**TAVARES CITY COUNCIL**
**MEETING MINUTES**
**JUNE 7, 2023 – 4:00 PM**
**TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
**201 EAST MAIN STREET, TAVARES**

## COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

**Walter Price, Mayor**
**Sandy Gamble, Vice Mayor**
**Bob Grenier, Council Member**
**Lori Pfister, Council Member**
**Troy Singer, Council Member**

## STAFF PRESENT

**John Drury, City Administrator**
**Lindsay Holt, City Attorney**
**Susie Novack, City Clerk**
**Mike Fitzgerald, Community Development Director**
**Scott Aldrich, Community Services Director**
**Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director**
**Lori Houghton, Finance Director**
**Richard Keith, Fire Chief**
**Crissy Bublitz, Human Resources Director**
**James Dillon, Public Works Director**
**Mark O'Keefe, Public Communications Director**
**Sarah Coursey, Police Chief**
**Phil Clark, Utilities Director**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He asked those who wished to speak on an agenda item to complete and submit a Request to Speak form.

## II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### Tab 1. Pastor Chase Allen, First Baptist Church of Umatilla

Pastor Chase Allen, First Baptist Church of Umatilla, provided the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Price asked if there were changes to the Agenda. Mr. Drury said the staff had no changes.

**MOTION**

**Troy Singer moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

### Tab 2. Proclamation to Recognize the Tavares Youth Football League

Mayor Price made the following presentation:

> *This past spring, the Tavares Youth Football League (TYFL) 10-under and 14-under teams won the King of Spring Tournament held by the Central Florida Youth Football League, an Orlando-based youth football organization with teams from all over Central Florida. Both of these TYFL teams went undefeated during the regular season and won two playoff games to become champions.*
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> *It is with great admiration that we present this proclamation to honor their exceptional season and recognize the achievement of our talented young athletes. Their achievements serve as an inspiration to all members of our community, illustrating the value of hard work, passion, and teamwork in attaining success. Furthermore, we extend our gratitude to the coaches, league administrators, volunteers, and all the parents who helped shape these young athletes into formidable competitors and responsible individuals. Your support has been instrumental in the achievements of the Tavares Youth Football League.*

Mayor Price read the Proclamation in its entirety.

**MOTION**

**Sandy Gamble moved to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

Mayor Price and the Tavares City Council presented the Proclamation to the Tavares Youth Football League Members and Coaches.

## V. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Holt said there were no quasi-judicial matters before the Council for consideration.

## VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD

Ms. Novack read the following Resolution by title only:

**RESOLUTION 2023–07**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, THE CITY CLERK, THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK, THE FINANCE MANAGER, AND THE FINANCE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR AS AUTHORIZED STAFF TO ACCESS TO THE CITY OF TAVARES BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX.**

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Price asked if anyone wished to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Council Member Singer asked to pull Tab 4 for discussion.

**MOTION**

**Sandy Gamble moved to approve Tab 3 [Approval of the May 17, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes], seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

**Tab 3. Approval of the May 17, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes**

*Approved on the Consent Agenda.*

**Ta b 4. Public Works Operations Center Budget Update**

Council Member Singer asked Ms. Houghton to elaborate on the City's cost savings. Ms. Houghton said considerable negotiations were accomplished to lower the project price. To achieve a lower price, the City negotiated owner-direct purchasing to save sales tax which could be used to offset other costs. The City requested to move some contingency funds included with FF&E into the construction line item to appropriately encumber those funds before the sales tax savings were completed.

Council Member Singer said he wanted to bring the agenda item to the audience's attention to show the City is doing everything possible to stay within budget and save

money wherever possible. He said he wanted to bring that to the attention of the audience.

**MOTION**

**Troy Singer moved to approve, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## VIII. RESOLUTIONS

### Tab 5. Resolution 2023-07 – Authorizing Safe Deposit Box Access for City Documents

Ms. Houghton made the following presentation:

> *The City of Tavares has maintained a safe deposit box with Truist Bank, formerly known as the SunTrust Bank located at 15375 US Highway 441, Eustis, FL 32726. The original date of inception is unknown.*
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> *Formerly, access was granted to the City Clerk, the Deputy City Clerk, the Finance Director, the Finance Manager, and the Finance Administrative Coordinator on a name basis, and when a change in staff occurred, making changes could be difficult and was often delayed. The City Code and the City Charter do not provide authorization or directions for the City Safe Deposit Box.*
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> *Resolution 2023-07 provides clear directions for safety deposit box access, and maintenance by staff title, and not by staff name, thus allowing for the continuation of proper access when changes in City staff may occur.*
>
> *Resolution 2023-07 provides access and maintenance to the City Safe Deposit Box to the City Clerk, the Deputy City Clerk, the Finance Director, the Finance Manager, and the Finance Administrative Coordinator.*
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> *Staff recommends Option 1, four the Council to approve Resolution 2023-07, authorizing the City Clerk, the Deputy City Clerk, the Finance Director, the Finance Manager, and the Finance Administrative Coordinator to maintain and access the City Safe Deposit Box at Truist Bank, 15375 US Highway 441, Eustis, FL 32726.*

Council Member Grenier asked if the City Administrator should be included in those positions that could access the safety deposit boxes. A discussion was held, and Ms. Houghton noted items such as original copies of deeds, bonds, and letters of credit were maintained in the safety deposit box.

**MOTION**

**Bob Grenier moved to approve Resolution 2023-07 with the addition of the City Administrator [access to the Safety Deposit Box], seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## IX. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

### First Reading

### Second Reading

## X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### Tab 6. Board Appointments – Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Price made the following presentation:

> *There are three (3) expiring seats on the Tavares Planning and Zoning Board. The City received the following three requests for reappointment and no new applications for the term June 2023 through June 2026 (3-year terms):*
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> - *Deborah Murphy - Request for Reappointment*
> - *Gary Santoro - Request for Reappointment*
> - *Dian Joy - Request for Reappointment*
>
> *The City advertised the open positions in the Daily Commercial and on the City website. Applications and requests for reappointment are attached.*

Mayor Price recommended Deborah Murphy, Gary Santoro, and Dian Joy for reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Board for a three-year term ending June 2026.

### MOTION

**Sandy Gamble moved to approve the reappointments [of Deborah Murphy, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

Council Member Pfister thanked the members of the Planning and Zoning Board. She said the Board had a tough job, and the Council appreciated their efforts.

### Tab 7. Council's Annual Goals for City Administrator

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

> *Annually, as part of the City Administrator's annual performance review, each City Council member establishes their annual goals for the City Administrator to work towards achieving over the ensuing year. Those goals are then provided to*

*the City Council for review and approval. Attached are the prior year goals. Below are the goals submitted for the ensuing year for review and approval.*

*Mayor Walter Price:*

1. *Continue to support hometown rule efforts.*
2. *West Main Street Gateway Project*
3. *Accelerate city debt repayment*
4. *Attract Commercial Development to city*
5. *Continue pursuing grants at all levels of government*

*Vice-Mayor Sandy Gamble:*

*1. Keep same level of service without raising taxes.*
*2. Contract on Stover Complex*
*3. West end of main St. Project*
*4. Completion of Arpa Projects*
*5. Extra EMT Firefighter for station 29 to give a fourth person at station*

*Council Member Bobby Grenier*

*1) The Highways 19/561/448 corridors: smart growth, plan patiently and well, no sprawl.*
*2) Continue the City's Vision of building on a historic foundation: Obtain the Major Alexander St. Clair-Abrams house.*
*3) Market and develop the old ACL railroad depot (old fire station) in the spirit of building on a historic foundation, as well as build a parking garage on the old public works site.*
*4) The Tavares Nature Park is a beautiful attraction with well-maintained walking paths and a pavilion - and is still very active with visitors. Except that the boardwalk to the lake is unusable and unsafe. Nature Parks are great for the community. We should actively explore the best possible financial avenues in restoring the boardwalk ourselves or work with either the Lake County Water Authority or the State to take over the operation and maintenance of the park.*
*5) Tavares Public Safety gets appropriately staffed to meet the City's needs, and also that our Sports and Recreation Department, which includes the Tavares Library and Tavares History Museum, continue to get all the best resources they need to provide a high-quality attraction to our citizens and visitors.*

