

**TOWN COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Crowley and Councilmembers Caletka, Paul (via phone) and Starkey (via phone). Also present were Acting Town Administrator Cohen, Town Attorney Kiar, and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting.

Property and Casualty Insurance Resolution

Mayor Truex indicated that there was a question that the terms and rates quoted from the Florida League of Cities (FLC) would not be binding past noon today.

Councilmember Caletka inquired the need for an emergency meeting as he questioned if this qualified as an emergency. Councilmember Starkey advised that the FLC could not guarantee the amount longer and no one could unilaterally make the decision to move forward.

Mayor Truex asked Mr. Kiar for his opinion on an emergency meeting. Mr. Kiar questioned if the FLC had to have a contract or the bid would be withdrawn. Mayor Truex advised that the FLC needed binding authority. Mr. Kiar clarified that Council was indicating that there was a concern that the Town might incur considerable expense. Human Resources Director Mark Alan advised that FLC needed binding authority in order to secure the excess insurance.

Councilmember Caletka he did not see this issue as an imminent threat to the safety, health or well-being of the community. He advised that the Charter was open to interpretation as to what qualified as an emergency meeting and he felt that it was an abuse of power to hold an emergency meeting.

Councilmember Paul did not see this issue as an emergency since there was a secondary vendor. She did not appreciate being "pushed around" by the FLC and did not think this issue constituted an emergency.

Vice-Mayor Crowley did not recognize this issue as an emergency as the Town has insurance until September 30th and there were other firms that offered insurance.

Vice-Mayor Crowley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Caletka, to adjourn. Councilmember Starkey advised that it would cost the Town a considerable amount of money if the Town did not commit to the FLC, which concerned the welfare of the community. She stated that other emergency meetings had been held when there was a financial reason to meet.

In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Truex - yes; Vice-Mayor Crowley - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Paul - yes; Councilmember Starkey - no. (Motion carried 4-1)

APPROVED _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk

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