated that has no bearing on the case. He reviewed the code pertaining to the issue and the conditional use permit criteria and stated the existing structures are not necessarily in conformance with the comprehensive plan and land development regulations for the use district. He stated that the size of the proposed structure brings the impervious surface to 23,700 sq.ft. which pushes the impervious surface to the 40% mark. He provided photos of the proposed structures and indicated they would not need Commission approval if they could fit everything behind the house.

Mr. Richardson provided photos of other properties where accessory structures were allowed in the front yard. He stated that staff is recommending denial due to them already exceeding the ISR and due to them requesting a significantly larger building being placed ahead of a residential building in a residential land use district.

Mr. Richardson then stated that, if the City Commission finds that the Conditional Use Permit request should be approved, staff recommends the following conditions:

- 1) The proposed accessory structure must be constructed or clad with material appropriate to the existing residential structure and/or in accordance with Section 115-6.1.2 of the City of Eustis Land Development Regulations;
- 2) The building must be oriented so that the roll-up doors do not face East Orange Avenue;
- 3) The elevations of the accessory structure visible from East Orange Avenue must be designed to provide the appearance of a residential structure (i.e.: porch, doors, window treatments (either functional or faux), etc.);
- 4) The applicant must provide a recent survey of the property with pre-development and post-development impervious surface calculations as part of the building permit application;
- 5) No commercial-type operations may occur on the property; and
- 6) The property may not be used for public assembly, exhibition.

Attorney Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Paul Oates, applicant, explained he has a collection of antique tractors as a hobby that he also brings to various shows and parades. He indicated he uses the collection to teach young people as well. He stated the pavilion in the back of the property is intended to be obscured behind the house and store things out of the sun. The structure in front of the house is intended to be conditioned space for storage of the collection.

Mr. Oates then commented on some of staff's concerns. He noted that the property is weird. It is bundled in the Suburban Overlay District along with the surrounding half and quarter acre lots. He indicated it doesn't really fit in the district but is unique. He stated he is matching it to what is there, not the overlay district. Regarding the impervious coverage, he stated he thinks that can be managed as he has no intention of installing any additional paving. He stated that if he is unable to have storage in front of the house, it would mean he would have to leave things out in the open which would be cluttered. He commented on the possibility of moving the manufactured home closer to the street to enable the placement of the storage facilities behind it. He noted that would put residents closer to the street which might not be good. He stated that having the nicer looking building at the front rather than the manufactured home might be more attractive.

Mr. Oates then commented on the size of the structure and the appearance of the metal building. He indicated the actual building is red like a barn with white trim and a single door in the front. He stated it is New England style. He stated he did not believe it would set a precedent as the property is unique. He noted there would be no change in use or intensity.

The Commission asked which way the doors would face with Mr. Oates responding the current application has one door facing the street, one facing the house and two on the eastern side. He indicated there would only be one door facing the street.

The Commission asked if it would be better if he put in some landscaping to hide it with Mr. Richardson responding that would be an option. He explained the staff's recommendation if approved to keep the building residential in appearance rather than agricultural.

The Commission asked why a more accurate photo was not provided with Mr. Oates explaining he just wanted to provide something to give an idea. They asked if there was any comments from neighbors with Mr. Richardson responding that he was contacted by one neighbor from Brookshire that just wanted to know what was being done.

Commissioner Cobb noted that one person from Melody Lane had contacted her.

Discussion was held regarding the impervious surface, what the structure would actually look like, whether or not he could reduce the size of the building and whether or not he would be willing to move the home farther to the front.

Mr. Oates indicated he would be willing to do that but since it is over 20 years old, he may want to just replace it. He stated he thought the other structure would look better than the home.

Mayor Holland recommended that Mr. Oates go back to staff and work on it. He explained if they vote tonight, it will get voted down and could not be brought back for six months.

Motion made by Commissioner Ashcraft, Seconded by Commissioner Cobb to table Ordinance Number 23-09. The motion passed on the following vote:

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lee, Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Cobb, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor Holland

8. OTHER BUSINESS

RECESS: 7:40 p.m. RECONVENE: 7:47 p.m.

8.1 Department Updates: Finance and Human Resources

Finance Department

Mike Sheppard, Finance Director, reported on the department's various subdivisions including Purchasing Information Technology, Payroll and Water Customer Service and their major projects including the audit, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and budget. He provided an overview on their various processes and noted the required increase in security for the City's computer systems.

Human Resources

Bill Howe, Director of Human Resources, reported on the City's turnover rate noting that in the previous year they lost 42 employees. He indicated that nine were due to retirement; however, the remainder were either resignations or employees that didn't make their probationary period. He stated their turnover rate is currently 17.5%. He commented that the City currently only has eleven open positions which is 4.5% of the workforce. He stated the primary issue is

recruitment and retention and reviewed the department's various recruiting efforts. He cited the National Minority Update as a publication and online service that the City has been using for the past three years. He indicated the City has an ongoing ad they publish with them.

Mr. Howe then reported on the new application program the department will be utilizing - NeoGov. He explained that with that program, when someone applies at another jurisdiction their application will also be routed to the City.

Commissioner Cobb asked what part of the exit interviews cited pay as an issue.

Mr. Howe responded that some were pay and some were due to necessary moves. He indicated he would be providing additional information regarding pay issues during the budget process. He noted the required \$15 minimum wage by the end of 2026 and the City's prior plan to attain that. He stated the problem is the many businesses and organizations that have already raised their minimum wage to higher than that. He indicated staff would be bringing back a proposal to increase the raise sooner.

Mr. Howe then reported that health insurance is a key concern. He cited the previous years' increases noting that the previous year the City experienced a 2% reduction in the premium. He added that the employees love the City's health insurance. He then stated that the past year there were a number of employees who experienced major medical issues which increased the City's cost. He stated that would also be discussed during the budget process. He commented on the problems that would occur if the City looks at alternate health insurance companies and indicated that staff is doing some comparisons.

Mr. Howe then reported that the initial negotiation session with the fire lieutenants had been rescheduled and reminded the Commission that the employee appreciation luncheon would be the next Tuesday.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

10. COMMENTS

10.1 City Commission

Commissioner Cobb reported on her attendance at the Law Enforcement Memorial event at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. She noted that only Eustis and Tavares had elected officials in attendance. She noted her attendance at the Farmstead 44 open house. She reported on her attendance at IEMO 2 program. She asked Al Latimer about the gateway grant field trip.

Mr. Latimer responded that he had already begun visiting businesses on his own along Orange Avenue and Highway 441. He commented on how good that has been for his orientation. He stated he would do a group visit the next day.

Commissioner Cobb then asked Chief Capri about the alcohol serving ordinance with Chief Capri stating he and the City Attorney are working on that. He indicated that the one problem location has been dealt with.

Commissioner Hawkins expressed appreciation to the City for welcoming the Elite Baggerz organization to the City. He commented on the Panther athletic event fundraiser to be held on October 21st at the Community Center. He indicated he would approach the Commission later about helping. He stated that the fundraising goal is \$30,000.

Commissioner Ashcraft reported on his first Lake Sumter MPO meeting. He stated that one of their priority projects is SR 44B. He commented on his attendance at IEMO. He expressed

his appreciation for how well the Eustis Commissioners work together. He announced he would be attending the Back the Blue Walk in Tavares on Saturday.

Vice Mayor Lee stated that attending the IEMO program gave her a better appreciation for what the Commission does as well as all of the staff. She commented on the horror stories they heard from other cities. She expressed concern regarding truck and RV parking in the Lowe's parking lot. She also noted a huge truck parking in front of a home on Orange Avenue

Chief Capri indicated they would be putting up new signage, give out warnings and then start having the offenders towed. He then reported that they have collected \$133,000 in code enforcement fines since October. He commented on their processes they have in place to make sure they do not violate any regulations.

Vice Mayor Lee asked how many times someone can have a yard sale in Eustis with Mr. Carrino reporting that someone can have up to four per rolling one year period.

Vice Mayor Lee reported on the inauguration of the seventh president of Lake Sumter State College.

10.2 City Manager

Mr. Carrino noted that staff has entered the budget season and begun inputting their budget requests. He stated they will be asking to schedule four or five workshops with the Commission. He announced that First Friday would be the next day. He noted there are some Arbor Day trees left over and they would be distributing them at the First Friday event.

The Commission asked if the grant list is the basis of the CIP with Mr. Carrino responding that the short-term projects may not be in the CIP; however, the long-term projects would appear in the CIP.

10.3 City Attorney

Attorney Garcia requested to schedule a shade meeting regarding 44 Sharps on May 18th with Mr. Carrino indicating that there is already a CRA and a LPA meeting scheduled for the 18th. He explained the purpose for each of those meetings. He suggested 5:45 p.m. for the LPA meeting and 5:00 or 5:15 p.m. for the CRA meeting. He asked if they wanted to hold the shade meeting at 4:30 p.m. or following the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Ashcraft noted he would not be attending the May 18th meeting. Mayor Holland noted that Commissioner Hawkins would also not be there due to the high school graduation.

Attorney Garcia indicated she would speak with Commissioners Ashcraft and Hawkins prior to the meeting.

It was a consensus to hold the shade meeting at 4:30 p.m. and the CRA at 5:00 p.m. and LPA at 5:45 p.m.

10.4 Mayor

Mayor Holland thanked staff for a great Music Fest with Mr. Carrino indicating there were 5100 people in attendance. Mayor Holland noted the Arbor Day event was well attended and expressed appreciation for it being held on Saturday. He announced Eustis High School is competing in the softball district championship. He encouraged everyone to attend the Back the Blue event on Saturday in Tavares.

Mayor Holland commented on the appointment of Dr. Bigard as president at Lake Sumter State College. He then reported that he is again receiving complaints about the car show downtown and stated the Commission will need to talk about it at a future meeting.

Mr. Carrino indicated he could have the organizer come in and meet with him and the Events and Tourism Coordinator with Mayor Holland stating he thinks they need to appear before the Commission.

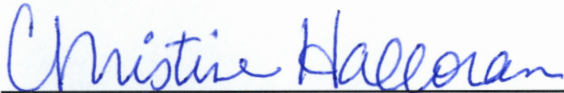
Commissioner Ashcraft noted he has been told by the downtown businesses that they are bringing in their own alcohol as well as food.

Mayor Holland commented on how the City can bring other events to downtown.

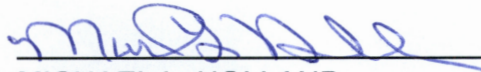
Chief Swanson reported that Lt. Sean Kelleher has been released to full duty.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:22 P.M.

**These minutes reflect the actions taken and portions of the discussion during the meeting. To review the entire discussion concerning any agenda item, go to www.eustis.org and click on the video for the meeting in question. A DVD of the entire meeting or CD of the entire audio recording of the meeting can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk for a fee.*



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