

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
June 8, 2017**

The Special Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 6:47 p.m., in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

Councilor Quinn provided the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Chris Burke, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Roger Edelman, Councilor Bob Matthews, Councilor James Quinn, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Daigneault and City Clerk Patty Beliveau.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gina Baker – address 11496 74th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33772, supports saving the Water Tower.

Laura Roman – address 11371 74th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33772, supports saving the Water Tower.

W. Fred Petty – address 8333 Seminole Boulevard, Seminole, FL 33772, supports saving the Water Tower.

Les Hiburn – address 10761 Grove Terrace, Seminole, FL 33772, opposed the Water Tower if there is a cost to the City and to be conservative.

Otto Fox – address 13819 Martinique Drive, Seminole, FL 33776, stated he supports saving the Water Tower.

Pamela Mills – address Boca Ciega Point Boulevard South, Madeira Beach, FL 33708, supports saving the Water Tower.

Sue Etter – address 7281 123rd Street N., Seminole, FL 33772, supports saving the Water Tower.

Alan Kay – address 8625 Burning Tree Circle, Seminole, FL 33777, supports saving the Water Tower.

Kadi Tubbs – address 11777 Marla Lane, Seminole, FL 33772, oppose spending city funds for the Water Tower.

Rayma Barnhorn – address 11084 Duncan Street, Seminole, FL, was concerned about saving the Water Tower if it cost the city any funds.

Sandy Holloway – address 11590 74th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33772, stated she supports saving the Water Tower.

Rosemary Mills – address 11147 102nd Avenue N., FL 33778, supports saving the Water Tower.

Andy Strickland – address 5850 Oakhurst Drive, Seminole, FL 33772, supports saving the Water Tower.

1. WATER TOWER

Mayor Waters thanked the public for their input.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews seconded by Councilor Springer for “the City Manager to draft a letter to the County Commission informing them that the City will not be accepting the County’s offer of a lease option for the Water Tower. In the best interest of the residents of the City of Seminole, the City Council did not budget for nor can the City justify the spending of any tax dollars to purchase, lease, or in any way obligate the City of Seminole for the Water Tower”.

Vice Mayor Burke stated that there are other options for how the Water Tower Park could be utilized. It is Council’s responsibility to serve the citizens of Seminole and follow the will of the people.

Councilor Quinn stated he is confident that the Friends of the Water Tower Committee will raise the funds needed to maintain the Water Tower. Administration will need to contact the County and inform them that the City will accept the \$1.00 a year lease.

Mayor Waters noted the cost to save the water tower would be shared between the Friends of the Water Tower Committee, the City and other entities.

Councilor Springer stated that the City does not have the funds and she is not willing to risk spending city funds on the water tower project.

Councilor Edelman stated that he would like to see the Water Tower saved. However, he has concerns that it will cost the city approximately \$200,000, and it would not be fair to the taxpayers and citizens of the City of Seminole.

Councilor Matthews stated the Water Tower has been up for demolition for several years. He would like the Water Tower saved, but does not support spending any city tax dollars on the project. The Booker Creek project is maintained by private money and the community and the Water Tower will be funded by the City of Seminole taxpayers.

Mayor Waters stated that the City of Seminole is not a poor city and can afford to work and fund more than one project at a time. The city is fiscally conservative and she suggested Attorney Daigneault draft a land lease agreement to be forwarded to the county.

Roll Call

Councilor Springer	AYE	
Councilor Quinn		NAY
Vice Mayor Burke		NAY
Councilor Edelman	AYE	
Councilor Barnhorn		NAY
Councilor Matthews	AYE	
Mayor Waters		NAY

MOTION FAILED 3 AYE AND 4 NAY to draft a letter to the county commission informing that the city will not be accepting its offer of a lease option for the Water Tower.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke seconded by Councilor Quinn to direct the City Manager to draft a letter to the County Commission informing them that the city will accept their offer to negotiate a lease option.

City Manager Toney-Deal explained that she and Attorney Daigneault will draft a document for Council to review at the June 13th Council Meeting.

Roll Call

Councilor Springer	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Vice Mayor Burke	AYE
Councilor Edelman	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:CONSIDER

Motion made by Councilor Edelman seconded by Councilor Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Date Approved: 6/27/17

Patricia Beliveau
Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Patricia Beliveau

Leslie Waters
Leslie Waters, Mayor