

Update from City Hall

At the December 5th Council meeting Mayor Grimm, Councilpersons Pernas and McComas were sworn in for new 4 year terms. Ordinances relating to signs and floodplain received their first reading and the Mayor nominated Mike Merritt to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Our annual Christmas Tree lighting was held on December 9th and as we have for the past two decades each student at our school received a Walmart gift card on the last day before the holiday break, home schooled children and children not yet in school picked up their gift at City Hall.

On December 7th Mayor Howie Grimm, Finance administrator Tammie Pernas and City Attorney Zach Lombardo held a panel discussion on the future of Everglades City for the 2024 class of Leadership Collier following a history presentation given by Barry Collier (grandson of Barron Gift Collier), Rocky Scofield (grandson of Lewis Thorp the second Sheriff of Collier County) and Councilman McComas. The class then toured our Museum, the Bank of the Everglades, had lunch at the Rod & Gun Club before visiting the Smallwood Store and receiving presentations from the ladies of the Florida Stone Crabbers Association, Principal Cherie Allison with her staff and students before ending the day with Jack Shealy and Jimmy Wheeler at the Skunk Ape campground to learn the history of the Gladesmen.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year from your Staff and elected Officials at City Hall.