



**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
YANKEETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2025, AT 6:00 PM
YANKEETOWN TOWN HALL
6241 HARMONY LANE, YANKEETOWN FL**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

(Please turn off Cell phones)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Laurence Vorisek, Tim Ecker, Bob Terrian, Allen Casey, Seante Gyukeri, and Norm Fugate.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes
 - a. 11.3.25 Meeting Minutes
 - b. 11.17.25 Special Meeting Minutes
2. Yankeetown School- Monthly report
3. Savinacious- Monthly report
4. Update On Animal Control
 - a. Animal control monthly report.
5. Update on Appropriation Application.
6. Proposal to build a little free library at Yankeetown Town Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Coast Guard Station

COUNCIL REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAYOR REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Consultation with Attorney concerning potential ordinance or zoning violations related to business activity at a residential address.

AREA RESIDENT COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Please Limit to Three (3) Minutes)

ADJOURNMENT:

POSTED: December 5, 2025

Seante M Gyukeri, Town Administrator



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
YANKEETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 3, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
YANKEETOWN TOWN HALL
6241 HARMONY LANE, YANKEETOWN FL**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Lawrence Vorisek; Council Members Bob Terrian and Allen Casey; Town Attorney Norm Fugate; Town Administrator Seante M. Gyukeri. (Quorum present)

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: 23.

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion by Bob Terrian, second by Allen Casey, to approve 10.6.25 meeting minutes. Motion passed 3–0 unanimously.
- **Yankeetown School Monthly Report**
 - Not present.
- **Annual Employee Federal Holiday Adoption**
 - Motion by Allen Casey, second by Bob Terrian, to adopt the annual federal holiday calendar. Motion passed 3–0 unanimously.
 - Town Hall Closure: Acknowledged administrative closure for Friday, December 26, 2025 and Friday, January 2, 2026 with staff using accrued leave (not paid holidays). No objection.
- **Savinacious – Monthly Report (Jason Benoit)**
 - Introduced Jessie as a local resource for meetings/community coordination.
 - Federal FEMA shutdown delaying approvals; State continues reviews and is training new project contacts. Projects remain active pending federal action.
 - Idalia Project (\$500,000): close-out nearing completion; no local match; potential small refund.
 - Helene: keep open pending substantial damage reports; not ready to close.
 - HMGP 2024 applications submitted; best-case movement late Q1 2026.
 - Drainage grants (64th–66th) initial State feedback addressed; awaiting further requests applications remain under review.
 - State appropriation request: meeting Wednesday application due November 21.
- **Coast Guard Station – Discussion**
 - Potential acquisition/long-term lease when USCG relocates; purpose could be Town Hall/records above flood elevation.

- Need inspection and monthly, annual cost estimates; explore revenue via partial space rental.
- **Animal Control**
 - Negotiations with Town of Inglis to provide services on initial month-to-month basis; Inglis to track call volumes/services/costs and submit monthly reports; meeting Nov 12 to consider agreement.
 - Public Q&A covered feral cat TNR, nuisance standards, feeding on others' property (trespass via Sheriff), and that buzzards fall under FWC authority.
 - Staff to continue drafting interlocal/contract and consider ordinance updates addressing nuisance and off-property feeding.
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - Animal Control – continuing work with Inglis; ordinance refinements in progress.
 - Engineering Report – awaiting Jones Edmunds update; staff has followed up.
- **COUNCIL REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - Allen Casey – Reported on high-speed vehicle incident on Riverside Drive; Sheriff confirmed pursuit was terminated for safety; seeking resident camera footage (8:30 AM Saturday).
 - Bob Terrian – No police or fire report. Parks & Recreation: excellent Halloween turnout. Need more volunteers, thanks to Chris from Inglis for assistance.
 - Mayor Lawrence Vorisek – Water plant, tower: shutoff issue being repaired; one motor to be replaced. Boil-water advisory remains in effect pending second sample.
- **MAYOR REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - General update and appreciation to community intent to finalize animal control arrangement and address buzzard concerns.
- **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - Code Enforcement (Report dated Oct 31, 2025 – Officer Chad Ward): 3 complaints filed (2 new cases; one FWC matter). Total new cases: 6; 3 closed with compliance; 5 prior cases closed with compliance. Magistrate (Oct 24): CE2025-035 dismissed (compliance achieved); CE2024-033 extension to Nov 21; CE2025-025 guilty with \$100/day fine until compliance. Next magistrate Nov 21 with 1–3 cases anticipated. Overall trend: fewer complaints and more resident interaction.
 - Water billing – Effort underway to bring service back in-house; equipment ordered; target by year-end.
- **AREA RESIDENT COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - Friends of the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve: program Friday, Nov 14, 10:00 AM (topic: sharks).
 - Update requested on Alachua Conservation Trust taking over WGP; process ongoing with multiple entities.
 - Volunteers sought for the Seafood Festival.
 - Request for camera footage relating to the recent high-speed incident.
 - Yard sale benefiting Inglis Animal Control - Nov 15 at 67 Riverside; donations welcome.
 - Request to seek grants to support animal control—staff, consultant to explore.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:04 PM Motion by Terrian, second by Casey; approved unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Seante M. Gyukeri, Town Administrator



