



“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, five (5) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: None

I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:03 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** – None

V. **Minutes**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VI. **Treasurer's Report**

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VII. Business

- Final Public Hearing
 - Ordinance 2016-002 – Re-Platting
 - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
 - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:06 PM
 - No Public Comment
 - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:06 PM
 - Motion to accept Ordinance 2016-002 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Final Public Hearing
 - Ordinance 2016-003 – Flood Ordinance
 - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
 - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:08 PM
 - No Public Comment
 - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:09 PM
 - Motion to accept Ordinance 2016-003 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: Mr. Mellecker asked if Mr. Garver was okay with the added position, and Mr. Williams stated that he was.
 - Motion Carried

- 1st Budget Hearing
 - Resolution 2016-R16 – Proposed Millage Rate
 - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
 - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:10 PM
 - No Public Comment
 - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:11 PM
 - Motion to accept Resolution 2016-R16 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

 - Resolution 2016-R17 – Proposed Budget
 - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
 - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:11 PM
 - No Public Comment
 - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:12 PM
 - Motion to accept Resolution 2016-R17 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Resolution 2016-R18 – Restriction of Town Funds
 - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
 - Motion to accept Resolution 2016-R18 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion:
 - Mr. Williams explained that the purpose of this Resolution was to protect Funds necessary to keep the Town running during an emergency situation.
 - Amounts to be adjusted:
 - Section 3 to \$1,007,379.00
 - Section 4 to \$407,379.00
 - Mr. Fontes asked if we could just handle this with an Emergency Meeting when necessary, and Mr. Williams stated it was required by law to do it ahead of time.
 - Motion Carried

- Land Acquisition
 - Discussion:
 - Mr. Williams and Mr. Branham stated that the Environmental Survey of CSX land hadn't been completed yet due to Storm.
 - Mr. Branham stated after looking at the Land he feels we have a good claim.
 - Mr. Fontes stated that we could possibly build up and stay on this property, since no one could agree on any other land. However, he would still like to purchase the land on MLK.
 - Mrs. Smith stated she has been talking to residents around town and they all seem to like the idea of Ewing Park.
 - Mr. Bass stated the Train Depot area looked good to him since it would be free.
 - Motion to purchase the property on MLK by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by _____.
 - Discussion:
 - Mr. Bass stated they needed to debate the pros & cons of each property, and the cost associated with each.
 - Mr. Fontes stated that hopefully anything built would primarily be done with Grants.
 - Mr. Mellecker stated that MLK is a steal of a deal even if Town Hall weren't to be built there it would be a good investment.
 - Mrs. Smith stated she liked the Land on Pickett Street.
 - Motion Retracted.
 - Council Consensus is to all do more research and bring findings to next meeting.

VIII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund \$5,899.14
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - No Discussion
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Fund **\$21,532.08**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - No Discussion
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Disbursements **\$230.75**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - No Discussion
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Adjustments –
 - Valerie Lawrence on Page Street
 - Had a leak under house for 3 months. The Town notified them and they did nothing. Asking for Sewer Adjustment of \$608.36.
 - Motion to adjust for \$608.36 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion:
 - Mr. Mellecker stated if they knew about it for 3 months and did nothing there should not be an adjustment.
 - Mr. Branham asked how the Town knew there was a leak and Mr. Williams stated you could see it from the street.
 - Mr. Branham stated that we must follow the Code and if you could see the water on the ground it's their responsibility and not ours.
 - Ms. Smith stated that it was the Landlords responsibility not the tenants.
 - Motion carried with a NO vote by Mr. Mellecker.

IX. **Around the Council Table**

➤ **Mayor**

- Stated the FLC Conference was a big hit and he wished other Council Members will consider attending next year to learn how to help the Town.

➤ **Mrs. Smith – Parks**

- Path is done at Park and it looks great.
- Someone kicked in the tin roofs of 2 Pavilions and the cost to repair will be about \$1000.

➤ **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**

- Branch Creek lights are still on.
- There are Contracts expiring October 1st that we need to start looking at.

➤ **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer**

- Christmas Party Dates? Invite all Volunteers this year.

➤ **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**

- Mr. Burns has worked on Retention pond and Mr. Garver is aware to keep a check on it.
- Mickler and 301 left turns only sign is blocked.

➤ **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning**

- Annex info coming to next meeting.

➤ **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing

➤ **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**

- Stated that the 3 Council Seats were unopposed, and congratulated Mr. Bass, Mr. Fontes, and Mr. Mellecker on another Term.
- Asked the Council to consider hiring a Deputy Clerk to train before Mike and Susan retires, and my seat is up for re-election.
 - Lengthy discussion with Mr. Mellecker opposed and Mayor for it. Will revisit at a later time.

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

➤ **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**

- Volunteers collected \$10,247 for the MDA.
- The Window remodel will begin tomorrow.

X. **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Time: **8:20 PM**


Ken Bass, Town Council President


Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk