

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
YANKEETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 2, 2022, at 6:00 PM
YANKEETOWN TOWN HALL
6241 HARMONY LANE, YANKEETOWN FL**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

AREA RESIDENT COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENDA

1. Approve 4/4 Hearing Minutes
2. Approve 4/4 Meeting Minutes
3. House Bill 59 Planning- Ary
 - a. Location:
 - b. 1st Hearing date:
 - c. 2nd Hearing date:
 - d. Event description:
4. No Build Resolution- Erkel
5. Music Festival at winding river park- Ary
 - a. Lions Club is managing and backing everything just wants permission to use the park.
6. Memorial Day Event (May 30th) - Ary
7. Budget Workshop planning - Ary
 - a. Location:
 - b. 1st Workshop date:
 - c. 2nd Workshop date:
 - d. Completion and approval date: 9/5/2022
8. Approval for Yacht Basin Invitation to - Ary
9. Historic Preservation Ordinance Hearing dates.

COUNCIL REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAYOR REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

AREA RESIDENT COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

POSTED: 4/28/2022

William Ary Yankeetown Clerk

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

One or more other Yankeetown elected or appointed officials may be in attendance at this meeting. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 286.0105. The requirements of this section do not apply to the notice provided in S. 200.065(3). Any handicapped or person with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the Town Clerk at (352) 447-2511 at least 48 hours prior to the workshop so arrangements can be made pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 286.26. Town of Yankeetown 6241 Harmony Lane, Yankeetown, Florida 34498 Web Site: <http://yankeetownfl.govoffice2.com>



**COUNCIL HEARING MINUTES
YANKEETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
April 4, 2022, AT 6:00 PM
YANKEETOWN INGLIS WOMANS CLUB
5 56TH ST. YANKEETOWN, FL 34498**

HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Erkel called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Attendance: 46

Roll Call

**Mayor Erkel
Vice Mayor St. John
Councilman Redd
Councilman Fuller**

Absent- Councilman Pearson

AGENDA

- 1. Second Public Hearing / Ordinance 2022-03 – Chapter 32, Trees**

Mayor Erkel reads the summary below.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF YANKEETOWN FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 32 TREES TO BETTER DEFINE THE INTENT OF THE CODE, TO ENHANCE COASTAL AMBIANCE, INCREASE VALUE OF NATURAL RESOURCE, INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES AND ENHANCE ESTHETIS, TO RESTRICT COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, TO BETTER DEFINE DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN THE TREE CODE, TO DECREASE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, TO CREATE MORE AVENUES TO PERMIT APPROVALS, TO DECREASE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SPECIAL CONDITIONS, TO CREATE AN EMERGENCY PERMITTING EXEMPTION, PROVIDING FOR TERRITORY EMBRACED, AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN CODE, EFFECTIVE DATES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Mayor Erkel Opens to the public.

Open to the public for comments.

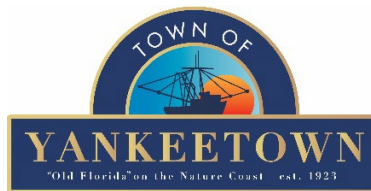
No public comments

Close the hearing to the public and open the hearing to the Council for discussion.

No council comments

- a. Motion by Vice Mayor St. John**
- b. Second by Councilman Redd**
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay**
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Yay**
 - iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay**
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay**

Hearing closed by Mayor Erkel at 6:05 PM



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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Erkel called meeting to order at 6:06 PM

Attendance: 46

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayor Erkel
Vice Mayor St. John
Councilman Redd
Councilman Fuller

Absent- Councilman Pearson

AREA RESIDENT COMMENTS OR ANNOUCEMENTS

Mayor opens to resident comments. The first subject is the Nuisance between Eleanor Oakes and 32 Knott's Way.

Floor brings up that Yankeetown is losing revenue and tourist as residents of 32 Knott's Way are running off RV Customers. Residents do not feel safe as a homeowner in the area.

Floor brings up that the bass is so loud that it shakes the walls or feels quite "weaponized".

