



**City of Keystone Heights  
City Council Workshop  
Monday, October 23, 2023 at 10:30 am City  
Council Room  
555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL  
MINUTES**



1. **Roll Call – City Manager;** Mayor Rodenroth, Vice Mayor Thompson, Councilman Hart, Councilman T. Brown. Staff; City Manager; Lynn Rutkowski, Attorney Richard Komando.
2. **Public Comments:** - None
3. **Fishing Pier** – Ms. Vivian Katz James, President of Save our Lakes. Ms. James provided a packet to council regarding the Fishing pier with tentative costs and pictures of existing piers. She discussed funding and where she would be hoping to obtain funds for the project. She is asking the council for \$25,000 from the Lake fund. There may also be extra funds from the volunteer Fire Department. Ms. James has spoken to Jim Renner from Chemours, and she said that he would be interested in helping after the first of the year. She will also speak with the county regarding the pier being a tourism aspect for the county and to see about obtaining funds from the County.

Ms James brought to council Mr. Scott Slater of Holbrook Manufacturing. He went into further explanation of the specifics of constructing the pier. He discussed the materials of construction with the basic pier and another example of a pier with a jet ski port. There was also discussion of where the pier would be placed. Mr. Slater stated that there would need to be a 30% deposit before construction would begin. He would come before the council with a packet for approval.

City Manager, Ms. Rutkowski, had mentioned that the lake is not open for motorized vehicles during the year, unless it is the jet ski event that we have once a year. The money allotted for that jet ski port in the packet was estimated at \$18,000, that money may be better used in other areas. This may be something to consider later.

Vice Mayor Thompson said that with the water coming up it would be great to have this accessory to the lake.

Councilman Hart said assuming that this will be on our next Agenda. Attorney Komando had said that there are certain requirements; this will need to go out to bid since you are spending tax dollars. There will need to be public notice.

Geneva Restoration Project: Ms. James is working with the Water District Management, and the DEP to in removing the forest in the lakebed. The timber may be used for funding. She would eventually like to talk to Bass fisherman to eventually stock it.

Mayor asked Mr. Komando about the bid process to expedite the fishing pier project. He had stated to get specs and have the council vote on the next meeting.

#### 4. **Museum – Heritage Commission** – Diedra Murry

Mayor said that because this is taxpayer's money to pay for this museum, there are considerations of where is this to go, who is to build it.

Mayor Rodenroth's position is to have a proposal, it would have to be presented to either have a stand-alone building or part of another building being City Hall, and where it needs to go. It would then have to go out to bid, and counsel would make a decision on this selection. There are other concerns, we are looking at a new city hall. Would the museum be in that building, or would it be a stand alone building.

Karen from the Heritage Commission just wants to know if the museum is something that the counsel is supporting. Further discussion on where the building would be.

Councilman Hart is in favor of the museum. He is also in favor of a standalone building, stick-built. It would be more in the timeline of the centennial. He would like to see it next to City Hall.

Karrie from the Heritage Commission had said that she that the original proposal was more like a shed. She had discussed that she would not be in favor of having a new City Hall where the tennis courts and basketball courtside. She would rather see a police department than a new City Hall.

Mayor Rodenroth said that Location, quote on specs and then go out to bid. We have only one meeting this year left in November. We are looking for at least six months for this project.

Councilman T. Brown said that he would like to see it as a stick-built building versus a shed for fear it would get broken into. A police department and fire department I would love to have it but we can't afford it. This has been brought up before and we did research into having a police department. It is not feasible.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said to have this put this on the next agenda. To have the conversation to where it needs to be. To make a motion that it is something that the counsel wants to move forward on and to have further conversation on this matter.

Mayor Rodenroth suggested to the Heritage Commission that the next step would be to have a contractor come with a conceptual bid of what it would cost to put up a building next to City Hall. This can be discussed at the next City Council meeting on November 20, 2023. Meeting ended.