



**TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2019 – 4:00 PM
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 EAST MAIN STREET, TAVARES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Boggus, Mayor
Lori Pfister, Vice Mayor
Lou Buigas, Council Member
Troy Singer, Council Member
Roy Stevenson, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

John Drury, City Administrator
Bob Williams, City Attorney
Susie Novack, City Clerk
Mike Fitzgerald, Community Development Director
Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director
Tamera Rogers, Community Services Director
Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Richard Keith, Fire Chief
Stoney Lubins, Police Chief
James Dillon, Public Works Director
Phil Clark, Utilities Director
Crissy Bublitz, Human Resources Director
Mark O'Keefe, Public Communications Director

TAVARES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Betty Burleigh, Librarian/Historian and Board Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Drury called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He asked those present to silence their cell phones and noted hearing devices are available. Mr. Drury asked those who would like to speak on an agenda item to complete a Request to Speak form.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tab 1. Pastor Mike Watkins, Friendship C.M.E. Church

Pastor Mike Watkins, Friendship C.M.E. Church, provided the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ELECTION RESULTS

Tab 2. Election Results

Ms. Novack made the following presentation:

Effective August 15, 2019 at 12:00 noon, the following six candidates for the office of City Council, Seats 2 and 4, qualified to be placed on the ballot for the November 5, 2019 city election:

Seat 2:

- *David Boylston*
- *Lou Buigas*
- *James Sweeza*
- *Robert Wolfe*

Lou Buigas was elected to serve on the Tavares City Council, Seat 2, for the term 2019-2021. The City of Tavares Canvassing Board certified the results on November 8, 2019. Lou Buigas received 802 votes, David Boylston received 437 votes, James Sweeza received 488 votes and Robert Wolfe received 720 votes.

Seat 4:

- *Walter Price, Sr.*
- *Troy W. Singer*

Troy W. Singer was elected to serve on the Tavares City Council, Seat 4, for the term 2019-2021. The City of Tavares Canvassing Board certified the results on November 8, 2019. Troy W. Singer received 1306 votes and Walter Price, Sr. received 1301 votes.

IV. SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chief Lubins swore in Lou Buigas to Seat 2 and Troy W. Singer to Seat 4, Tavares City Council.

V. CONVENING OF NEW COUNCIL

VI. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Tab 3. Election of Mayor

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

Section 3.04 of the City Charter states that “The council shall elect from its members, a Mayor and Vice Mayor” and “the City Administrator shall conduct the election of the Mayor”. The Council has traditionally followed Roberts Rules of Order when conducting meeting and elections.

Based on the Roberts Rules of Order process, the City Administrator will open up the floor for nominations of Mayor. Council members will be invited to nominate any council member including themselves. No second is required for a nomination. Once nominations have been completed the City Administrator will close nominations. Any nominee for Mayor may decline such nomination.

The City Administrator will then offer an opportunity for any audience member or council member who wishes to speak to make comment at this time.

Upon completion of receiving comment, the City Administrator will request a hand vote (raising of the right arm) for each nominee based on the order in which they were received at time of nomination until three or more votes are made for a nominee.

Council Member Boggus asked when public input would be held. Mr. Drury said public input would be held after nominations and before a vote of the Council.

Mr. Drury opened the floor for nominations for Mayor.

Lori Pfister nominated Amanda Boggus.

Lou Buigas nominated Troy Singer.

There were no further nominations and Mr. Drury closed the floor to nominations.

Mr. Drury asked for comments from the audience.

Sandy Singer, 1936 Maple Circle, noted her support for Troy Singer.

Diana Aten, 714 N. St. Clair Abrams Avenue, noted her support for Lori Pfister.

Don Kehr, 16833 Deer Island Road, congratulated the elected candidates and provided the years of service for each Council Member for consideration.

Denise Laratta, Royal Harbor, said any members who were involved in negativity during the election should not serve as Mayor or Vice Mayor.

Jimmy Conner, Lakecrest Lane, noted his support for Troy Singer and said the Council should be unanimous in its election for Mayor and Vice Mayor in order to move the city forward.

Vance Jochim, 12619 Milwaukee Avenue, noted his support for Amanda Boggus to serve as Mayor.

Mr. Drury asked for questions from Council.

Council Member Buigas noted a concern regarding Council Member Boggus' heavy work schedule conflicting with the duties of Mayor.