*Council Member Lori Pfister:*

*1) Golf Cart Access To Hospital*
*2) Continue economic development interest with support*
*3) East Transition for fairgrounds infrastructure*
*4) YMCA Regional Park rebuild*
*5) Pontoon Promenade improvements & Signage*

*6) East parking garage funding*
*7) Find funding to pay for above items*

*<u>Council Member Troy Singer:</u>*

*1) Continue using growth to keep our millage rate low while providing the quality of life our residents, business owners and visitors expect and deserve.*
*2) As growth is inevitable, we continue to maintain our small town "community" feel.*
*3) Stay involved and engaged with the public.*
*4) Take care of city employees as they are the ones who help make Tavares a great place to live, work and visit.*
*5) Continue investing in our all important infrastructure.*
*6) Keep Tavares moving forward by continuing to provide a business-friendly environment.*

Mr. Drury asked the Council to discuss and identify their goals for the City Administrator. He said once the goals were approved, he would begin working with each Department Director to move the Council's objectives forward.

Mayor Price asked for comments from the Council.

Council Member Singer noted his support for home rule, bringing commercial property into the City to offset the residential tax burden, continuing to pursue grants, and keeping the tax base as low as possible. He noted it was a tough balancing act and stated that while the Council tries to keep taxes low, it also has obligations and projects that must be completed. Council Member Singer said it was difficult to determine what projects needed to be done with the limited taxes available. He said he wished to finish projects and utilize smart growth to avoid urban sprawl, and bring quality businesses to the City. He said the City should find creative ways to fund projects, work toward building the east parking lot, and take care of City employees.

Council Member Singer asked Mr. Drury to provide an update on the West End Main Street Project. Mr. Drury said there were past initiatives to complete the West End Main Street as one big project, and the funding was never available when balancing the budget. The Council, over the past five (5) years, completed small projects on the West End Main Street as follows:

- All palm trees have been brought to the end of West Main Street
- All hanging baskets have been brought to the end of West Main Street
- Power was brought down to the end of West Main Street
- Streetlights were brought down to the end of West Main Street
- Paving West Main Street was completed
- The gravel and mixed parking lots in front of some businesses were completed

Mr. Drury said he believed the only items left on the project were installing sprinkler systems in the median and replacing the sod; it was an incremental process and 80% complete.

Council Member Singer noted the West End Main Street Project was a priority of the Council for several years and had been addressed.

Mr. Drury said the West End Gateway Horizon Team was working on schematic plans for golf cart parking and intersection improvements. The Horizon Team was working with Lake County to improve the intersection at SR19 and Main Street.

Council Member Singer asked for an update on the Tavares Nature Park pier as the City was looking for grants after determining that repairing or replacing the pier was not cost-effective. Mr. Drury said the Tavares Nature Park was a wetland area with some uplands. In its natural state, the water floods the entire area and then recedes as a living, breathing nature park. Mr. Drury said the City occasionally received calls asking to fill in the park, create trails, and install boardwalks. He said it would be an expensive project as the ecosystem ebbed and flowed. Replacing a fishing pier and boardwalk would cost millions of dollars with current environmental and FDEP standards. Councils have had to consider whether to tax citizens to rebuild the dilapidated boardwalk and fishing pier and have chosen, to date, with what monies were left in the budget, to build and maintain an in-house boardwalk to the water's edge for fishing. He said Ms. Anderson and her team did a fantastic job maintaining the park, paths, and restrooms and keeping the flora and fauna healthy. Mr. Drury noted alternative funding sources were being explored, including having the State of Florida designate Tavares Nature Park as a state park and if they would have the funding to rebuild and maintain a fishing pier. He said many people enjoy the park. Ms. Anderson noted that a student bug camp was being held at the park.

Council Member Singer said the area was being utilized, and the pier was not cost-effective to repair. Mr. Drury said the Council could have that discussion annually during the budget process. He said it was a passive park, and the Council had determined in the past that it would not be fiscally responsible to spend the amount of money needed when you are trying to keep Police Officers, Fire Firefighters, Parks, Recreation, and other items the City needs to fund. Staff would continue to ask the Florida Legislature and the State of Florida to provide a grant, and there had yet to be any interest. Council Member Singer thanked Ms. Anderson for her efforts in maintaining the park and noted the Lake County Water Authority might be another grant resource.