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
YANKEETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.
TOWN HALL – 6241 HARMONY LANE, YANKEETOWN, FL 34498**

Public in Attendance: 5 members of the public

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laurence Vorisek at 9:00 A.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Roll Call**
 - Mayor Laurence Vorisek – Present
 - Councilmember Allen Casey – Present
 - Councilmember Tim Ecker – Present
 - Councilmember Bob Terrian – Present
 - Town Administrator Seante Gyukeri – Present
4. **Public Comments** A resident addressed a recent dog bite incident. No further public comments were made.
5. **Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with Inglis** Town Council discussed renewal of the previous interlocal agreement with the Town of Inglis. Discussion concluded at 9:14 A.M.

Motion

- Motion made by: Councilmember Tim Ecker
 - Seconded by: Councilmember Allen Casey
 - Vote: 4-0 – Motion passed unanimously
6. **Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Seante Gyukeri, Town Administrator

Proposal to Build a Little Free Library at Yankeetown Town Hall

A Community Project to Promote Literacy, Sharing, and Civic Engagement

Introduction

This proposal outlines a plan to build and install a Little Free Library on the property of Yankeetown Town Hall. Little Free Libraries are small, publicly accessible book-sharing boxes that operate on a "take a book, leave a book" principle. These libraries have gained national recognition for their role in promoting literacy, fostering community connections, and encouraging lifelong learning. Learn more at <https://littlefreelibrary.org>

Project Overview

The goal is to construct a weatherproof, attractive Little Free Library on the property Yankeetown Town Hall. This location is ideal due to its centrality, accessibility, and visibility to residents, visitors, and town employees. The library will be maintained by volunteers and supported by donations from the community.

Objectives

- Encourage reading and literacy among residents of all ages.
- Promote community engagement and interaction.
- Provide free access to books and educational materials to those ineligible for a local library card
- Beautify Yankeetown Town Hall grounds with a unique and functional structure.
- Support sustainability through book reuse and sharing.

Benefits

Little Free Libraries have been shown to:

- Increase book access for children and adults in both urban and rural communities.
- Serve as gathering points and conversation starters, building a sense of neighborhood pride.
- Encourage the sharing of diverse genres, authors, and cultural perspectives.
- Provide a simple way for residents to donate books and support literacy.

Proposed Location

The recommended placement is Council designated location at Yankeetown Town Hall, easily visible from the sidewalk and accessible to pedestrians and visitors. This spot ensures maximum exposure while maintaining the aesthetics and functionality of the property.

Design and Construction

The Little Free Library will be:

- Built from durable, weather-resistant materials such as treated wood and plexiglass.
- Decorated with community-inspired artwork and the Yankeetown Town Hall logo.
- Sized to hold approximately 20-40 books, with adjustable shelves for various sizes.
- Equipped with a lockable door to protect contents from the elements.

Maintenance and Stewardship

Volunteer stewards, Shannon Vasko and others to be recruited and recognized, will oversee the library. Responsibilities include:

- Cleaning and minor repairs as needed.
- Encouraging community members to donate gently used books.
- Removal and restocking of books during mandatory hurricane evacuations.

Budget Estimate

Item	Estimated Cost
Materials (wood, paint, hardware, plexiglass)	\$200
Labor (volunteer-based)	\$0
Signage and Registration (optional official charter)	\$50
Initial Book Stock (donated)	\$0
Total	\$250

Funding will be sourced by Shannon Vasko. Volunteers will be recruited for labor.

Implementation Timeline

1. Week 1-2: Secure approval and finalize location with Town Hall.

2. Week 3-4: Gather materials and recruit volunteers.
3. Week 5-6: Construct and decorate Little Free Library.
4. Week 7: Install and stock with donated books.

Conclusion

Building a Little Free Library at Yankeetown Town Hall aligns with the town's values of education, community spirit, and civic engagement. This project is a low-cost, high-impact way to enhance the property, promote literacy, and bring residents together.

I respectfully request approval to proceed and welcome feedback and suggestions from town leaders and the community.

Contact Information

For questions or to volunteer, please contact:

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