There were no more comments and Mr. Drury closed the floor to Council discussion.

Mr. Drury asked for a show of hands for Amanda Boggus as Mayor.

Amanda Boggus was elected as Mayor by a show of hands 3-2 as follows:

Amanda Boggus:	Yes
Lou Buigas:	No
Lori Pfister:	Yes
Roy Stevenson:	Yes
Troy Singer:	No

Mr. Drury passed the gavel to Mayor Boggus.

VII. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Tab 4. Election of Vice Mayor

Mayor Boggus opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Roy Stevenson nominated Lori Pfister.

There were no further nominations and Mayor Boggus closed the floor to nominations.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the audience.

Diana Aten, N. St. Clair Abrams Avenue, congratulated Mayor Boggus and noted her support for Lori Pfister to serve as Vice Mayor.

Denise Laratta, Royal Harbor, said her comments remain the same.

Mayor Boggus closed public comment and asked for a show of hands for Lori Pfister as Vice Mayor.

Lori Pfister was elected as Vice Mayor 5-0.

VIII. SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL

Tab 5. Seating Arrangement of the New Council

Mr. Drury said an opportunity is presented for Council to discuss their dais seating arrangements and make changes, if any, for the upcoming year. He said any changes would be made at the following meeting.

There was a consensus from the Council to remain in their current seat locations.

IX. SUNSHINE LAW/ETHICS LAW UPDATE

Tab 6. Sunshine and Ethics Law Update

Attorney Williams reviewed public records laws, Government in the Sunshine laws and ethics laws. He said ethics laws include the requirement for the Council to disclose conflicts of interest regarding financial gain on matters being voted upon and noted that a conflict of interest is the only situation that a Council member may not vote on an item. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on voting conflicts under Florida law.

Mayor Boggus asked for questions from Council. There were none.

X. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Drury said staff would like to table Tab 12, Amendment to Extend Current Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Covanta Lake II, to the December 4, 2019 City Council meeting.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve the Agenda with the change, seconded by Roy Stevenson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XI. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Tab 7. Introduction to Mayor's Youth Council and Assignments to Council Members

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

Tavares High School has completed their competitive selection process and five students have been chosen to participate in the 2019-2020 Mayor's Youth Council. Each Council member has been provided the student resume's for review and pairing consideration. An additional copy will be provided in the Council folders during the meeting. The Mayor's Youth Council is an introduction program on local government.

Tavares High School has selected the following five (5) students:

- *Jamal Adams*
- *Nicolas Becera*
- *Gabriella Carranza*
- *Kaitlyn Dunn*
- *Shelby Isbill*

Mr. Drury said each student's syllabus has been provided to Council and staff is seeking their assignment with each Council member. He said the options are to have the Mayor review the resumes and make selections or choose by a lottery system. Discussion was held and there was a consensus from Council to use a lottery drawing system. The following pairings by drawing were made:

Vice Mayor Pfister was paired with Kaitlin Dunn.

Council Member Stevenson was paired with Gabriella Carranza.

Mayor Boggus was paired with Nicholas Bacerra.

Council Member Singer was paired with Shelby Isbill.

Council Member Buigas was paired with Jamal Adams.

Ms. Farnsworth, Assistant Principal, Tavares High School, said the school received twelve applications and felt the high response was due to the Council allowing the students to attend the meetings for one hour. She noted many after school activities the students participate and said most coaches and activity leaders were amenable to release their students an hour to attend city meetings and events.

XII. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE-COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Williams stated there were no quasi-judicial matters before Council.

XIII. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD

Ms. Novack read the following resolution by title only:

RESOLUTION 2019-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAVARES, REPRESENTING THE FINAL AMENDMENT TO THE ADOPTED BUDGET, AND PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

XIV. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Boggus asked for comments or questions from Council. There were none.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Tab 8 – Approval of September 18, 2019, October 2, 2019 and October 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes; Tab 9 – Hamlets of Tavares Subdivision Railroad Crossing Agreements; Tab 10 – Resolution 2019-10 – Final Budget Amendment for FY2019; and, Tab 11 – Request for City Support for the Mike Stone Invitational Soccer Tournament at Hickory Point], seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 8. Approval of September 18, 2019, October 2, 2019 and October 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Tab 9. Hamlets of Tavares Subdivision Railroad Crossing Agreements

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Tab 10. Resolution 2019-10 – Final Budget Amendment for FY2019

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Tab 11. Request for City Support for the Mike Stone Invitational Soccer Tournament at Hickory Point

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

XV. RESOLUTIONS

XVI. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Novack read the following resolution by title only:

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First Reading

None.

Second Reading

None.

XVII. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tab 12. Amendment to Extend Current Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Covanta Lake II

Tab 13. City Council Consideration of Alternatives for an Amendment to Land Development Regulations Chapter 4, Section 4-45, Notice of Hearing Requirements – Posting of Property

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

City staff is required to follow Notice of Public Hearing requirements that are outlined in Florida Statutes and the City's Land Development Regulations for Public meeting agenda items that pertain to property annexation, rezoning, and land use changes. The notice requirements include newspaper ads, mail to abutting property owners within 150 - 300 feet, and posting signs at subject properties every 100 feet notifying the Public of the date, time, and place of the Public hearing, and a brief description of the proposed action. At the October 2, 2019 meeting City Council discussed City of Tavares Notice of Hearing requirements as they pertain to the posting of sites, and directed staff to bring the item back to Council for further discussion. City staff is requesting City Council's review of current posting regulations, consideration of alternative examples from surrounding cities, and recommendation to staff for an amendment to Land Development Regulation Chapter 4 Section 4-45 Notice of Hearing Requirements [Posting of Site]. Below is a summary of surrounding city requirements:

- *Minneola: 1 Sign per road frontage 18" x 24", 6 feet high*
- *Clermont: 1 Sign per right of way*
- *Eustis: 1 Sign per property*
- *Apopka: 1 Sign per right of way*
- *Ocoee: 1 Sign per right of way, 2 sq. ft. with a generic message, detailed information on website*

- *Leesburg: 1 Sign per right of way 18" x 24"*
- *Tampa: 1 Sign per road frontage 18" x 24"*
- *Lake County: 1 Sign per road frontage 18" x 24"*
- *Tavares: 1 Sign per 100' of road frontage, 3 feet high*

Mr. Fitzgerald said the City of Tavares currently requires signs every 100 feet rather than one sign per property. He said the current Tavares signs are 11x14 inches card stock paper material posted on 3-foot high stakes. Mr. Fitzgerald provided a PowerPoint presentation including images of sign options. He provided cost estimates for the different sign options.

Gary Santoro, Royal Harbor, said posting a property should be the responsibility of the applicant or developer. Mr. Santoro said that when an applicant goes before the Planning and Zoning Board he visits each subject property and ensures signs are in place. He noted his preference for a sturdy generic sign with detailed information on the website. He recommended applicants pay for a sign and receive a deposit when a sign is returned to the City.

Vance Jochim, 12619 Milwaukee Avenue, noted his preference for 24x18 snipe signs similar to campaign signs, placed on the property by the developer with a formal scheduled process to ensure the signs are posted on time and remain posted.

Don Kehr, 16833 Deer Island Road, provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted his preference for one two-post waterproof 4x8 plastic sign with vinyl lettering per road frontage and installed by the developer. He recommended the main message include eight-inch lettering. Mr. Kehr said detailed information is not needed on a sign if a phone number and website is provided.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he appreciates Mr. Kehr's input. He noted a concern for the expense that a single-family homeowner contiguous to the city would incur for a larger sign at a cost of \$200 in order to annex into the city. He said cities in the area consistently require 18x24 inch snipe signs that are weather proof and sturdy with metal posts mounted into the ground. He said corrugated plastic is weather resistant and Council should consider an upgrade to the type of signs that are posted.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from Council.

Council Member Singer noted his preference for one 18x24 snipe sign per road frontage similar to the signs used by the City of Tampa and Lake County with the applicant posting the sign(s). He said that he would be in favor of an applicant paying for a sign and then receiving a reimbursement when the sign is returned. He noted a concern regarding ensuring an applicant posts a sign properly. Mr. Drury said if the applicant places the sign a program would need to be implemented to photograph. Mr. Fitzgerald said other cities have the applicant post the sign(s) and submit a photograph.

Council Member Buigas noted her preference for snipe signs, information on the city website and one sign per road frontage. Mr. Fitzgerald said the City of Ocoee uses a reusable generic sign that directs the reader to their website. Other cities are using one-time use signage where permanent marker provides detailed information.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked Attorney Williams if generic language would be sufficient. Attorney Williams confirmed and said state law does not require any posting.

Council Member Stevenson asked if the city or developer would pay for signs. Mr. Fitzgerald said the city currently accepts fees for annexation, rezoning and land use proposals and the cost of the signs is not itemized in the fees. Council Member Stevenson asked if staff or the developer should post signs. Mr. Fitzgerald said the current regulations state the City of Tavares will provide a sign for the applicant to post the property. He said the city has provided courtesy posting for applicants. Mr. Fitzgerald said staff could continue to extend the courtesy posting and ensure photographs are taken with simple snipe signs. He said he would ask that his staff not be responsible for posting a 4x4 wooden post signs. Council Member Stevenson noted his support for corrugated plastic snipe style signs with detailed information that are 18x24 and three foot in height. He said he would also like information placed on the website.

Vice Mayor Pfister asked how many zoning signs are posted within a month. Mr. Fitzgerald said an average of one to two signs are posted per agenda. Vice Mayor Pfister noted her support for generic heavy-metal realtor style signs with an information tube that contains additional information. Mr. Drury noted an issue of the paper information running out. Vice Mayor Pfister said a notification could be placed on the sign directing a reader to the website or phone number for additional information if the information tube is empty of information flyers. She said a deposit could be required to cover the cost of the sign.

Mayor Boggus noted her support for the City of Eustis snipe sign which provides detailed information. She said she prefers corrugated plastic signs with contact information with a three-foot post at 100-foot intervals for large agricultural properties. Mr. Fitzgerald said the three-foot high wooden posts are not stable in the wind. He recommended options of either metal posts that come with a snipe sign or a heavy-metal realtor type sign. Mr. Drury said the snipe signs also fall over.

Mayor Boggus asked if this item should be continued for staff to research heavy-duty signage. Mr. Drury said it would not be necessary to postpone and options have been discussed with some of the following examples:

- One per property or one every 100 feet
- Large signs with 4x4 wooden posts for properties 5-10 acres or more in size with the developer posting at a \$200 cost.
- Smaller real estate type signs on properties less than 5 acres with a including phone number, website and information tube.

Vice Mayor Pfister recommended placing a QR code on the signs for the city website.

Mr. Drury said an ordinance and costs will be brought back for Council's consideration.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to bring back an ordinance for Council's consideration with costs for one 'generic message' heavy real estate type metal sign with information tubes and QR code for all properties under five acres; and, one 4x4 post sign with an adequately sized sign for all properties [five acres and] greater, seconded by Lou Buigas.

Mr. Drury said staff will provide the dimensions of an adequately sized larger sign. Council Member Singer said he prefers snipe signs. Council Member Stevenson noted his preference for more information than is provided in a generic sign.

The motion carried 4-1 as follows:

Amanda Boggus: Yes
Lori Pfister: Yes
Lou Buigas: Yes
Troy Singer: No
Roy Stevenson: Yes

Tab 14. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Firefighters

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

Previously the Tavares Collective Bargaining Management team (Fire Chief, City Administrator & Council Member Roy Stevenson) met with the Firefighters bargaining team and negotiated the amendment to the contract which has been approved by the Firefighters and is presented to Council for approval. Changes are attached and numerated as follows:

- 1. Wage is adjusted same as all other City Employees at 3.75% effective October 1, 2019.*
- 2. Calls for addressing wage compression issues at the next years bargaining sessions.*
- 3. Next bargaining session will commence in February 2020*

Normally this item would have come to Council before October 1st, however, due to scheduling conflicts the final collective bargaining session did not occur until after October 1st making this November meeting the first

opportunity to present the final changes to Council. We have agreed to start early next year (February) so this does not occur again.

Mr. Drury said the collective bargaining agreement would be retroactive effective October 1, 2019.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from Council. There were none.

MOTION

Roy Stevenson moved to approve the amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 15. Ice Vending Machine Services

Mr. Dillon made the following presentation:

The City of Tavares has received an inquiry to have ice vending machines installed near two (2) of our City boat ramp locations; Wooton West and Tavares Recreational Park (TRP). Should Council wish to consider pursuing a Request For Proposal (RFP) for ice vending machine services, the following factors will need to be considered:

- To support this type of service, it would be necessary for the City to have the proper electrical and water infrastructure engineered and installed to operate the equipment.*
- Implementing best management practices, operating procedures will need to be developed and associated costs for all future operations, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and repairs shall be identified for budgeting purposes.*
- Tavares Recreational Park (TRP) is owned by the State of Florida and the City of Tavares has a fifty (50) year lease agreement effective June 12, 1991, through June 11, 2041, for the management of the property. Prior to any alteration of the premises or change in use, a written request shall be submitted to the State and receipt of their written approval is required.*

The aesthetics, security, lighting, and health standards will need to be addressed including but not limited to midge attraction/infestation, and certifications of safe and consumable ice.

Council Member Buigas asked if the proposal will include the cost of electric and water. Mr. Dillon confirmed and said it will be identified in the request for proposal.

Council Member Singer asked if there will be compensation to the city for leasing the property. Mr. Dillon said compensation can be included in the request for proposal.

Council Member Singer said he would like to ensure costs are borne by the vendor and not the city.

Vice Mayor Pfister asked if the Prop Shop sells bagged ice. Mr. Tweedie confirmed. Vice Mayor Pfister noted her support for the city's current handling of ice services.

MOTION

Roy Stevenson moved to approve, seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried 4-1 as follows:

Amanda Boggus: Yes
Lori Pfister: No
Lou Buigas: Yes
Troy Singer: Yes
Roy Stevenson: Yes

Tab 16. Horizon Team and Board Representation

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

The City Administrator has identified staff teams who work on projects that are off into the future/horizon - "Staff Horizon Teams" (see attachment). Staff conducts research on the subject matter and brings to the City Administrator that research after which the Administrator may bring to Council from time to time that research for Council's benefit and further discussion and/or action. The City Administrator invites one Council member to join the "Staff Horizon Team" and attend research meetings on occasion for those "Horizon Teams" a Council member has a particular interest in. Attached is a listing of those staff teams and Council is provided an opportunity to discuss/change representation on those staff teams.

Discussion was held and the following 2019-2020 Staff Horizon Teams and Board Representation assignments were made:

Staff Horizon Teams

Special Events Project Team (L. Pfister / B. Tweedie)
Woodlea Sports Park Complex (A. Boggus/T. Rogers)
Economic Development (L. Pfister/B. Tweedie)
Sister City Program (L. Pfister/J. Drury)
Library Expansion (L. Pfister/T. Rogers)
Public Works Complex (A. Boggus/J. Dillon)
Comprehensive Plan Update (T. Singer/M. Fitzgerald)
Historical Society Building (R. Stevenson/T. Rogers)
S.R. 19/561 and 448 Corridors(Stevenson /M. Fitzgerald)

West Main Street Gateway (L. Buigas/M. Fitzgerald)
Race Relations (Singer/Alternate Stevenson/S. Lubins)
N/S City Gateways (St. Clair and Sin Clair) (Boggus/ J. Dillon)
Tavares/Mount Dora/YMCA Trail (L. Buigas/J. Dillon)
Seaplane Base re-build (Singer/B. Tweedie)
Emergency Preparedness/Public Safety Horizon Team (Boggus/R. Keith)
Wooton Wonderland Rebuild (T. Singer/James Dillion)

Board Representatives

Florida League of Cities Legislative Committees

Phil Clark – Environment & Energy Council
Mike Fitzgerald – Transportation & Intergovernmental
Lori Houghton – Finance & Taxation

Lake Community Action Agency – 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.
Roy Stevenson – Representative

Lake County Library Advisory Board – 3rd Thursday at 5 p.m.
Norma Emerson – Representative
Amanda Boggus - Alternate

Lake County League of Cities – 2nd Friday at 11:30 a.m.
Troy Singer Representative
Lou Buigas - Alternate

Lake County League of Cities - Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Lori Houghton – Representative

Lake County Water Alliance Technical Committee
Phil Clark – Representative

Metropolitan Planning Organization
Roy Stevenson – Governing Board Member
Lou Buigas - Alternate

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Technical Advisory Committee
Antonio Fabre – Representative

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee
Lou Buigas - Representative

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Citizens Advisory Committee
TJ Fish – Representative

YMCA – Golden Triangle Advisory Board

John Drury - Representative

Tavares Chamber of Commerce

Troy Singer & Bob Tweedie – Representatives

School Concurrency Committee Annual Meeting

Troy Singer – Representative

Mike Fitzgerald – School Concurrency Technical Advisory Committee

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XIX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XX. HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Tab 17. Tavares Historical Society

Mrs. Burleigh said the City Council made history during the meeting as the Council has a women's majority. She provided the following list of women who have served on the Tavares City Council:

- K.M. Lacey
- Effie Treadway
- Patricia Farner
- Lillian Burd
- Elaine Cermak
- Jane Dyer
- Debbie Stivender
- Nancy Clutts
- Lori Pfister – longest serving woman on Council
- Lisa Johnson
- Amanda Boggus
- Lou Buigas

Mrs. Burleigh said she is in support of returning to at large elections with no seats. She said she would also like the citizens to vote for the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Mrs. Burleigh said the gateway sign at the Chris Daniels memorial fountain is beautiful with blue and white Christmas lights.

XXI. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Don Kehr, 16833 Deer Island Road, thanked Mr. Drury and Mr. Fitzgerald in bringing his sign concerns forward. He said he still has a concern regarding large projects vs small projects and said he may bring forward a submittal.

Debbie Weinert, President, Friends of the Library, provided an update on the library scarecrow contest. She said there were twenty participants which was an increase from nine the previous year. Ms. Weinert said she has a raffle basket and invited those who would like to participate to meet with her after the meeting. She thanked those present for supporting the library.

Diana Aten, N. St. Clair Abrams Avenue, said Cromartie Alley is almost ready to open and thanked Council and Mr. Dillon. Ms. Aten noted her preference that the Audience to be Heard segment of the meeting not require request to speak forms.

Sandy Singer, Maple Circle, congratulated Mayor Boggus, Vice Mayor Pfister, Council Member Singer and Council Member Buigas. She said with the Council working together Tavares will move forward in a positive way for the good of all citizens.

Vance Jochim, 12619 Milwaukee Avenue, provided and reviewed a list of recommended improvements to City Council policies to each Council member.

Pastor Michael Watkins thanked Council Member Singer for the great job he did as Mayor and said everyone will support Mayor Boggus in her tenure. He stated his appreciation for each Council member for standing up for all citizens of Tavares.

XVII. REPORTS

Tab 18. City Administrator Report

Mr. Drury noted upcoming meetings and events were available in the Council agenda packet.

Ms. Rogers said the Christmas lights have been turned on for the Council to enjoy after the meeting.

Tab 19. City Council Member Reports

Council Member Stevenson

Council Member Stevenson noted all Council members phone numbers are available on the city website for citizens to contact each member with questions or concerns.

Council Member Singer

- Congratulated Mayor Boggus and Vice Mayor Pfister.

- Said it is an honor and privilege to be on the City Council and serve all of the citizens and business owners of Tavares. He said he has been a resident of the city for forty years and said the Council will continue to move forward together.
- Said he is excited to be a member of the Wootton Wonderland Horizon Team and said his family was involved in the park's initial establishment.
- Said Tavares is a growing community and looks forward to working together with businesses and schools to continue to be a great city and work together for the betterment of the City of Tavares.
- Commended Ms. Rogers on the BooFest event.
- Said he attended the Sunday Coll open house, a new business that employees sixty persons with plans on expanding.
- Wished those present a Happy Thanksgiving.

Lou Buigas

- Thanked all those present for their warm welcome.
- Said she is excited to serve with each seasoned Council member for all of the residents of Tavares. She said her phone number will be available on the city website and asked all present to call with any questions or concerns.

Vice Mayor Pfister

- Congratulated Council Member Buigas and Council Member Singer on their election.
- Congratulated Mayor Boggus.
- Wished those present a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Boggus

- Congratulated Council Member Buigas and Council Member Singer on their election.
- Congratulated Vice Mayor Pfister.
- Thanked Ms. Rogers for asking her to participate in BooFest. She said she enjoys volunteering each year.
- Said she is unavailable to participate in the Christmas festival and hopes she has many volunteers.
- Wished those present a Happy Thanksgiving.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The was no further business and Mayor Boggus adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully,

Susie Novack, MMC/FCRM
City Clerk