Floor states he cannot walk his dog because he gets run off the road. The resident revs up their engine and turns up music to harass pedestrians.

A call-in member speaks on more of the issues that has happen around the campground such as cussing at seniors and children. People are losing faith in Yankeetown and the Sheriff's Office. Yankeetown is losing respect and customers. Call in asks if Council can look at updating the noise Ord.

Floor states that the financial impact will be detrimental to the community.

Floor states that in the past when the noise Ord was review there was too many pieces to put together Examples were how you can separate the topic of chainsaws vs loud car music. These points are just to explain how hard the noise Ord is to write out.

Call in mentions that the 32 Knott's resident deliberately shines his headlights into homes.

Floor brings up that a nuisance Ordinance would fits the pain issue and would be easier to enforce rather than a noise Ord.

Floor brings up that if we do not have a noise Ord that the county's ordinance should take over by the county sheriff's office.

Floor brings up that beyond the issues that are happening to the public there are children that live at 32 Knott's way that may be in danger.

Deputy Kinik speaks for the Sheriff Office and the floor begins asking questions on what can be done

Floor asks the Deputy if the County has a decibel limit and the deputy states yes.

Floor asks Councilman Redd since he lives near the area if he has ever submitted any complaints.

Councilman Redd states that he has made complaints in the past.

Floor brings up that there are life threatening issues happening with those that live in the area with health issues.

Vice Mayor St. John states Council would like to work with County, Larry Feldhusen and Tim Haines to create a Nuisance Ordinance.

AGENDA

1. Approve Special Hearing minutes 3/7/22
 - a. Motion by Vice Mayor St. John
 - b. Second by Councilman Fuller
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Yay

- iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay
- 2. Approve regular council meeting minutes 3/7/22
 - a. Motion by Councilman Fuller
 - b. Second by Vice Mayor St. John
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Yay
 - iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay
- 3. Approve Special Hearing Minutes 3/21/22
 - a. Motion by Councilman Redd
 - b. Second by Councilman Fuller
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Yay
 - iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay
- 4. House Bill 59 process to proceed- Ary
 - a. The Administrator presents the information for how to proceed with House Bill 1159. The Administrator ends with the bill needs to be sent to P&Z to have a hearing on prior to council scheduling their hearings.
 - b. Vice Mayor St. John agreed with the Administrator and stated to add House bill 1159 to the next P&Z Agenda.
- 5. No-build for the Florida Turnpike- Erkel
 - a. Dan Oates Presents information and History on the turnpike proposal.
 - b. Vice Mayor St. John stated that there was no Resolution in front of him to approve so at this time this was only good information.
 - c. Vice Mayor St. John stated to Administrator to have the Resolution prepared for the next meeting and add it to the agenda.
- 6. American Rescue Plan- Standard Revenue allowance- Ary
 - a. Administrator presents the information on applying for the Standard Revenue Allowance which will cost Yankeetown \$5000 but will allow for more relaxed reporting and ease of using the money.
 - b. Motion by Vice Mayor St. John
 - c. Second by Councilman Fuller
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Yay
 - iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay
- 7. Check Signing privileges-Ary
 - a. The Administrator presents that within the Liaison responsibility's within the Ordinances states that the Finance Liaison is supposed to have check signing privileges.
 - b. Motion by Vice Mayor St. John
 - c. Second by Councilman Fuller
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Yay
 - iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay
- 8. Inner local Animal Officer with Inglis.- Ary
 - a. Council reviews the Animal Ord.
 - b. Inglis Commissioner Schwing speaks on the agreement that he and Councilman Pearson had worked together on.
 - c. Floor brings up that the agreement was in place in years past and the relationship went sour and the agreement fell through.
 - d. The Inglis Animal Officer spoke that she is not prepared to deal with Livestock, Raccoons, Skunks, and Opossums.
 - e. Motion by Vice Mayor St. John
 - f. Second by Councilman Redd
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Yay
 - iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay
- 9. Road Bid Approval - Redd
 - a. Councilman Redd states he would like a invitation of bid for the following roads. Magnolia Ave., Pamela Dr., and 55th St.
 - b. Motion by Councilman Redd
 - c. Second by Vice Mayor St. John