Council Member Singer inquired about the request to accelerate debt repayment. Mayor Price said he would like the Council to look into options to refinance the debt or pay it off faster. He said that might not be possible under the current interest rate environment as rates would be higher than the City is currently paying. He said he would like to see if prepayment of some of the debt could be included in the budget sooner than the schedules call for. Council Member Singer said the Finance Director had done a tremendous job getting the lowest possible loan rates at 1.5% and 2%. He said paying

down debt at an accelerated rate would indebt current business owners and residents to pay off a capital project with a lifetime use of 20 to 30 years. Council Member Singer said he did not favor accelerating a debt repayment schedule, especially in an environment with a CPI of around 7%. He said the City was not in debt and used loans to pay for capital projects with long lifespans, and it was beneficial to tax residents currently using those capital items.

Council Member Singer inquired about the EMT and Firefighter positions. Vice Mayor Gamble said there were three (3) Firefighters on duty at a time and noted his concern for adequate staffing during vacations, illness, et al. Chief Keith stated there was a minimum of two EMT Firefighters on duty. Vice Mayor Gamble said it was a concern for the safety of the department and the citizens of Tavares.

Council Member Singer said the Council does everything possible to ensure the City is fully staffed in each position while balancing the budget. Chief Keith said a federal FEMA Safer grant would be pursued to obtain firefighters. Chief Keith noted the grant cycle was closed for the current year and would reopen at the beginning of 2024. Vice Mayor Gamble asked how many years the Safer Grant would apply. Chief Keith said the grant changes yearly; typically, a 3-year grant cycle. The first year pays 100% of hiring fees, salary, and equipment, then slides to 75% in the second year and 35% in the third year. In the fourth year, the jurisdiction would be fully responsible for those firefighter positions.

Council Member Singer asked if it was the same grant program other cities have used. Chief Keith said Leesburg and Mount Dora hired through Safer Grants. Council Member Singer inquired about issues other cities have experienced with the grant. Mr. Drury said Tavares would not over-hire and would possibly hire three positions. Chief Keith confirmed.

Council Member Singer asked for information on acquiring the St. Clair Abrams house. Council Member Grenier said the home of Major St. Clair Abrams, founder of Tavares, was located in the downtown and felt the City should own it. He said most cities own their most important historic home, from the Mote Morris in Leesburg to the Clifford House in Eustis. He stated that the Tavares Library could use the home for events and that it was listed on the National Register. Council Member Singer inquired about the cost of obtaining and refurbishing the St. Clair Abrams House. Mr. Drury estimated renovating the home at $150,000 over two years. If the initiative was approved, he would speak to the homeowner, determine the price and cost to refurbish and determine how the house would be repurposed for modern-day use. During the budget process, the Council would either approve or not.

Council Member Grenier noted his support to approve the goals as presented.

**MOTION**

**Lori Pfister moved to approve the City Administrator Goals, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## Tab 8. Tavares – Mount Dora Trail Update

Mr. Drury said Horizon Team Members, including Council Member Singer, City Administrator John Drury, and Public Works Director James Dillon, were working Lake County and Mount Dora on the trail between Tavares and downtown Mount Dora with Lake County as the lead funding agency. Initially, the primary route was planned for the railroad bed, and CSX was interested in selling the bed to Lake County. The funding was lined up, and when the offer was forwarded, CSX had a new President and was no longer interested in selling the corridor. That left Lake County to look at new places to place the trail. Mr. Drury said Old 441 and Lakeshore Drive from downtown Tavares to downtown Mount Dora were other possible locations for the trail. He discussed past initiatives to place the route along Lakeshore Drive, which the residents along the road did not support at that time. Today, Lakeshore Drive is full of bicycles utilizing the roadway, and homeownership may have shifted along with new support for the route. Lake County is exploring new interest in putting in the bike trail along Lakeshore Drive, with public meetings at the Mount Dora Library and in Tavares.

Mr. Drury noted there were 4 options for a trail from downtown Tavares to downtown Mount Dora including the following:

1. Railroad bed
2. Next to the railroad bed (live rail with a path next to it)
3. Old 441
4. Lakeshore Drive

Council Member Singer welcomed another route option and looked forward to hearing public comments. Council Member Pfister thanked Mr. Drury for the update.

## Tab 9. Wooton Wonderland Storyboard Narrative

Traci Anderson, Parks Operations Manager, provided the following presentation:

> *The Wooton Wonderland Project will be completed by the end of June 2023, and City staff are seeking Council's approval or direction regarding the narrative that will be depicted on the Wooton Wonderland Storyboard.*

Discussion was held and there was a consensus from the Council to tighten the narrative of the storyboard.

Mr. Drury said an option would be for Ms. Anderson to work with Council Member Grenier to bring back revised language for approval.

## MOTION

**Sandy Gamble moved to table Tab 9 and bring back a modified narrative at June 21, 2023, City Council meeting, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

The Council commended Ms. Anderson.

**Tab 10. Cemetery Gate Archway Signage**

Traci Anderson, Parks Operations Manager, provided the following presentation:

*The Department of Public Works recently received acknowledgment that a long-term Parks Management Division goal had been achieved! The Tavares Cemetery was recently recognized as the first, Level 1 Accredited Arboretum in the State of Florida, one of 85 cemeteries in the world operating as arboretums. Establishing the cemetery as an arboretum was identified as a primary goal in 2019. The decision to enhance the cemetery aesthetically and provide a higher level of service for cemetery patrons and the community at large was determined based on an internal evaluation of the cemetery, which revealed concerns about the entryway that columns supporting the gate were in serious decline and several were immediately removed due to failed foundations. A new entryway was designed to better support the needs of the community, cemetery patrons, and staff. The assessment also depicts the relocation of the granite sign emblazoned with 'Tavares Cemetery' to a perpendicular placement, readily viewed from the road. The new entry design has provided for a recessed gate from the existing location, originally setback 5' from the sidewalk to a 30' setback, which will create a safer path for pedestrians and motorists.*

*The current gate, nearly rusted through, will be replaced by an ornamental gate and with a complimenting archway that safely provides a stately entry with visual appeal and embraces the duality of the cemetery and arboretum. Through the City's partnership with Lake Technical College, welding students will exercise their skills in the fabrication and installation of the new gate. Don Bell Signs, known for the creation of our brand-immersed kiosks, gateway, and way-finding signage, has agreed to assist Tavares and Lake Tech with the fabrication and installation of the kingposts and archway in preparation for the gate. The design of the archway includes our iconic seaplane, synonymous with Tavares, anchored in the center of the arch with the words Cemetery & Arboretum placed within the span. Tavares, being the first in the state to achieve this distinctive designation, would savor the opportunity to showcase it at the new entryway. City staff is seeking Council's approval or direction on adding Arboretum to the gate archway.*

*Staff recommends Option 1, for Council to approve the Cemetery and Arboretum Archway Signage.*

Mayor Price asked for comments from the Council.

Vice Mayor Gamble inquired about the fiscal impact. Mr. Drury said the Council was approving the design. Ms. Anderson noted Lake Technical College would fabricate and install the gate, and Don Bell Signs would fabricate and install the archway.

Council Member Singer commended Ms. Anderson, said the archway would be a great addition to the cemetery, and was pleased to have another first in the City.

**MOTION**

**Lori Pfister moved to approve Option 1, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

**Tab 11. Interlocal Agreement Between Tavares and Lake County for Improvements to the Golden Triangle Regional Park – East Campus**

Mr. Aldrich made the following presentation:

> *On March 29, 2022, the City Council approved and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lake County and the Central Florida YMCA to explore a public/private partnership opportunity for the development of a central regional park for Lake County to be located on the current Golden Triangle YMCA property in Tavares. At the December 7, 2022 meeting, City Council voted unanimously to accept a grant of $4.8 million from Lake County to purchase the YMCA property, execute a purchase and sales agreement, and negotiate an operational agreement with the Central Florida YMCA for management of the property.*
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> *The City executed the operational agreement with the Central Florida YMCA on May 17, 2023 and closed on the purchase of the property on May 19, 2023. As an initial redevelopment project, City and County staff have worked together to develop a beautification plan to include the restriping of the parking lot and the resurfacing of the existing basketball courts on the property.*
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> *Before Council is an interlocal agreement for funding in the amount of $300,000 from Lake County to contribute towards this initial project. City staff is seeking Council's approval to authorize the City Administrator to enter into this agreement and accept the funding.*
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> *Staff recommends Option 1, for the Council to approve and authorize the City Administrator to enter into the interlocal agreement to accept funds in the amount of $300,000 for the improvements.*

Mr. Drury said Council Member Pfister was instrumental in moving the project forward through discussions with the Chairman of the Lake County Commissioners. He thanked

Council Member Pfister for her work behind the scenes to partner with Lake County and noted the City would not have obtained $300,000 in grants without her efforts.

