

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 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.

• <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u>

- 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