

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Town Hall**  
**August 01, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Council Members Present:**

Luis Gomez  
Dynette Lewis  
Shelisa McCall  
Alicia Johnson

**Others Present:**

Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor  
Kristina Wood, Chief Deputy Clerk of Finance  
Shantia Brown, Administrative Assistant  
Robin Phillips, Jones Phillips & Associates  
Tangela Ivory  
Dr. Jessica Griffen

**1. Open Meeting with Prayer**

Council President Luis Gomez opened the meeting with prayer.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance****3. Roll Call**

All Council Members were present except for Sandra McMurray Jackson.

**4. Public Forum**

Tanya Ivory stated that her dad had received her past due utility bill at 391 E. Pond Street; but her address was 421 E Pond Street. She said she didn't know if someone was being funny by handwriting the address on the envelope or what, but it was wrong for a Town staff to send it to her father's address.

Mayor Ben Boutwell said it would be looked into. Council gave their deepest apologizes and was sorry this happened.

Dr. Jessica Griffen shared a report on the Youth First Century.

Dr. Jessica Griffen stated that they just took their last field trip on July 28, 2023 to Owa in Foley, Alabama. They used the local Metro Rapid Transportation for transportation and everyone had a great time.

Today August 01, 2023 was the last day for the Center. Dr. Griffen stated that the YouthFirst of Century will re-open on August 14, 2023, Monday.

Dr. Griffen introduced two gentlemen from Community Bank. They both gave a description of what the services offered by Community Bank.

**5. Ministerial Acts****a. Approval of Minutes****July 18, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes**

Council President Gomez requested a motion to approve July 18, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Dynette Lewis made that motion. Council Member Alicia Johnson seconded the motion. No questions. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Approval of Bill List**

Council Member Alicia Johnson made a motion to approve the July 18, 2023 Bill List with the exception of 100-12-3-15102 Helicopter Technology

Expenses for FPL Northwest FL. Council Member Shelisa McCall seconded the motion. No questions. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Robert Hudson Financials**

Robert Hudson was not present nor on the Conference Call.

**7. Robin Phillips CDBG-CV Carver Community Center Grant**

Council Member Dynette Lewis made a motion to advertise/schedule a workshop for community input on the Carver Community Center on September 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Century Community Center (Ag Bldg.) 6001A Industrial Blvd. Council Member Alicia Johnson seconded the motion. No questions. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Robin Phillips CDBG-DR Shelter Grant**

Robin Phillips stated the lowest bidder on the quotes for survey and the legal description development for the shelter location was Pittman, Glaze & Associates.

Council Member Alicia Johnson made a motion to hire Pittman, Glaze & Associates to survey and do the legal description development for the shelter location for \$3,500. Council Member Shelisa McCall seconded the motion. Kevin Merchant questioned about the survey if the Town did not get the shelter would the Town have to pay for another survey on a piece of property. Robin Phillips stated yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Alicia Johnson made a motion to direct Town Staff to advertise a request for proposals for engineering, architecture and administrative services in relation to the CDBG Hurricane Sally Disaster Recovery Grant for the construction of a shelter. Council Member Shelisa McCall seconded the motion. No questions. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Leslie Howington Century Rules of Order**

Leslie Howington was not present/or on zoom. This item was tabled until next Council Meeting.

**10. Staff Reports**

Kevin Merchant stated the ice machine at the Business Center has gone out but we are getting in contact with the company on getting it repaired.

**11. Mayors Report**

No report.

**12. Council Comments**

Council Member Alicia Johnson had no comments

Council Member Shelisa McCall asked that Mr. Dale Long be at the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Dynette Lewis stated that the Town of Century needs to look into hiring a city manager/utilities director. Mayor Ben Boutwell stated it is budget season so we would be able to budget for it.

Council President Luis Gomez asked that Robert Hudson be present at the next Council Meeting. Council President Gomez also inquired about Meredith Reeves' status.

**13. Public Forum**

There were no speaker forms.

**14. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council Member Alicia Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Shelisa McCall seconded the motion. No questions. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Wood  
Chief Deputy Clerk of Finance