Vice Mayor Gamble asked how long it would take to convert basketball courts to multi-pickle ball and basketball options. Mr. Aldrich said a few months.

Mayor Price asked if there were any additional costs to the City. Mr. Aldrich said no, and the grant was 100% funding.

**MOTION**

**Lori Pfister moved to approve Option 1, seconded by Bob Grenier.**

Council Member Singer and Vice Mayor Gamble noted their support and thanked Council Member Pfister.

**The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

## XII. OLD BUSINESS

## XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Gary Santoro, Royal Harbor, thanked Council for approving the Planning and Zoning Board reappointments and Mr. Drury for his support. He stated concerns regarding rail cars parked on area tracks that are a blight with graffiti. Mr. Santoro said he researched federal regulations and found no references regarding maintaining rail cars. Mr. Santoro asked if the City could enact a law to require the transit companies to move or maintain rail cars. Mr. Drury said he did not believe local cities could pass legislation that affected the railroad and noted the City and County worked hard with Senator Rubio, Senator Rick Scott, and Congressman Daniel Webster to get the railroad to provide the right-of-way for the trail to no avail. Mr. Drury said he would research Mr. Santoro's request and report back.

## XIV. REPORTS

### Tab 11. City Administrator Report

Mr. Aldrich provided an update on the 8 and under baseball All-Star team, the 10 and Under baseball All-Star team, the 15 and under baseball All-Star team, Youth Flag Football League, Ascend Summer Camp, and the Library Summer Reading Program.

### Tab 12. City Council Member Reports

Council Member Grenier

Council Member Grenier said the Tavares Library Summer Reading Program began June 1, 2023. He provided an update on upcoming program activities and events.

Council Member Grenier said he attended a pinning ceremony for new firefighters Mathew Nail and Joseph Weston on June 5, 2023.

Council Member Grenier said he attended a Lake Technical College presentation for the new Public Works Building and noted the City received a plaque.

Council Member Grenier said West Main Street paving was complete, taking the area to a new level and beautifying the area.

Council Member Grenier said a flag day celebration would be held at the historic Court House on June 14, 2023, including a burning ceremony for retired flags.

Council Member Grenier noted June 6, 2023, was the 79th anniversary of D-Day.

Council Member Singer

Council Member Singer said he attended a recent Community Services Award Banquet and congratulated the winners. He mentioned Tavares winners of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award, as the owners of The Argonaut and Nautilus Coffee Shop. He said the Lake County Museum of Arts was recognized, and DeAnna Thomas, Lake Technical College received the Educator of the Year Award.

Council Member Singer noted the Lake Tech Partnership Award was presented to the City.

Council Member Singer said he attended a recent employee picnic and thanked Ms. Bublitz for her efforts.

Council Member Singer said the flags and bunting on City Hall looked great and thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts. He thanked the Parks Department for putting flower baskets up along Main Street.

Council Member Singer wished those present a Happy Father's Day.

Vice Mayor Gamble

Vice Mayor Gamble noted signs banning truck access to Madison Street were erected.

Vice Mayor Gamble commended the eight-and-under baseball All-Star team. After the meeting, he said he planned to attend the ten-and-under baseball All-Star game.

Vice Mayor Gamble commended Mr. Clark for the work being done on Woodlea.

Vice Mayor Gamble asked if one of the existing tennis courts off Caroline Street could be made into a pickleball court. Mr. Drury said the tennis court resurfacing was included in the upcoming budget.

Mayor Price

Mayor Price said the City received a Lake Technical College Partnership Award. He noted the culinary department also provided freshly baked cookies shared at the employee picnic.

## XV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 5:20.

Respectfully,

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Susie Novack, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk