"The Crossroads to the Future"

Town Council Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Williams, five (5) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.
Absent: None

I. ***Call to Order*** – Mr. Bass at 7:01 PM.

II. ***Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation*** – Mr. Bass

III. ***Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded*** – Mr. Bass

IV. ***Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit***

1. John Dubus – Floridians Against Fracking -- 2038 Wyndam Hollow Ct. Jacksonville, FL
   - Asked the Council to consider the County in passing a Resolution to ban Fracking in the State of Florida to protect the Aquafer.
   - Council Consensus was to get more information from the County & discuss at the next meeting.
2. Darrell Patterson – 45257 Mickler St. Callahan, FL
   - Excessive speeding on Mickler Street.
   - Asked Council to add Speed Bumps & have Sheriff Leeper add more consistent coverage.

V. *Minutes*

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
  - Motion Carried.

VI. *Treasurer's Report*

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
  - Motion Carried.

VII. *Presentation*

- Mayoral Proclamation – Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Month
  - Mayor read a Proclamation proclaiming November as Diabetes Awareness Month.
  - Ethan Knagge of 45080 Robinwood Circle, who has Type 1 Diabetes along with his mother, Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge, was on hand to accept the Proclamation.

VIII. *New Business*

- Resolution 2015-R28 – Nassau County Economic Development Board
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R24 for $500 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
  - Discussion: Mr. Fontes stated the Board has a lot of great things in the works, and would like to possibly donate more later on down the line as needed.
  - Motion Carried.

- Resolution 2015-R29 – Paying Down Water & Sewer Loan
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Discussion:
    - Mr. Fontes stated that by paying $368,000 on the loan it would save the Town about ½ million dollars over the course of the Loan. He stated the loan would be cut from 40 years to 29 years.
    - Mrs. Smith stated she doesn't feel spending that big of a chunk of the Town's money is wise. She also stated purchasing land for a new Town Hall and paying down this loan at the same time will be depleting too much of the Town's funds.
    - Mrs. Smith putting both the General Fund & the Water & Sewer Fund down to half is just asking for trouble.
    - Mr. Mellecker asked if there was enough for both and Mr. Fontes stated there was.
    - Mr. Bass stated he feels this should be postponed until the Council Members can gather more information.
  - Item Tabled for further research by Council.

- Resolution 2015-R30 – Employee Christmas Party
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R24 for up to $1000 by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
  - Discussion:
    - Mrs. Knagge stated that while the Employees are thankful for the party it has become more work than something to be enjoyed by them. She stated the possibility of more help by the Elected Officials or having the event catered.
    - Mrs. Shaw stated it was a lot of work and having it catered might be a good option.
    - Mayor Rau stated he liked it the way it is, and we should continue for it to be a covered dish event.
    - Council Consensus was to keep it the way it is, but that the Elected Officials will do all the clean up after, so the Employees can go home.
  - Motion Carried.

- Election of Council President
  - Motion for Mr. Bass to continue as Council President by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
  - Discussion:
    - Mrs. Shaw stated Mr. Bass has done a great job and he should continue.
    - Mayor Rau stated that all of the Council should take a turn.
  - Motion Carried.

- Appointment of Council Members
  - Council President Bass stated that all Council Members should keep their same positions:
    - Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer
    - Mrs. Smith – Parks
    - Mrs. Shaw – Streets
    - Mr. Mellecker – Zoning
    - Mr. Bass -- Fire

IX. *Recurring Business*

- Water & Sewer Adjustments – None

X. *Review & Approval of Town Expenditures*

- General Fund **$3,379.32**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Fund **$11,422.66**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements **$436.02**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.

XI. *Around the Council Table*

➢ Mayor

- Received two thank you notes from Micah's Place one from Heather Jones & one from Elaine Coates.
- Received a thank you note from the Families In Transitions program.

➢ Mrs. Smith – Parks

- Mrs. Knagge introduced me to Dr. Kimberly Fahlgren who has offered her expertise to help with Grants & her knowledge to incorporate special needs equipment into Ewing Park.

➢ Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer

- Able to attend the Barnabas Board of Directors Meeting, and they have expanded their services to 2 days a week with classes to help teach people success skills. Encouraged everyone to get involved and help them with this endeavor.
- Stated there is a breakdown of communication in the Town and we need to be sure to let everyone know when something is going on with one of our own, so they can be ministered to.
- Asked to have the Fracking Resolution added to the next Agenda.

➢ Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Nothing

➢ Mrs. Shaw – Streets

- Stated that we need an Officer within the Town more to handle the speeding & traffic issues.
- Mayor stated that the issue is people just don't care this is just a run through spot.
- It was discussed to possibly pay to have an officer present more.
- Mrs. Knagge stated we already pay taxes and that it should just be an issue of asking the Sheriff to ramp up his presence.
- Mrs. Knagge recommended that the Mayor & Mrs. Shaw meet with Sheriff Leeper to see what can be done.
- Mrs. Shaw stated she was thankful to Sonshine for staggering their pick up times to help with the traffic in the afternoons.

➢ Mr. Mellecker – Zoning – Nothing

➢ Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing

- Mrs. Shaw & Mrs. Smith stated they would like Mr. Branham to research the piece of property at the end of Ewing Park Road that Mr. Fontes recommended and the piece of property on Lem Turner that Mrs. Shaw recommended.

➢ Mrs. Knagge – Clerk – Nothing

- **Mr. Williams – Town Manager** -- Nothing

- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**
  - Stated that the Volunteer Fire Department did really well at the Fair this year and those funds would be put to good use stating with new CPR training coming up soon.
  - Mrs. Knagge encouraged the Council to consider helping with the booth at next year's Fair.

XII. *Adjourn*

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **8:07 PM**

John Kenneth Bass, Council President

Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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