- i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
- ii. Councilman Redd-Yay
- iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
- iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay

10. BOA reappoint Larry Feldhusen and Rob Kubistek

- a. Mayor Erkel asks the two up for reappointment if they would like to stay on the board.
- b. Both state they would.
- c. Motion by Councilman Fuller
- d. Second by Councilman Redd
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Yay
 - iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay

11. P&Z Appoint Stacie DeBolt

- a. Mayor Erkel passes the gavel to Vice Mayor St. John in order to make the motion
- b. Motion by Mayor Erkel
- c. Second by Vice Mayor St. John
 - i. Councilman Fuller-Yay
 - ii. Councilman Redd-Nay
 - iii. Vice Mayor St. John-Yay
 - iv. Mayor Erkel-Yay

COUNCIL REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor St. John- The last p&z went very well and meetings are beginning to get more participants

Councilman Redd- Thank you for bringing the issue of 32 Knott's up. Roads need to be a priority

Councilman Fuller- Watch the budget, Legal is high and audit are over 100%

MAYOR REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor report

No update on water. Waiting on a 5 year plan from Jeff Hines. Should have by next meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adjourns the meeting at 8:39 PM

RESOLUTION 2022-03

No Build Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF YANKEETOWN, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND THE SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT A "NO BUILD" OPTION FOR ALL PROPOSED TURNPIKE ROUTES THAT MAY BE PROPOSED TO RUN THROUGH OR NEAR YANKEETOWN AS WELL AS AMONG OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT WOULD ALSO BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED ROUTES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY OF FDOT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FLORIDA HOUSE AND SENATE REPRESENTATIVES, AND OTHER AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS AS DIRECTED BY TOWN

~~COUNCIL; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE~~
WHEREAS, in its 2021 session, the Florida legislature passed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 100 (SB 100), which repealed the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Program in 338.2278, [Florida Statutes](#), was signed by Governor DeSantis on June 24, 2021, and was codified as Chapter 2021-161, Laws of Florida on June 28, 2021, and

WHEREAS SB 100 retained the M-CORES Northern Turnpike Corridor concept in Chapter 2021-161, Laws of Florida (SB 100), and directed the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to commence the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study for the northern extension of the Florida Turnpike as a tolled facility and submit a report summarizing the status of the PD&E phase to the Governor of Florida, President of the Florida Senate, and Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives by December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the M-CORES Program had required the use of a Task Force for the Northern Turnpike Corridor as part of an inclusive, consensus-building mechanism for the design of the corridors, and for each Task Force to conduct public meetings and prepare a report to present to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives with its evaluations on environmental and economic impacts, hurricane evacuation impacts and land use impacts of the Task Force's respective corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Turnpike Connector Task Force was also tasked with evaluating design features of their respective corridors and the need for acquiring state lands for mitigation related to water quality/quantity of certain water bodies, agricultural land uses and wildlife habitat, and to include those evaluations in their respective reports; and

WHEREAS, SB 100 codified in section 9 of the bill, (339.66 (6) F.S.) that, “The Turnpike Enterprise shall take into consideration the guidance and recommendations of any previous studies or reports relevant to the projects authorized by this section and ss. [339.67](#) and [339.68](#), including, but not limited to, the task force reports prepared pursuant to chapter 2019-43, Laws of Florida, and with respect to any extension of the Florida Turnpike from its northerly terminus in Wildwood;” and

WHEREAS, the M-CORES Northern Turnpike Task Force presented a final recommendation report to the Governor, House, and Senate on November 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this final report stated that “The Task Force did not reach a conclusion based on the information available at this time that there is a specific need for a completely new greenfield corridor or modification of existing facilities through the study area to achieve the statutory purpose”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yankeetown is in the heart of the area included in the proposed project areas of the proposed Northern Turnpike Extension; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has received overwhelming citizen input expressing the desire for a "No Build" option for the Northern Turnpike Extension, due to the adverse impact the proposed alternative routes would have on the Town of Yankeetown as well as Levy County, Citrus County and Marion County, its environmental and recreational resources, fishing, hunting, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Yankeetown and the Council value the environmental resources of the Nature Coast, including the Withlacoochee River, Lake Rousseau, Goethe State Forest, Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park, Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area, the Wekiva River, the Waccasassa River, Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve, Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, among other lands of critical importance all of which provide valuable habitat to plants and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yankeetown prides itself as being among the few remaining vestiges of “old Florida” and considers it vital that rural areas such as the Nature Coast be preserved for future generations of Floridians; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Northern Turnpike Extension crosses vital aquifer recharge areas thereby threatening the quality of our water; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interests of the Town of Yankeetown and the public to recommend that a "No Build" option for the Northern Turnpike Extension be adopted

and implemented; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. In order to protect the Town of Yankeetown's environmental resources, habitat for plants and wildlife, rural lands, fishing industry, and the quality of life and values of our citizens, the Council hereby supports adoption and enactment of the "No Build" option by the Governor and the FDOT for the Northern Turnpike Extension.
2. The Town Clerk will provide a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of FDOT, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DULY ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2022.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Eric Erkel, Mayor

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-04

Historic Preservation

An ordinance of the Town of Yankeetown to protect structures and sites deemed worthy of preservation; adopting an historic preservation certification program; Providing definitions; Establishing an Historic Preservation Advisory Committee; Providing criteria and procedures for the designation, protection and preservation of historic resources; Providing for repeal of inconsistent ordinances; Providing for territory embraced; Providing for severability; PROVIDING for inclusion into the code of ordinances; and Providing for an effective date.

WHEREAS, The Town of Yankeetown comprehensive plan directs the Town to evaluate the need for designation of historic structures and historic district(s) within the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town seeks to preserve the **visible reminders of the history and** scenic beauty of the town for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Town seeks to protect structures and sites deemed worthy of preservation; and

WHEREAS, The Town seeks to encourage property owners against destruction of, or addition of features to significant structures likely to have adverse effects on the visible reminders of the Town historic character; and

WHEREAS, The Town seeks to be a Florida Certified Local Government to be eligible to apply for special matching grants from the Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation to assist the Town and interested property owners of historically significant housing to **preserve those structures; and**

WHEREAS, An Historic structure designation may improve property values associated with historic structures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YANKEETOWN, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 18 ADDING SECTION 18-480 HISTORIC PRESERVATION :

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

The Town Council of the Town of Yankeetown hereby adopts and incorporates into this Ordinance the above “WHEREAS” clauses to this Ordinance legislative findings of the Town Council as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect, preserve and enhance the distinctive architectural and cultural heritage of Yankeetown

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES.

Any ordinance in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. TERRITORY EMBRACED.

All territory within the legal boundaries of the Town of Yankeetown, Florida, including all incorporated areas, shall be embraced by the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, paragraph, provision or term of this Ordinance, or any portion thereof, shall be determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not otherwise affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance that were not declared to be invalid. If any particular section or subsection or definition in the Town HISTORIC PRESERVATION regulation conflicts with a Florida Statute, or the Constitution of the United States or State of Florida, the Florida Statute or Constitution will prevail. The Town Council intends all other provisions not in conflict with state or federal law to remain in effect.

SECTION 6. INCLUSION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

It is the declared intent of the Town Council of the Town of Yankeetown, and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Yankeetown, Florida. To this end, any section or subsection of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention. The word Ordinance may be changed to section, article, or other appropriate designation.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting, this _____ day
of _____, 2022.**

First Reading held on: _____, 2022
Second Reading held on: _____, 2022

TOWN OF YANKEETOWN, FLORIDA

By: _____
Eric Erkel, Mayor of Yankeetown

ATTEST:

William Ary, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT FOR THE RELIANCE OF THE TOWN OF
YANKEETOWN ONLY:

RALF BROOKES, Town Attorney