



# Meeting Minutes

*Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7:00 PM CT*

*at Esto Town Hall, 3312 2nd Ave South, Esto, FL 32425*

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## **Town Council Members in Attendance**

Seat 1 - Krystal Bien (KB)  
Seat 2 - Greg Wells (GW)  
Seat 4 - Maxie Yates (MY)  
Seat 5 - Teresa Harrison (TH), Council President

## **Town Council Members Absent**

## **Others Present**

Ben Tew (BT), Town Clerk  
Billy Martin (BM), Public Works Director  
Michelle Blankenship (MB), Town Attorney

## **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

TH- Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and called meeting to order at 7:01 PM CT.

## **Consent Agenda**

- GW motioned for approval of consent agenda including final agenda, previous meeting minutes, and bills to be paid. KB seconded. All in Favor -- Motion Carried.

## **Public Comment**

- No members of the public wished to address the council

## **Fire Department Report**

- Chief Kimble was not present at the meeting and did not submit a report for August before the meeting.

## Town Clerk's Report

- **Financial Report**

Reviewed financial status including accounts and upcoming bills. Major expenditures include expenses to prepare John Clark Park for the Two-Toed Tom Festival, a delivery of diesel fuel for the tractor, chemicals for water treatment and payrolls. The Town Clerk submitted checks to be signed for the FMIT FY2025 Premium payment 1st installment, but they will not be mailed until town accounts have funds sufficient to pay them.

## Public Works Report

- **Public Works Director Report**

Reported on maintenance issues including wells, tree limbs, and speed limit signs.

- **Road Damage at Hwy 79 & Noma Road Intersection**

Heavy traffic, especially from delivery trucks, is damaging the road. The Town Clerk was directed to write a formal letter about the problem. The town will first contact the Family Dollar / Dollar Tree manager and work to address the situation.

- **Addressing Substandard Properties**

Discussion about how to proceed with addressing debris, litter, and other eyesores. The clerk was directed to write a letter to one resident with a piece of furniture that has been in the right-of-way for several months.

- **Speed Limit Ordinance**

The Town Clerk was directed to look into an ordinance to change the speed limit on some local roads.

## Parks Department

- **Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant**

Discussion on grant application for park improvements. The council approved to authorize the clerk to submit the grant application.

## Two-Toed Tom Festival Report

- **TTT Fest Budget Numbers**

Review of revenues and expenditures from the Two-Toed Tom Festival.  
Total Revenues: \$27,028; Expenditures: \$24,802; Net Total: \$2,226.

- **TTT Festival Follow-up**

Discussion on successes and areas for improvement for future festivals. Topics included fundraising, vendors, advertising, entertainment, activities, setup, and attendance.

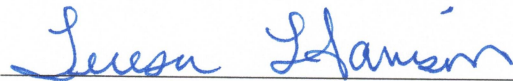
## Council Member Items

- Seat 1 - Council Member Krystal Bien
- Seat 2 - Council Member Greg Wells
- Seat 4 - Council Member Maxie Yates
- Seat 5 - Council Member Teresa Harrison

## Adjourn

TH adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM CT.

Meeting minutes typed and prepared by Ben Tew, Town Clerk.



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Council Member Seat 5, Teresa Harrison,  
Council President